

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – September 18, 2017

The mid-month meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph McDermott	Mayor
Laurie Elliott	Trustee
Carmine Chiapetta	Trustee
John Valdini	Trustee
Thomas Zepf	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney

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

Appoint Andrew Acuri as Associate Village Justice

Motion: Trustee Elliott Second: Trustee Valdini
Vote: 5 ayes

Appoint Code Officer Dennis Gartland at \$14.00 per hour

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Vote: 5 ayes

- Other topics as needed
 - Code Enforcement: All shifts are covered but the village should hire extra Code Officers as back up. All the guys should be able to handle any shift and should be trained the same.
 - Noise Ordinance: The Board agreed that the new law should extend the hours for homeowners to perform landscaping and construction but abbreviate the hours for Landscapers and Construction companies. Another law will be drafted. There is also an issue with people extending their permits for long periods of time and that should be looked into. Properties should not be in a continuous state of construction. The village needs to get a better handle on renewing permits.
 - The Village of Mastic Beach is dissolving its Village and has listed their doublewide office trailer on an auction site called Auctions International. The bid ends on September 29th. This office trailer would be ideal for the DPW Department. After the Mayor and DPW Foreman assess the office trailer in person, the Board will vote via email on a maximum price to spend before the bidding ends.
 - The Veteran’s Memorial will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 1pm at the Head of the Canal by the flagpole. Rain or Shine. Trustee Valdini said he could look into getting a tent if the weather is bad. Mission 22 has approached the Mayor to present at the next Board of Trustees Meeting. They are a non-profit organization that funds veteran’s treatment for PTS, TBI and other issues they face. 20 veterans a day commit suicide after coming home. The presentation will help bring awareness to the community and they are also holding a Walk/Run on November 11th at Gardiner Park at 9am. The Board agreed to give permission for them to present.

- Grant Consulting Services: Grant Writer, Nicole Christian of HB Solutions submitted an engagement letter to the village. Oct. 1st through December 31st is her “off peak” season and she is proposing \$1,000 per month for those 3 months to provide grant research, planning and strategy services. In January the price would go back up to the \$1,500 per month for the “on peak” period for grant writing services. As discussed at the last meeting, Nicole Christian has recommended the Village hire an Engineer, approved by the State in creating a waterfront revitalization plan. There are grants available to fund this. Trustee Elliott has given the grant writer a list of areas that the village would be interested in obtaining grant funds for. This list includes the local waterfront revitalization plan, storm resilience (drainage, flood mitigation, valves and storm water management), improvements to village-owned structures, bridges and lakes. It is already in the budget to hire a consultant to help with grant writing services. The Clerk will reach out to Nicole Christian to invite her to the next working meeting.
- Downtown: The board agreed to install the garbage cans in the exact places to replace the old ones. The Board will determine where the benches will be placed and advise John Catania. The board gave the clerk permission to order 4 bike racks from Spirit Iron Works and 6 red bud trees from Marando Nursery.
- Road Paving: Hold off on paving Concourse E. Dan Falasco will advise which road to pave in its place. Pine Acres Blvd. should be looked at for paving in the next round.
- Fishing in the Lakes: Village Attorney, Charles Casolaro is in contact with Anthony Lamano of the DEC. He is looking into seeing if there are any protected wetlands in the Village of Brightwaters. The Board agreed to eliminate fishing in the northern lake.
- Pumpkin Run: Kevin Niles is handling the coordination of the Pumpkin Run.
- Northwell Run: John Catania had a meeting with the Town of Islip. He will be removing the garbage cans Saturday morning and then put them back in after the event.
- Poison Ivy: The village will go forward in hiring Anthony Donarummo of Poison Ivy Extermination & Control of L.I. The Mayor will try to negotiate a discount from the company removing the poison ivy.
- Monthly Meetings: At the next Board Meeting the Board will poll the residents in attendance if they would prefer to start the monthly meetings earlier at 7 or 7:30pm instead of 8pm.
- The working meeting in April will be on April 9th.

Motion to adjourn: Trustee Chiapetta Second: Trustee Elliott
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 absent (Mayor left at 9:30pm)

Meeting adjourned 10:10 PM