

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

John J. Valdini	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Trustee
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
John Catania	DPW Foreman
Anthony Rambazis	Code Supervisor
Robert O'Shea	Building Inspector

At 7:30 pm, Mayor Valdini called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for those serving in the military.

Approval of the Minutes from the Board meetings of May 6, 2019 & May 20, 2019.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays (Trustee Del Vecchio arrived after this vote)

Suffolk County Police Department Report

Officer Benitz reported that they have been doing patrol checks in Brightwaters and have given tickets at the stop signs. YMCA coordinated closing the roads for the race. The Police did not organize shutting the roads down for that race. Resident Sharon Cimino asked if they could set a patrol check on Windsor between Union and Montauk Highway because drivers speed through there.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- There was a great turnout for the Flag Dedication for Steven J. Prescott. The Prescott family was there and thanked the Village for putting the dedication ceremony together.
- Cabin Dedication happened with the flag dedication and it was 85% ready. In about two more weeks the flooring will be down and all loose ends will be wrapped up. The primary election is coming up at the cabin and before that will be the deadline for completion.
- Northwest Corner construction will be starting in July.
- Looking into getting evening parking spaces from the Medical Building. A gate will go in. No cost to the village.
- A meeting with the Mayor, Trustee Del Vecchio and Brook Pitta was organized to coordinate the summer night activities and events. A flyer will go out soon.
- The stop signs and 25 mile per hour signs will be going up shortly.
- Lakes Appreciation Day worked out nice. It was a peaceful and relaxing day for all residents who attended.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway

- The Highway Department has been keeping up with the rain and picking up branches and keeping up with the landscaping throughout the village.
- Setting up Walker Beach.
- Basic Maintenance on the machinery and vehicles.

Trustee Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Code Officers will have the parking stickers available if you need them when the office is closed. You will need to provide your driver's license to them.
- With the summer approaching and graduation parties, please be courteous to your neighbors when your guests are parking. Make sure they are parked the right way. Any questions regarding noise ordinances, please call code before your party.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- The Alessandro property (old hardware store) started construction. Will be a good new addition to the corners.
- DEC permitted us to remove grass/weeds out of lakes and he is coordinating the efforts of volunteers to help with removing the grass/weeds from the lakes.
- Planning Board is putting together a concise report to revamp sections of the downtown.

Fire Marshall's Report

As of this report, all permits for Public Assembly and Multiple Dwelling occupancies within the Village of Brightwaters are currently valid and up to date.

Commercial occupancy fire inspections continue in the Village of Brightwaters. Subsequent re-inspections having also been conducted to insure that all violations have since been removed.

There was a request for an investigation of fire by the Bay Shore Fire Department during the past month. After responding and investigating the incident, it was found that a “non-malicious” automatic fire alarm was activated in error. During the investigation, several minor violations were encountered and corrected immediately including the re-setting of the Automatic Fire Alarm System prior to fire department arrival.

Additional training were attended during the past month that conclude and satisfy my requirements pursuant to Part 434 of Title 19 of the New York State Secretary of State Rules and Regulations, noted below is a list of specific classes attended at the recent Code Enforcement Official's Conference of which have been applied to my required NYS In-Service training hours for the coming year;

Carbon Dioxide Systems Used in Beverage Dispensing Applications – Chris Roth **49-7120**
Course Code: T02-07-2385 Activity Code: T02-07-2385-013019-15-07-0

49-7138 Course Code: T02-07-2404 Activity Code: T02-07-2404-013019-15-07-0
Customer Service for the Professional Code Official – Guy Swartwout

49-7144 Course Code: T02-07-2411 Activity Code: T02-07-2411-013019-15-07-0
Fire Safety for Entertainment Venues – John Dallen

49-7132 Course Code: T02-07-2397 Activity Code: T02-07-2397-013019-15-07-0

Sincerely,

Matthew Brennan

Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal
Village of Brightwaters

Presentation by Stefan Hespeler of Mission 22: Stefan announced that they are having their 3rd Annual Dog Tag Run at Gardiner Park in Bay Shore on June 8th. This run will help raise funds for veterans to get the treatment they need for post-traumatic stress and suicide prevention. 400-500 people signed up for the race and only 8 are from Brightwaters. He would like to get more Brightwaters residents registered. 85% of the money raised goes back to the programs.

