

BOARD OF TRUSTEES & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES – July 10, 2023

The monthly meeting and Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, July 10, 2022 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 Valdinì	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector
Mike Gralton	DPW Foreman

Absent: Trustee Patrick Fawcett

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John 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 previous Board Minutes from June 5, 2023

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Approve Standard Resolutions and Appointments.

Organizational Meeting July 10th, 2023

APPOINTMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

I. Appointments

<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>
Deputy Clerk	One Year	Jeanne Pirkì
Justice Court Clerk	One Year	Kristen French
Village Prosecutor	One Year	Shaun Cullinane
Associate Village Justice	One Year	Salvatore Puccio
Registrar	One Year	Nicole Rhodes
Building Inspector	One Year	Robert O'Shea
Highway Foreman	One Year	Michael Gralton
Village Engineer	One Year	Daniel Falasco
Village Historian	One Year	Veronica Kramer
Harbor Master	One Year	Michael Kane
Planning Board Chair	One Year	Joseph Paliseno
Planning Board Member	Five Years	Joseph Paliseno
Planning Board Member	Five Years	Michael Kane

Planning Board Member	Five Years	Nick Sassone
Planning Board Member	Five Years	Jean-Marie Buffet
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair	One Year	Nicholas Del Vecchio
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	Five Years	Nicholas Del Vecchio
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	Five Years	Don Souhrada
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	Five Years	Michael Walther

Mayoral Appointment:

Deputy Mayor	Two Years	Thomas Zepf
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II. Resolutions

RESOLVED that Mayor Valdin, or his designated successor, be authorized to approve the attendance by the Board of Trustees, Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Village Administrative staff, Highway Administrative foreman, and Code Enforcement officers to specific training schools and/or meetings with expenses reimbursed.

RESOLVED that the Islip Bulletin be and hereby is designated the official newspaper for the village.

RESOLVED that Dime Bank be and hereby is designated as the depository for the village funds in the General, Payroll, Trust, Capital and all other funds, said bank to pledge suitable and sufficient collateral at all times for the protection of said funds and that the funds in these various accounts be made available upon the signature of any two officers.

RESOLVED that the Village maintains a Capital Project Fund with Dime Bank for the purpose of maintaining the funds necessary to complete capital projects consisting of, but not limited to, road paving and reconstruction, canal reconstruction, building construction and maintenance, downtown revitalization projects and heavy-duty vehicles for the DPW.

RESOLVED that the Village maintains a Canal Enterprise Fund with Dime Bank for the purpose of maintaining the funds necessary to cover the operational costs of the Brightwaters Canal including electric, water, maintenance and repair, reconstruction and any debt service associated with these items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two of the following officers of the municipality, to wit: John Valdin, Mayor, Patrick Fawcett, Trustee, Thomas Zepf, Trustee, Mary Del Vecchio, Trustee, Michael Dopsovic, Trustee or Nicole Rhodes, Village Clerk Treasurer alone, with the approval of the foregoing, are hereby authorized to make arrangements to borrow money to obtain credit for this municipality from Dime Bank or such bank as may seem advisable to make and deliver notes, drafts, acceptances, advances, agreements and any other obligations of this municipality therefore in form satisfactory to said bank and to manage and transact bank matters or other business of any kind whatsoever with the bank or its officers. Also, the treasurer is empowered to invest idle

fund monies of the village at her discretion and in the best interest of the village, with the approval of the Mayor.

RESOLVED that idle fund monies be invested in CLASS from the general fund, or Dime Bank general fund money market and sufficient collateral be pledged for the protection of said funds.

RESOLVED that the village board meetings be held on the first Monday of each month excepting those falling on a holiday and then the meeting will be held on the day following the holiday or rescheduled accordingly. The village is authorized to notify by postings, newsletters or the news media of such meeting schedule.

RESOLVED that certain recurring charges such as postage, public utility bills, payroll salaries, petty cash and other usual expenses be paid in advance of audit of claims.

