

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – March 20, 2023

The mid-month meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:30pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY with the following officers present:

John J. Valdinì	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk - Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney

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

Appoint Jean Marie Buffet as Planning Board Member to commence 3/20/2023 for a five-year term.

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

Approve add on to Morton Building Contract for the Highway Building to add a 6'x26' porch at administrative front entry in the amount of \$14,629.

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

Approve Public Assembly for Oyster Festival at Walker Beach on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 2pm-5pm in the amount of \$500 Permit Fee.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 2 ayes 3 nays (Mayor Valdinì, Trustee Del Vecchio and Trustee Fawcett)

Motion Failed

Approve Public Assembly for Oyster Festival at Walker Beach on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 2pm-5pm in the amount of \$500 Permit Fee.

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

Topics for Discussion:

- Re-zoning the Orinoco Corridor – Planning Board Chairman Joe Paliseno and Planning Board Member Michael Kane presented a newly proposed Zoning Code for the Orinoco Corridor last revised February 20, 2023 (On file with the minutes). They will be working on an objective (what, how and why) to put up on the website for residents to review and are looking to hold a Public Informational with residents on the second Tuesday in May 2023. After that time, a Public Hearing before the Board of Trustees will then take place.
- History Room – The construction of the history area in the basement under Village Hall will be at no cost to residents. The Mayor's daughter is working with an apparel store to operate a page where Brightwaters apparel can be ordered in order to raise money for

the project. Any donations will be made to the Brightwaters Improvement Group (BIG) and they will issue a check to the Village for the total donation.

- Sidewalk Extension – Should be completed in the next week or so.
- Ordering a 10ft bike rack to go in front of the Hardware store.
- Excessive litter under the overpasses on Howells Road and Sunrise Highway in both directions. Working to remedy this with NYS Department of Maintenance and also reached out to Assemblyman Gandolfo and Senator Martinez for help with a routine cleanup.
- Highway Building – Adding the administrative front entry. Concrete will be purchased directly then Dan Falasco will put specs together for requesting proposals. Also working on plumbing specs to request proposals.
- Opening of Canal – April 14th will be the date the canal opens.
- Concourse E Flooding – Survey area and have Engineer come up with a plan and amount to remedy.
- DEC – Modifying permit to include a mechanical harvester.
- 2023-2024 Tentative Budget – Will not pierce tax cap. Garbage increase \$12 a year per unit as per contract. Transfer from General to Capital 210,725 for assigned capital projects: DPW prefab building \$308,468 / Coronavirus funds will be used for this, budgeted another 216,000 for interior phase of construction. F550 Truck in the budget for DPW \$60,000. Municipal Software for Office/Building/Code/Highway. Weedoo Boats Mechanical Harvester for lakes \$8,000. Projected 10% increase in General Insurance and 8% increase in Employee Medical Insurance.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned 9:40PM