

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – November 6, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, November 6, 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. Valdin	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdin 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 October 4, 2023 & October 16, 2023.

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

Suffolk County Police Department: - Officer Mareska sees the speeding on Peters and will address it and set up patrol there for presence. Next year on Halloween will maybe have an extra unit on. The older kids on Halloween have issues with trespassing and has kicked in the door of a resident on Plymouth and Phelps. The Officer requested the resident to please call 911 and not just the precinct as that is necessary to get the police over there. It is imperative to call 911 to get a car over to the issue to dispatch properly.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- Working with the village staff to close out CO's in a more-timely manner.
- Ongoing situation is erosion at the lakes and will be working with DPW Foreman to test 10 yards of bluestone to remediate.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department

- Trimming trees this month around village.
- Closed down Walker end of season.
- Cleaned out 55 storm drains with vacuum truck that we rented. There were 84 yards of debris dumped from the drains.
- Getting ready for the winter.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations

- There are a bunch of events in the month of November. 11/23 Turkey Trot, 11/25, Pictures with Santa at the Cabin followed by our annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 5pm sharp at the top of the canal.

Trustee Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Officer D'Elia resigned and the new Code Officer that is here tonight is being appointed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdin:

- The empty store on the south east corner of Orinoco in the downtown is still vacant. We've heard of a veterinarian that might be interested in the location but we have no plans or anything submitted to the Village.
- The builder of Marco Homes will be starting the apartment project at the old chase bank building in about month or so but once it starts it will be done quick.
- Storage facility should be complete by spring.
- Do not have current set of plans for pickleball and they will be submitting a brand-new application that hasn't been received yet. This project is still in discussion and is still in development.
- Highway Building Update – The interior carpentry was framed and the next step is to give out the electrical and plumbing award. Taking a little longer than hoped with the process of getting 3 quotes and prevailing wage but we are proceeding with the project.
- The Village Block Party is always a huge event that the village does in conjunction with the Business Association. Peter Pan Diner donated the kids game section and we have donations from the businesses that help offer many free things at this event.
- At the Village Garage Sale there were 30 people at park about 30 houses participated. We had music and food trucks in the park and the event has changed a bit.
- The Witches Paddle is a great event. We had 45 paddlers. Chris Pace donates the music for it. Trustee Zepf has his safety boat at the top of canal.
- Halloween parade was huge. We moved to Halloween because of the rain but will stick with Halloween for future years.
- Halloween night there was fence damage and there were 50-60 kids running around. They cost the village a couple thousand in fence damage. The Police were present.
- Today, we engraved 3 Veteran's Bricks for the walkway and 25 Family Bricks. We will introduce those new veteran bricks at the Veteran's Weekend Ceremony.
- Garden Club has been a big help with the boxes and plantings in the downtown.
- Art Council has been meeting and growing. The Historical Society had a meeting last week and resident John Clark was a speaker and presented on the 4 people from Brightwaters who died in combat.
- A petition was received from Peters Blvd. regarding the traffic and speeding cars. Every block has the same issue. We will have a meeting sometime soon to address these issues. When a petition is received with 50-60 signatures it goes a longer way then just addressing your concerns to the Trustees on the street. More thought will be involved with this and not an overnight fix.
- Girl Scout and Brightwaters resident, Evie Whitwell, built, installed and completed her Gold Award and created a new picnic area at Gilbert Park, consisting of 2 Adirondack chairs, a picnic table and garden.

Update on Suffolk County Transit Bus Stops: At corner of Richland Blvd. & Howells Road and corner of Union and Windsor Avenue.

Two weeks ago, there were signs at two locations with a notice of bus stops to be put in. One at the corner of Richland and Howells where there have been accidents and the other at the corner of Union and Windsor at the pedestrian island. The Village and the residents have urged the County to reconsider due to the safety and the unnecessary need for them. Legislator Flotteron sent the Village a letter that they will be reviewing the locations and consider the

accidents at the location. We will update the residents with any new information and follow up from the County regarding the bus stops.

Appoint Christopher Jimenez as a Parking Officer at a rate of \$16.00 an hour.

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

Appoint Zachary Guadalupe as an Automotive Equipment Operator at a rate of \$22.67 an hour

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

Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Local Law 2-2023 § 128-54 – Storage of Campers and Trailers.

The Attorney and Building Inspector drafted the new law and eliminated the size requirement and reduced the 96 hours to 72 hours to obtain a permit by the Board of Trustees and reduced the permit to 4 permits per year. Need more structure in the code to follow. In an extenuating circumstance the village would work with a resident. Mayor Valdini added that the purpose is to maintain the aesthetics and consistency of the Village and having the public hearing is to consider the residents feedback.

