

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – June 5, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, June 5, 2023 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. Valdini	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector
Mike Gralton	DPW Foreman

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 those who served our country and passed.

Approve previous Board Minutes from May 1st and May 15th 2023.

Motion: Mayor Valdini	Second: Deputy Mayor Thomas Zepf
Vote: 4 ayes	0 nays 1 Abstain: Trustee Fawcett

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- Summer Calendar for Village events will be coming out at the end of this week.
- Thanked everyone for coming down to the Memorial Day Weekend Ceremony. John Clarke was one of the speakers and his time and efforts are much appreciated.
- Lakes are a constant challenge but we are dealing with it.
- Two Brightwaters' residents, Jenny and Stefan Haspell run Operation Vest for Veterans suicide. Their race is at Gardiners Park this Saturday.
- First Historical Society Meeting with about 20 people in attendance. Another meeting this week and week after. Looking forward to keeping it going.
- Beach is open. Selling passes at office and down at Beach. Sold all of the non-resident passes that were limited to 50 passes. We are opening it up to another 10 non-resident passes.
- Highway Building is ordered and should be in towards the end of June.
- Thanks to the Garden Club for planting all the planters in town. Also, hanging baskets look great.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department

- Highway has been busy with weed whacking, mowing, general maintenance around the village, lake cleanup, lily pads.
- Getting ready for summer.
- Emergency sinkhole repair is being worked on.
- Highway Foreman John Catania is retiring and this is his last month. Mike Gralton has been promoted to Highway Foreman. May sub out the repetitive stuff.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- Weedoo Boats harvested the lily pads in the lakes. Hopefully will free up some of the flow. DPW have been down their helping. Should be done in the next week or so. Not disturbing the soil in the lakes.
- 6 Adirondack chairs are going in soon at Gilbert overlooking the Great South Bay.
- Put in a request to give the Cascades a good cleaning.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations

- In the past month, the Mother's Day Plant Sale was held and was a huge success thanks to resident Anne Shierant and a team of volunteers. SOS Run and Judy Sesh Run was held.
- Starting June 26th, every Monday in June and July the Impractical Smokers Food Truck will be down at Walker Beach, coinciding with Adult Volleyball League. Also, on Thursdays the last week in June Family Fun Nights will start. Chiddy's Cheese Steaks Food Truck will be there. We are trying to get more food trucks, possibly a coffee truck so if anyone knows of any good ones, please send them our way.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Still actively looking for new Code Officers. Feel good moment, Officer Daley saved a drowning Osprey. Officer Escobar was able to have a boat removed that was blocking the middle of the canal.
- On June 22nd the Bay Shore Senior class is doing their pre-prom pictures at Gilbert Park. Code will be down there.
- July 20th the Maggie Fisher Cross Bay Swim is a great event and encourages everyone to attend.

2023 Storm Water Report

The MS4 program is part of the Federal governments Clean Air / Clean Water Act. MS4 is short for municipal separate storm sewer system. In the Village the storm water system collects rainwater and discharges the water directly into the ground vis leaching pools or is piped to the lakes and canal. This report provides the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation how the Village maintains our roads and drainage systems so that our water bodies remain clean. The report also shows how new building projects also comply with the program by capturing rain run-off on site. The main emphasis/goal is to prevent illicit discharge(s) into our water bodies. To this end the Highway Department personnel and the building inspector took a DEC sponsored course about the program. The 2023 MS4 Report is listed on the Village's Website.

Adopt the 2023 Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) Annual report.

Motion: Mayor Valdini

Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Public Hearing on Local Law 1-2023 § 108-18 Placement of Materials in Certain Locations Prohibited

Village Attorney, Charles Casolaro explained that the section of the Code prior to this needed better clarification on what homeowners were allowed to put in the right of way. A roadway is a right of way. There is the edge of the property line on both sides and the earth in between is the right of way belonging to the village. The new law that was drafted clears up any ambiguity that the Code had. There have been a few cases brought before the court that have been

unsuccessful due to the ambiguity of the code. Now that it is cleared up, its approval is recommended.

