

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – September 8, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, September 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY, conducted in person as well as Facebook live with the following officers present:

John J. Valdinì	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Charles J. Casolaro	Village Attorney
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdinì called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for those who served our country and passed.

Approve minutes of August 3rd, 2020.

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

Suffolk County Police Department:

Fireworks have been an issue for months. Officers can confiscate the fireworks but they have to witness them setting them off. Please give exact address of fireworks when reporting to the police. Some cars getting broken into that are left unlocked. There was a trespasser on Lombardy and it was considered a misdemeanor.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdinì:

- Downtown – Mamma Santina's will be doing major renovation possibly in the early Spring. Sidewalks and parking lot will be redone as well. The trees over there will remain. Building on Southeast corner still in the works. They will be replacing the sidewalk that they damaged. Also, a Cigar Store will be coming in where the old card store was. The new Brightwaters Inn will be opening Monday.
- Planning Board has been working on plans for rezoning Orinoco Drive to change from industrial to more of a mixed used situation. As that progresses the Board will meet with the Planning Board and the Planning Board will have a Public Meeting. There are multiple meetings that will take place before it goes into effect. The residents will be kept informed as we go along. The Planning Board has also discussed charging a small fee when businesses do renovations. Those fees will go towards the beautification of the business districts.
- Lakes – The two bridges are complete. The Village will be changing signage around the lakes. The lily pads were treated twice with the chemicals and it can't be treated anymore this year. They have taking years to grow in the lakes and it will require annual maintenance to treat and remove them. The grass that is growing out of the lakes needs to be treated but that will require a separate DEC permit.
- Walker Beach Permits – Sold the most resident Walker Beach passes this year. We limited non-resident passes to 20 and we turned away 50 non-residents that were on a waiting list.

Yesterday was the last day for the lifeguards. The beach remains open but there are no lifeguards on duty.

- Canal – We've rented the most boat slips this year. The east side of the canal is in need of getting redone. That is about a \$800,000 to \$900,000 project which the Village does not have and will need to find a way to come up with the funds. The kayak rentals are up in sales as well.
- Newsday will be doing a Real Estate feature on Brightwaters.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- Record year down at Walker Beach. Up \$3,000 in Walker Beach Permits. Up double from last year with the kayak rentals about \$4,000. The Boat Slips we are up \$20,000.
- Gilbert Park is open. We've had a lot of people enjoying the parks this summer.
- Around the lakes, please slow down. Children are getting on buses and many people walk and bike around the lakes.
- Lakes – We will be getting more volunteers together to pull the overgrowth of grass/weeds in the lakes. The next projects he would like to see addressed is the overflow valve in the lake, the other bridge at the lakes, aesthetics at Walker Beach and other infrastructure issues.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway

- Collected over 100 tons of extra debris from the last storm we had. We had 3 extra pickups from Alpha Carting to accommodate the storm which has dipped into our budget. Highway is a little behind the eight-ball due to the storm.
- A gas line was installed for the generator outside Village Hall
- If anyone sees anything that needs to be taken care of let the office know but keep in mind there are still only have 6 men that are working to the bone and are still cleaning up from the storm.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations/Events

- October 3rd is the Village-wide Garage Sale at resident's properties around the Village. It is a \$10 fee. The Village will be posting and advertising on social media with flyers.
- November 7th is the Veteran's Memorial Dedication Ceremony at the head of the canal. We are in the process of finalizing all of the second round of bricks to be inscribed to add to the walkway.
- First day of school starts this week. Please stop behind buses. All of the buses will now be equipped with cameras and you will get a ticket if you don't stop.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Code has been busy. We did lose a Code Officer to some health issues and had to resign and we are working on getting his tours filled.
- There have been incidents with the fireworks. Please call Code with specific address.
- Political signs have been taken. Also, on the canal, fishing poles have been taken from boats so please remove your equipment and lock up boats.
- People are still fueling their boats in the canal. It is dangerous and not proper for the bay so please do not do this as you will get a ticket issued.
- 18-foot boat took on water in the canal. Suffolk County Police, Coastguard and Bay Shore Fire all responded immediately. There were no injuries.

Fire Marshal Report

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. Noted below for your information are those pending at this time:

Ericsson Mngt / 104-106 Orinoco Drive: Completed
Orinoco Associates / 108 – 110 Orinoco Drive: Completed
Brightwaters Gardens / 68 Orinoco Drive: Processing
Fairfield Properties / 140 Orinoco Drive: Processing

Most recently, an inspection and acceptance test of the Automatic Extinguishing System of the Brightwaters Inn on Orinoco was completed with all equipment operating as designed. Additionally, a complete general inspection of this location was conducted to insure compliance of all issues relevant to life and safety, all found compliant.

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

Sincerely,
Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal
Village of Brightwaters

Call for Public Hearing on October 5, 2020 at 7:30PM – Amend Chapter 129 “Property Maintenance” (Geared towards the businesses)

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Fawcett
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Payment to Alan E. Fricke Memorials for Veteran Memorial Brick Engravements in the amount of \$8,050 (Covered by donations)

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

Approve Payment to Alpha Carting for Emergency Storm Clean-up (8/7-8/11/20) in the amount of \$14,502.25

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

Approve Payment to Bay Shore Fire District in the amount of \$320,169

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

Approve Payment to Bay Shore / Brightwaters Ambulance in the amount of \$70,680

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

Approve Payments to Sit Back and Relax for the 1st Installment of \$7,000 and Final Payment of \$6,100 (Total of \$13,100) for Removal of overgrowth and trimming at the lakes

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Fawcett
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Payment to Fifth Avenue Paving Inc. in the amount of \$16,920 for road paving around Lakeview Avenue N bridge and Johnston Avenue Bridge. (Approved in 2020-2021 Budget)

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

Approve Payment to N. Romero Painting in the amount of \$3,800 for restoration of Belgium block work at the top of the lakes.

