

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – May 4, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, March 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY, conducted through the Video Conference Zoom with the following officers present:

John J. Valdini
Thomas Zepf
Michael Dopsovic
Mary DelVecchio
Patrick Fawcett
Charles J. Casolaro
Nicole Rhodes

Mayor
Deputy Mayor (Present on Zoom)
Trustee (Present on Zoom)
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Village Attorney
Clerk – Treasurer

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdini called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for our troops, those first responders working in the hospital and those who have passed.

Approve minutes of April 20, 2020.

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

Brightwaters Improvement Group (BIG) Presentation: B.I.G. raised \$880 for two (2) Adult Adirondack Gliders to go down at Walker Beach. They wanted to focus on donating something that the seniors in the community can enjoy. Christian Sullivan and Bernadette Whitwell of BIG presented the check to the Village.

Suffolk County Police Department: Two out of the four incidents on the Police Report were break ins at Manella and Faber Bros.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- **Emails** – Mayor urged everyone to sign up to receive emails from the Village as especially now this is our main method of contacting people with important updates.
- **Summer Camp** – We do plan on having summer camp and will be taking registrations after May 15th.
- **Walker Beach** – We are in the process of trying to get our lifeguards certified and we will open up Walker Beach Memorial Day weekend and will be open daily throughout the season.
- **Village Election** – Pushed back to September 15th. We are still waiting for guidance from NYS about when the petition process can be started.
- **Summer Activities** – The Mayor and Trustee Del Vecchio will be sitting down with resident volunteers, Brooke Pitta and Bernadette Whitwell to go over which events will happen this summer. It is a wait and see for the next couple of weeks as we will continue to get updates from Suffolk County regarding the reopening of NY.
- **Veterans Walkway** – We've sold over 200 bricks and plan on doing the dedication on July 4.
- **Construction** – Continue to get your permit applications in so when things loosen up we can start to process them.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects:

- **Digitizing Permit Applications** – We are looking at everything we do and are trying to become more of a touchless Village and more online. We are working with Adobe Government for fillable applications.
- **Social Distancing** – A lot of people are walking now. Please keep practicing social distancing so that we can continue to keep open our parks.
- **Reimagine Gilbert Park**. Wants to get feedback on what we can do down there to make it more accessible to our residents. Mayor added that we are one day away from closing Gilbert Park down due to residents not keeping their dogs on a leash.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway

- Last Tuesday the Highway Dept. went back to full staff with staggered hours, lunch breaks, maintaining social distancing and wearing masks. Any ideas on beautifying the village please let us know.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations/Events

- The weekend of April 18th residents Bernadette Whitwell and Brooke Pitta came up with an amazing idea to show gratitude to our Essential Workers and First Responders. We distributed blank signs to everyone in the neighborhood who wanted to show their support with a thank you message. On April 22nd, everyone dropped off their signs, in their masks and put them up at the top of the canal.

Trustee Zepf – Code Enforcement

- All Code shifts are covered for the month of May.
- Permit for Landscapers are being enforced.
- Any questions with respect to emergencies repairs for your home please call the Village and speak to the Clerk or Building Inspector.
- There is a ton of trash. At the top of the canal the garbage cans are overflowing. The cans are not capable of handling everyone's trash. If you have garbage take it with you.

Fire Marshal Report

As the pandemic continues, I sincerely hope this report finds the Mayor, Board of Trustees, VBW Staff and all their families healthy and safe during this most difficult time we are enduring as a country.

As of this report, all permits for Public Assembly and Multiple Dwelling occupancies within the Village of Brightwaters are valid and up to date or processing. Permit renewals of the Multiple Dwelling renewal of 179 & 120 Orinoco Dr. The Public Assembly Permit has been completed and processed.

Commercial occupancy fire inspections continue on a limited basis in the Village of Brightwaters due to the recent shutdowns required regarding the COVID 19 Virus.

There were no request for investigation of fire by the Bay Shore Fire Department during the past month.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brennan

Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal
Village of Brightwaters

Adopt Resolution 3-2020 Fine Schedule for Unlicensed Landscapers

RESOLUTION 3-2020
PENALTY FOR UNLICENSED LANDSCAPERS

WHEREAS, in accordance with local law 3-2020 requiring all landscapers operating within the Village of Brightwaters to obtain a License from the Village Clerk before commencing any landscaping work and to ensure compliance with this local law, the Board of Trustees does hereby **RESOLVE**:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any individual Landscaper or Landscaping company operating within the Village of Brightwaters without a License shall be fined One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this penalty schedule shall become effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

WHEREFOR, this **RESOLUTION**, is hereby adopted by unanimous vote on May 4, 2020, before a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Trustees, shall be promptly recorded in the Office of the Village Clerk, and made part of the public record.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Appoint Seasonal Parking Attendant Tyler Maher at a rate of \$14.00 an hour.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT May 4, 2020

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4233 -4235	vouchers	\$60,532.44
Expense		
Alpha Carting - April 2020		\$ 27,454.35
NYS Employees Health Insurance May 2020		\$ 23,431.18
Income for Period: 4/21/2020-5/4/2020		\$4,824.24
Various Landscaping Permits		\$2,845.00

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 5/4/2020	
General Fund - BNB	117,126
General Money Market - BNB	50

CLASS General	732,056
Total Cash on Hand - General	849,232
Capital Fund	63,960
CLASS Capital fund	13,941
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	77,900
Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	211,964

Public Comments

- Resident Robin Racanelli of Woodland Drive – Will Landscapers be warned before given a fine? They've gotten multiple warnings since March and it is now May. As long as they can prove they've made an effort but they should have them by now.
- Resident Harold Owen of Pine Acres Blvd. Is Landscaper list available to residents? Yes, call village office for a copy.
- Resident Joe Paliseno of Penataquit Drive – Pile of trash and couch on corner of Manatuck and Wohseepee. Yes, should be removed soon. The owner asked us for extra time but if it's not removed by Thursday we will remove.
- Resident Kerry Vitolano of Potter Blvd. – Will there be a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting for May. Yes, it will be conducted via Zoom May 27th.
- Resident Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – Is there a projected surplus or deficit for the fiscal year 2019-2020? We will be having our audit conducted end of June beginning of May and will know more then. Has CHIPS been announced? We are expecting about 155,000 from CHIPS. What is the status of Wohseepee Park bathrooms? It is not happening now and is not something that is a priority.
- Resident Linda Maerki of S. Windsor – Feels flag should be at half mass.
- Resident Veronica Kramer of Concourse West – Would the Board consider issuing Walker Beach passes to residents only due to social distancing requirements? We will be looking into it.
- Resident Anne Shierant of Potter Blvd. – Extension for paying Village Taxes without penalty? We have some time to discuss this.
- Resident Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – When will summer hours be in effect for Code Enforcement? They are in effect now and have coverage 24/7.
- Resident Robin Racanelli of Woodland Drive – Residents who may be adversely affected by a decision made by a Public Hearing should be notified like the ZBA Hearings. Mayor agrees.
- Resident Sharon Cimino of Orchard Drive – Animals and COVID.
- Resident Linda Maerki of S. Windsor – Recycle bins at Parks.
- Resident Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – Limiting access to Walker Beach. What liability does the village have when hosting events? We have insurance for that.
- Resident Linda Maerki of S. Windsor – Guidelines for election signs. Election signs do not apply to our sign code but as long as it is not on the village's right of way.
- Resident Robin Racanelli of Woodland Drive – Social Distancing signs at the beach? They will be added.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.