Mayor Valdini said that Code Enforcement is following a minimum of 5 feet back from the road with Real Estate signs, mailboxes, etc. The key is to keep the tree lines unobstructed so that you do not see anything else.

Village Attorney Casolaro state that boulders and things of nature that have been in the right of way and this law is not to intended to remove those. This law is for preventing from someone from putting something artificial in the right of way. Trustee Fawcett asked for the word artificial to be put into the law. Mayor Valdini added that you can't put a hedge in the Village's right of way. Trustee Fawcett does not have a problem with people adding plantings and beautifying their properties. Deputy Mayor Zepf asked that the law be more specific to sports equipment, times/seasons. Mayor Valdini stressed that the Village can not just give up the right of way. People who received tickets have had violations and letters and time to remedy and most did but those who did not received tickets

Motion to open up the meeting to the public.

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

Public:

- Rich Dayhab of Lakeview Avenue N – Are Burms, fences and retaining walls now permissible in front of house? No still not allowed. Nothing to do with existing codes.
- Joseph Pers of Lakeview Avenue E – Discriminated against with his ticket for the strong line fence if other things are allowed on the right of way and that the Board is in violation of the code. Has the string fence is for the health and safety of family and residents. Lily pads are overgrown from the nitrogen from the goose droppings. Village should do more about the geese. Mayor advised Mr. Pers to start a petition.
- Carmine Chiappetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – What is the purpose of right of way? Emergency vehicles and utility companies.

Motion to close the meeting.

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

The Village Board did not have a vote and will make the changes to this code and hold another Public Hearing at the next meeting on July 5th.

Public Hearing on Local Law 2-2023 § 119-4 Stop Intersections Designated. Lakeview Avenue E. and Lakeview Avenue S. Stop for traffic northbound on Lakeview Avenue E.

Mayor Valdini stated that last year at the lakes meeting it was discussed to close the bridges at the lakes to pedestrian only in order to slow down traffic by the lakes. People did not want it so it never happened. These things are all discussions. Driving around the area there going north people tend to speed endangering pedestrians walking. The thought was to add a stop sign to try and stop the traffic going over the bridges.

Trustee Fawcett said the Board can not control the speed in the village. The only thing he think might help is to try the rumble strips before putting in speed bumps. Would rather have the rumble strips then the stop sign. See if that works first.

Trustee Del Vecchio added that this was not brought on by residents.

Mayor said if we don't do anything and someone gets hurt they will be coming after the Board, not the residents. NYS waits until something happens then reacts. Mayor said he would like to be proactive and do something now with all the people fishing, walking dogs and increased traffic.

Motion to open Public Hearing

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

Public:

- Donna Periconi of Lakeview Avenue E – Came to find who was the person who wanted the stop sign. Mayor Valdini wanted it. No one reached out to the residents that live right there. Never had an accident. She's lived there since 1979. Opposed to stop sign.
- Irene Ferguson of Lakeview Avenue S – It is her 37th year in Brightwaters. Is very impressed with the revitalization in the Village. Appreciates the concern on safety but is totally opposed to the stop sign.
- Carmine Chiappetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – Suggested getting a traffic survey to evaluate the area.
- Rich Dayhab of Lakeview Avenue N – Too many stop signs. Is opposed to the stop sign as well as the rumble strips.
- Andrew Darcy of Lakeview Avenue E – Opposed to the stop sign. NYSDOT states they are not used to control speed and slow down traffic.
- Sharon Cimino of Orchard Drive – Agree with the speed humps. Walks lakes every day. People speed, over the bridges on both sides of the lakes.
- John Clarke of Hiawatha Drive – Stop signs do not work.

Motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Motion to approve.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 1 aye (Mayor Valdini) 4 nays (Deputy Mayor Zepf, Trustee Del Vecchio, Trustee Fawcett and Trustee Dopsovic)

Appoint the following Seasonal Employees:

DPW Seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$15.00 an hour
Matthew Manzolillo

Summer Program Director at a rate of \$30 an hour
Maria Dounelis

Summer Program Assistant Director at a rate of \$20 an hour

Kymberly Rambazis

New Counselors at a rate of \$15.00 an hour

Alexander Dounelis & Luke Walther

Returning Counselors at a rate of \$16.00 an hour

Allison Brewer, Matthew Brewer, Natalie Carpenter, Brandon Estevez, Mia Graziano, Brandon Soumakis, Taylor Schumacher, Allison Walther & Kaitlin Mulvihill

Returning Counselors with 4 years or more at a rate of \$17.00 an hour

Ellie Provda

New Lifeguard at a rate of \$15.00 an hour

Molli Marchese

Motion: Mayor Valdin

Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Approve payment to Morton Building Inc. in the amount of \$29,304.65 for the initial deposit for placing the order of materials for the pre-fab Highway Building.

Motion: Mayor Valdin

Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Permission to pay All Island Plumbing in the amount of \$17,500 for Emergency Road Repair / Drain on Orinoco Drive.

Motion: Mayor Valdin

Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Permission to contract with GOGov for municipal software including Public Works, Building Department, Permit Applications, Code Enforcement and Communications in the amount of \$14,100 annual. (Amount included in approved budget)

Motion: Mayor Valdin

Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Approve Public Assembly for the Maggie Fischer Memorial Cross Bay Swim to be held on July 20, 2023 (rain date 7/21) from 9am-12:30PM at Gilbert Park.

Motion: Mayor Valdin

Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Approve Application for Block Party on Bay Way Avenue (cross streets: Corinthian & Mackenzie) to be held on August 5th 12pm-9pm. Permit approved from TOI.

Motion: Mayor Valdin

Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Approve Treasurer's report and abstracts
VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT June 5, 2023

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4381-4382	vouchers	\$197,677.24
Expense		
Employee Medical Insurance June 2023		\$ 26,545.69
Alpha Carting April 2023		\$ 37,136.00
All Pro Remodeling (roof for village hall/office jcap grant)		\$ 27,530.00
CJ Van Bourgondien - Plant Sale Flowers		\$ 7,332.95
Borella Nursery - Plant Sale Flowers		\$ 3,930.00
All Island Plumbing - Emergency drain pipe replacement/Orinoco		\$ 17,500.00
PERMA - Workers Comp. Insurance Renewal		\$ 29,735.00
Income for Period: 5/2/2023 - 6/5/2023		\$ 262,912.46
Building/Plumbing Permits & ZBA Fees	\$173,078.50	
Walker Beach/Boat Basin Permits	\$16,385.00	
Event Income	\$14,362.00	
Cable Franchise Fee	\$11,594.81	
Summer Program	\$43,665.00	

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 6/5/2023

General Fund - BNB	270,072
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	1,186,408
Total Cash on Hand - General	1,456,530

Capital Fund	5,446
CLASS Capital fund	14,441
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	19,887

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	324,194
Canal Savings Fund - BNB	12,251
	336,444

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

Motion to open meeting to the public.

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

Public Comment:

- Rich Dayhab of Lakeview Ave E. – Stop sign in front of self-storage a nuisance and not at corner. Can it be removed and put one closer to the Post Office.
- Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – Enforcement at 103 Orinoco Boat yard. Mattress on balcony.

6/5/2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting

- Anne Shierant of Potter Blvd – Shout out to John Catania and Highway employees for watering the flowers that the Garden Club had planted. Would not be possible without the teamwork.
- Sharon Cimino of Orchard Blvd. – Agree with stop sign on Orinoco near storage facility being useless.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 9:02PM.