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

Approve Payment to Hohwald Landscaping Inc in the amount of \$9,225 for Tree Removal and Trimming from the storm.

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

Approve Payment to Jerry Cardullo Ironworks Retail in the amount of \$16,500 for custom railing for bridge at Mirror Lake.

Mayor moved to approve this at the next meeting as the price is incorrect and should be half of that amount.

Approve Budget Modifications 2020 – 2021

Modify Expense: Bay Shore Fire Protection (A3410.408) from \$339,451 to: \$320,169

Modify Expense: Park-Repairs/Maintenance (A7110.421) from \$5,000 to: \$21,900

Modify Expense: Central Garage Summer Hire (A1640.110) from \$3,500 to: -0-

Modify Expense: Court Personal Services from -0- to \$5,882

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

Presentation from Julia Carpenter on her Girl Scout Gold Award “The Green Project”

Motion to go forward with the Project:

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Deputy Mayor Thomas Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

The Green Project - Julia Carpenter's Girl Scout Gold Award

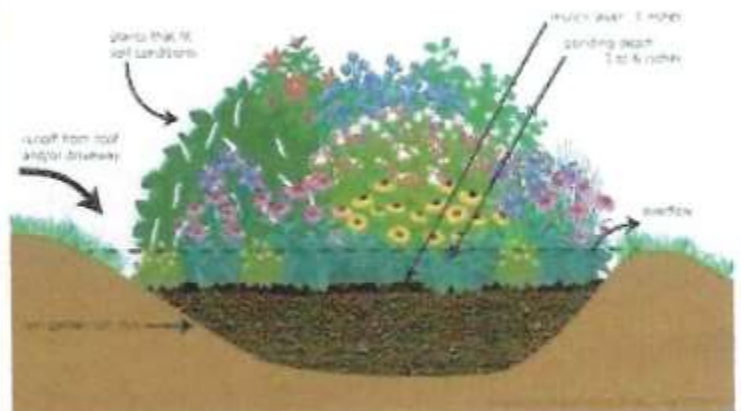
Project Plan: To encourage my community to make greener decisions through the implementations of greener alternatives throughout the community. These include putting composting bins at the Project Bloom Garden in Islip, putting a rain garden in at Gilbert Park (or Wohseepee), and creating an informative website and video to further educate people.

Approvals:

- + Composting bins at Project Bloom
- + Rain Garden in Brightwaters

What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is a garden filled with both indigenous plants and flowers that is built in such a way that a small depression in the ground is created so that water can be caught. The garden then becomes self sufficient as it waters itself.



Why should Brightwaters have a rain garden?

As a part of my Girl Scout Gold Award, the equivalent of a Boy Scout Eagle Scout honor, I was looking to make my surrounding community more apt to becoming sustainable. Since the rain garden uses runoff water, no excess water is needed, as well as no extra maintenance, besides occasional weeding that would be taken care of. This encourages people within Brightwaters to choose more sustainable methods of landscaping, such as rain gardens, since the village is already setting an example.

Where would the rain garden be put?

My hopes are either to put the garden at Gilbert Park near the entrance or Wohseepee Park in front of the cabin.

Gilbert:



Wohseepee:



Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT September 8, 2020

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4246 -4250	vouchers	\$518,346.07
Expense		
Alpha Carting - August 2020 & Storm related pick-up	\$	49,438.25
Sit Back & Relax - Trim overgroth around lakes	\$	13,100.00
Bay Shore Fire Dept. - 2020 Fire Contract and Insurance	\$	320,169.00
BSBW Ambulance - Final Payment 2020 Contract	\$	70,680.00
Skinnon & Faber - Partial Billing for 2020 Audit	\$	7,340.00
Alan E. Fricke Memorials - Veteran Brick Engravements	\$	8,050.00
N. Romero Painting - Veteran Brick reset & Top of Canal Bricks	\$	5,200.00
Hohwald Landscaping - Tree trimming & Removal from storm	\$	10,805.00

Income for Period: 8/4/2020-9/8/2020	\$40,359.89
2nd Q 2020 Cable & VerizonFranchise Fees	\$20,517.43
Various Building Permits / ZBA Fees	\$10,044.65
Various Interest & Penalties from taxes	\$2,222.72
Business Licenses & Landscape Permits	\$1,370.00
Veterans Memorial Brick Donations	\$4,800.00

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 9/8/2020

General Fund - BNB	463,598
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	1,833,256
Total Cash on Hand - General	2,296,905

Capital Fund	20,460
CLASS Capital fund	13,954
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	34,413

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	145,890
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Motion: Mayor Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Public Comments

- Nicole Jacqueline on Facebook live asked if the Halloween Parade will be happening this year? Mayor is setting a goal to have it and is thinking about starting at 5pm to meet in town. More details to come.
- Resident David Bowton of Lakeview Ave E. – Neighbor's bright lights shine into his home. Spoke with Code Supervisor and would like update.
- Resident Anne Shierant of Potter Blvd – Security on Halloween night. Swipe cards at tennis courts. Thanked DPW for keeping the grass at Wohseepee Park maintained.

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- Resident Joan Manahan of Ackerson Blvd – Congratulated DPW on the quick clean-up from storm.
- Resident Mark Mulvey of South Bay Ave – Great job with sotrm clean-up
- Resident Ed Gabros of Ackerson Blvd – Tree re-plantings. Firehouse to act as cooling/warming station for power outages.
- Resident Charles Hayward of Manatuck Blvd – Issue with generator at Firehouse.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.