

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2016**

The mid-month meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph McDermott	Mayor
Christian Sullivan	Trustee
Bernadette Whitwell	Trustee
Carmine Chiappetta	Trustee
Laurie Elliott	Trustee
Bob O’Shea	Building Inspector
Charles Casolaro, Esq.	Village Attorney

At 7:30 pm, Mayor McDermott called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag.

- Call for Public Hearing on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for Local Law 8 of 2016 to amend Section 128-3 Definitions, Section 128-32 Location of accessory buildings (and sheds), and 128-40 B. Detached garages.  
Motion: Trustee Chiappetta                      Second: Trustee Elliott  
Vote: 4 ayes                      1 absent (Tr. Whitwell)

Topics of Discussion:

- Request from resident regarding speeding issues on Manatuck from test drives from local car dealership. Also suggested changing traffic pattern at Iroquois and Wohseepee to direct traffic from Fifth Avenue going west to stay on Orinoco Drive. Both suggestions will be investigated by the Mayor and the Board.
- Possible ZBA fee changes will be discussed at the December working meeting. Sample changes were distributed. Compared fees to other municipalities. This will give time for the Board to review.
- Review of changes to shed code that will be proposed at the Public Hearing on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The code revision tracking sheet seems to be working.
- A decision needs to be made on the Sycamore trees on the four corners in order to proceed with the project. A street tree species still has not been selected by the committee. It is obvious to some that the trees are compromised in their current state and will be more so when the boxes are removed. If the decision is made to remove the trees, we can start immediately. However, there is a possibility that the weather may hinder the project if it is too cold to pour concrete. Tree evaluations will be distributed to the committee and the Board so a decision can be made on keeping the sycamores and selecting the new trees.
- Canal renovation; boats are due out December 1. Contractor is ready to go on December 1. DPW will replace the water lines and install conduit for the electric. The surveyor will start in the next few weeks and map out the length of Concourse West to determine where the high and low points are.
- A report from the State Comptroller’s office regarding tax assessment at the Village level versus Town and County was distributed. Report was from May 2011. Give a

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perspective on why we should stay with Islip's assessment as opposed to doing our own.

- JTI: issues with parking on bend and on Pine Acres, on Seneca east of the One Way sign. Owner needs to be encouraged to have patrons to park in lot. No parking signs need to put up but first it needs to be in the code.
- Storage Vault – 59 Orinoco: light poles are in and the concern is that they will be very bright when illuminated. Bob O'Shea will look at them and check the code. Back door light is also very bright.
- DPW buildings – while progress has been made on making the old buildings safer, they are still not up to code and require updates in electric, sheet rock, heating and air conditioning. What money is in the budget to either bring this property up to code or is it more effective to build a new building? The Board is aware that this has to be done, but the question is where the funding would come from? There is a \$150k in grant money coming in. A possibility would be to do a bond resolution and do a short term borrowing of four or five years. There is an option to consolidate the Village Hall with the DPW and sell the Village Hall to help cover the costs. There is enough room for this to happen. Further investigation needs to be done and the conversation would be ongoing. Need to look at all options and plan for the next 100 years.
- The 2017 Fire District Budget is going to put a budgetary strain on the Village's 2017-18 budget due to the 29% increase in their contract.
- The parking lot next to Momma Santina's: Mayor and Trustee Sullivan have spoken to the owner. The lot was leased by the Village from the previous owner through 2001. The conversation has been started with the new owner and it would be a benefit for the Village if the lease price is not prohibitive. If we did lease, we would have it paved, lined and direct the traffic pattern.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 PM

Approximately 2 people in attendance