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to officers and employees of the village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the village at a rate of .585 cents per mile.

RESOLVED that the Capitalization Policy will be recorded on capital assets (.2 equipment) which generally have a cost of \$1,000 or more at the date of acquisition and have an expected useful life of more than one year.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Suffolk County Police Department: - One larceny involving a vehicle. Make sure you lock your car doors. Also, make sure if your Ring or security cameras are not hardwired that they are charged. It will make it a lot easier for Police to track criminals. Officer Gary Cena has retired from the third precinct today. Trustee Zepf would like to invite him to our next meeting to thank him for his service. He was with the NYPD from 1992 – 2002 and with the SCPD from 2012 – 2023.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- Trustee Zepf, Trustee Fawcett and Justice Kluepfel were all re-elected.
- Highway Foreman, John Catania has retired and we are looking forward to working with Michael Gralton as the new Highway Foreman. The Highway Building is almost complete.
- The Fireman's Run is this Saturday at 9am at Walker Beach.
- Historical Society is working on organizing the basement. They are forming a non-profit. Historical maps are being made up to be sold and will be available for sale at the Cocktail Party.

Deputy Mayor Zepf:

- Next week is the Maggie Fischer cross bay swim. Trustee Zepf will be participating, it is a great event.
- Code Officer Brenton Grupp has been hired. Still looking to fill in some gaps in coverage.
- Next month we will honor Police Officer Cena on his retirement.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations

- Starting this Monday at Walker Beach Impractical Smokers Food Truck will be there Monday's at 5:30pm.
- Wednesday Nights are Yoga at Walker Beach with Mary Finan.
- Thursdays are Family Fun Nights at Walker Beach with live music and food trucks.
- Cocktails on the Canal are Friday, July 14th from 6-9. You can buy tickets online or from the Village Office. The event will be held rain or shine and we will have tents. This is the 3rd year having this event.
- Historical Society is having a swag sale including children's sizes.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department

- Other than standard mowing lawns and cleaning drains our biggest project was helping to clean the lakes out. It took 50 dump truck loads of lily pads to clean the lakes and it looks like everything grew back. We will have to repeat this process as the first year is the hardest to see the results and will have the mechanical harvester in in about another month or so.
- The navigation lights at the end of the canal are now up and running and ready to go.
- Introduced and welcomed Mike Gralton, new Highway Foreman. We will be looking to hire at least one more Public Works employee.

Approve Final Site Plan for Brightwaters Lofts – 169 Orinoco Drive, Brightwaters, NY.
(Two story building with 2 handicap apartments and a commercial office on first floor and 5 single bedroom apartments on second floor.)

Public Comments:

- Chris Pace of N Windsor – How many parking spaces? There are 13 parking spaces. How many people are coming in to make a difference with the foot traffic to the businesses?
- Ann Shierant of Potter Blvd. – Thought there was only one apartment on the first floor in the original site plan.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

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

The requested revisions from the last meeting were made adding man made/ artificial.

Public Comments:

- Trustee Zepf – wanted to allow sports equipment on right of way.
- Chris Pace of N Windsor – Had issue with a Code Officer a long time ago involving his field stone on the right of way.
- Mayor Valdin – Right now we have nothing in place to enforce the Village's right of way.
- Joe Pers of Lakeview Ave E – Selective Enforcement. Geese and droppings are a big issue. Mayor advised that LI Orchestrating for Nature will be at next meeting to discuss the geese.
- Village Attorney Charles Casolaro – The Village has leeway in choosing how they can enforce their codes. It is not selective enforcement. The Village has a legal and fiduciary obligation to protect its land, properties and village right of way.

- Resident Mark Mulvey – Where is the right of way? Do we have maps? Yes. Not same for everyone in the Village.
- Anne Shierant of Potter Blvd – Where is the revision in the law? Added the one sentence with “any man-made or artificial structure”.