Misinformation on Social Media discussion: Over the last year or so there have always been issues with social media that the Board doesn't agree with and they don't answer. A lot of posts that go on social media do not even make it to a phone call at village hall. Different topics on social media happens and can be handled but one a recent post had no business being on social media. Someone with a false name on facebook posted a picture of one of the village's code officers stopping at a bank on their tour. He also posted that he picked up a child and had the child in the Code Car which was untrue. To jeopardize someone's job on social media is unfair to do. Our Code Officer made a stop at his bank during his tour when he was on his way to get gas from the Town of Islip and did village banking. We have GPS on both Code vehicles and run reports. The Code Officer did not go out of his way. They are allowed to have a break too. The Mayor stressed that if you have any concerns or suspicions of something to please call the office and speak to Carol, Jeanne or Nicole. Going straight to village hall is the appropriate path to take rather than social media. The Mayor opened it up to the public:

Resident Reginald Ligonde of Richland Blvd. did not feel the Officer should have stopped at the bank while getting gas for the code car and doing village banking. Mayor replied that he was on village business and instead of taking a break did it on the way and did not venture out of the way at all. Mr. Ligonde stated that it was illegal for the Code Officer to do this. Attorney Charles Casolaro advised that the Code Car is in the Code Officer's custody, he is allowed to take a break, it was a reasonable use while on his shift and is entitled to a break and there was nothing illegal about it.

Lake Maintenance discussion: Received our permit from the DEC to remove grass/weeds from the bridges and lakes. Reach out to Trustee Fawcett at pfawcett@villageofbrightwaters.com if you would like to volunteer. The bridges need to be repaired and we will be looking to do it in the near future. The grant writer is looking into grants to offset the cost on these projects.

Adopt the 2019 MS-4 Stormwater Report (Available for viewing on Village's website) Educational materials and code requirements for stormwater containment were made available at the back desk.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Votes: 5 ayes 0 nays

Permission to hire DeAl Concrete Corp. to perform the concrete work for the Round 15 Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Grant on the Northwest corner in the Downtown in the amount of \$50,127.50. (Working off of the Town of Islip's Contract)

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Fawcett
Votes: 5 ayes 0 nays

Appoint the following Lifeguards at a rate of \$10.50 per hour
Maggie Hickey, Andrew Paules & Kelsea Tesaro

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Zepf
Votes: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Abstracts and Treasurer's Report

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT June 3, 2019

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4168 - #4170	vouchers	\$125,971.76
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Alpha Carting - May 2019	\$	27,454.33
Borella Nursery - Plant Sale Flowers	\$	4,449.50
CJ Van Bourgondien - Plant Sale Flowers	\$	6,063.95
Secure Operations - Update Fire & Burglar Alarm	\$	4,338.74
NYS Employees Health Insurance - May & June 2019	\$	37,875.04
Poison Ivy Exterminating - Final Payment	\$	21,500.00

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 6/3/2019

General Fund - BNB	200,447
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	609,943
Total Cash on Hand - General	810,440

Capital Fund	69,713
CLASS Capital fund	13,731
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	83,444

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	188,442
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Charitable Reserve Fund for Cabin Restoration - BNB	4,638
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Motion: Mayor Valdin	Second: Trustee Fawcett
Votes: 5 ayes	0 nays

Public Comment:

- Resident Sharon Cimino added on the social media topic and commented that criticizing the village and negatively posting on social media is bad publicity for all and hurts all off the residents. She asked to consider our neighbors before posting negatively on social media. She said that the Code Officer stopping at his bank while in route to get gas is the same thing as an officer stopping to get a sandwich in uniform. They shouldn't be expected to change out of uniform. Posting negatively about the village on Facebook depletes all the good work the village is trying to achieve. Mrs. Cimino also asked if the lifeguards will be issuing Walker Beach stickers. Once Walker is open full-time stickers can be purchased from the lifeguards.
- Resident Ken Michael asked why the county or town using the corner of Windsor and Union as a concrete dumping ground? Highway Foreman, John Catania advised that Suffolk County is redoing all the enforcement signals to make it handicap accessible. Mayor advised we will look into it.
- Resident Reginald Ligonde recited the Village of Brightwaters Code of Ethics Chapter 11-3 "Every officer or employee of the Village of Brightwaters, Suffolk County, New York, shall be subject to and

abide by the following standards of conduct: **Section B.** Use of Village funds and property. No Village of Brightwaters officer or employee shall use Village funds, property or a Village facility for political purposes or for the personal advantage of themselves or a member of their family.” He stated that the Code Officer was using village property to benefit himself. Attorney Charles Casolaro interjected that this situation does not apply to this Code and that the word “benefit” in this section of the code means to use village resources to the detriment of the village to enhance yourself financially at the villages expense. Village Attorney added that this would be of a much larger scale and that Mr. Ligonde is misreading that ethics code.

- Resident Ed Gabros stated that the Village should pay more to the Lifeguards. The Mayor agreed that we will continue to raise the pay scale for the lifeguards and get them closer to minimum wage possibly for next year’s budget. (Seasonal positions do not fall under the minimum wage requirement.)

Motion to Adjourn: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Zepf
Votes: 5 ayes 0 nays

Adjourned 8:20pm