Motion to close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Motion to Adopt Local Law 1-2023 § 108-18 Placement of Materials in Certain Locations Prohibited.

LOCAL LAW 1-2023

THIS NEW LAW SHALL REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 108-18, AND ADD THE FOLLOWING:

**§ 108-18 PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS
PROHIBITED**

FIRST: No person shall construct, erect, store, plant, obstruct or place any material or object, including but not limited to, any man-made or artificial structure or object, fencing, stringlines, signs or any type of sports equipment, on any paved or unpaved portion of any village street or roadway or on any portion of village property between the road surface and the abutting owners’ property line, except as provided in section 108-13 of this code.

SECOND: **Separability.**

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this local law is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this local law.

This law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §§10(1)(ii)(d)(3) and 10(1)(ii)(e)(3) which permits villages to adopt local laws respective to their property, affairs, and government.

THIRD: **Effective Date.**

This act shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State as provided by law.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 3 ayes 1 nay: Deputy Mayor Zepf Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Appoint Brenton Grupp as Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$20 an hour.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Permission to pay Morton Buildings \$94,392 for materials of Highway Building (2nd payment).

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Permission to pay Pure Lake LLC (Weedoo Boat) for mechanical harvesting/weed removal in the lakes in the amount of \$16,750).

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Permission to order 40 pieces of 9-inch border with stake from Kidstuff Playsystems for new playground equipment \$3,000 plus \$325 shipping, totaling \$3,325.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Permission to pay NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services \$6,380.98. (FEMA State Share over paid the Village. The Federal Share underpaid the Village by \$32,609.29 and it was just received 6/27/23)

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Permission to contract with Skinnon & Faber, CPAs to perform the 2022-2023 audit and filing of State AUD report at a cost not to exceed \$15,500 and \$950 for the Justice Court Audit 2022-2023.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Permission to pay Salerno Insurance in the amount of \$97,667.91 for Municipal Insurance Renewal.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT July 10, 2023

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4383-4387	vouchers	\$281,208.97
Expense		
		\$
Alpha Carting May & June 2023		75,372.00
		\$
Salerno Insurance - Municipal Insurance Renewal		97,667.91

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	\$
GOGov - Municipal Software	14,100.00
	\$
Teamster Local 237 - Welfare Fund (Dental/Vision)	10,500.00
	\$
NYS Div of Homeland Security (FEMA State Share overpayment)	6,380.98

	\$
Income for Period: 6/6/2023 - 7/10/2023	2,119,352.51
Village Various Tax Payments 2023-2024	\$2,039,120.57
Building/Plumbing Permits	\$3,257.00
Walker Beach/Boat Basin Permits	\$2,965.00
FEMA Federal Share underpayment (Storm Isais)	\$32,609.29
Mortgage Tax Payment	\$27,197.48
BIG Donation (towards playground equipment)	\$6,200.00
Summer Program	\$4,640.00

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 7/10/2023

General Fund - BNB	222,163
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	2,994,970
Total Cash on Hand - General	3,217,183

Capital Fund	27,921
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CLASS Capital fund	14,509
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	42,429

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	333,594
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Canal Savings Fund - BNB	<u>12,252</u>
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345,845

Motion: Mayor Valdini	Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 4 ayes	0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Motion to open meeting to the public.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Public Comment:

- Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – Brightwaters Lofts Site Plan Approval. May 1st Minutes did not include the public comments made from residents. Mattress on balcony of Orinoco Dr Apartment.
- Anne Shierant of Potter Blvd. – Not in favor of the Brightwaters Lofts apartments. Too small and too close to the 4 corners.
- Sharon Cimino of Orchard Dr – Home on Windsor with cats that keep having kittens. Public Health hazard would love to see a local law put into place for spading /neutering cats.
- Chris Pace of N Windsor – Alpha coming too early (5:05am). Temporary speed humps on N Windsor. Change the sign for 5 tons.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: Trustee Fawcett

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.