Open Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Local Law 2-2023 § 128-54 – Storage of Campers and Trailers.

Public Comment:

- Keith of 458 N Windsor – Should be able to store on property.
- Jen of 455 Pine Acres – There is no difference with a pop-up trailer vs. a boat. Against it. Takes times to clean up camper. The expense to store it is expensive. What about repairs to the camper and loading/packing? Does not agree to load up her camper a few days before trip will only be allowed 4 times a year. There should not be a limit. Maybe have a height requirement and seasonal permit should be considered.
- Arthur Angst of 447 Ackerson Blvd. – Storage is expensive. Maintains the trailer for repairs in driveway, should be able to do those things. Against limiting the number of times to store in driveway. If aesthetics is the issue there are other places he can store it. Against it financially and it should be allowed for convenience and leisure.
- Jim of 446 Peters Blvd. – Trailer is in driveway behind the house. Does not agree with a permit for 4 times a year and 72 hours. There should be no limit. Should be able to use it whenever.
- Matt Kane of 545 Peters Blvd. – Seasonal should allow campers on property. Only means of vacation through the summer time. Will be forced to sell the camper because of the storage rules. It's not right. There is a lack of rules for boats and is just as aesthetically unpleasing. Maybe set a height requirement.
- Judy Schoenfeld of Ackerson Blvd. – If you change the law for the camper the same should be done for the boat. A couple of people complain and now the law is being changed. She stated she always followed the current Code that 20 ft and under can keep in the backyard. She does not want to lose that freedom.
- Maria of 38 Woodland Drive – Should be able to keep a popup in the backyard. Could not even keep in the driveway because her driveway is on back road and can't be maneuvered that way. Always lets code know when she's loading and packing for a trip. Against any fees.

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- Jenn of 455 Pine Acres – Should be consistent with the Boat Codes to allow to store in backyard. Maybe consider to show that the boats are registered with the State. Do not have a set number should just be registered for each season to make sure they aren't on front yards for the whole season. Also keep the current code of 20 ft in backyard.
- Peter Tamsen of 501 Potter – Has a boat and a camper both registered. Deprives people of rights and is against it and unconstitutional.

Close Public Hearing

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

Public Hearing to consider the adoption of Local Law 3-2032 §119-4 Stop Intersections Designated: Hiawatha Drive and Pine Drive. Stop for traffic westbound on Hiawatha Drive

One side of Hiawatha is the Town of Islip. They have confirmed that the stop sign heading eastbound was approved by the town and will be installed.

Open Public Hearing

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

Public Comments:

- John Clarke of Hiawatha is for the stop sign.
- Ashley of 400 Pine Drive is for the stop sign.

Adopt Local Law 3-2032 §119-4 Stop Intersections Designated: Hiawatha Drive and Pine Drive. Stop for traffic westbound on Hiawatha Drive

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

Approve payment to Waterside Contracting Corp in the amount of \$15,000 for emergency repair to the Concourse W jetty. (Install new structural timber wales and decking).

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

Approve payment to Sunset Remodeling for carpentry labor for the Highway Building in the amount of \$8,383.96 from the Capital Account.

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

Approve payment to East Islip Lumber for framing/carpentry materials for the Highway Yard Building in the amount of \$5,929.16 from the Capital Account.

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

Approve to pay and release the final payment and retainage to Morton Buildings Inc. in the amount of \$18,796.85 upon Building Inspectors final inspections.

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

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts
VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT November 6, 2023

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4402-4403	vouchers	\$105,630.35
Expense		
Alpha Carting October 2023		\$38,236.00
NYS Employee Health Insurance Nov 2023		\$24,393.97
Protective Technologies International - Metal Detector		\$5,268.02
Income for Period: 10/5/2023 - 11/3/2023		\$5,584.00
Event Income	\$3,164.00	
Landscaping/Business License	\$590.00	
Building/ZBA Fees	\$1,535.00	
Clerk Fees	\$295.00	

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 11/6/2023

General Fund - BNB	209,781
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	1,736,616
Total Cash on Hand - General	1,946,447

Capital Fund	39,171
CLASS Capital fund	14,756
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	53,926

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	200,861
Canal Savings Fund - BNB	12,256
	213,117

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

Motion to Open to Public:

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

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Public Comment:

- Peter Fox of 563 Richland – Against the bus stop at Richland/Howells
- Arthur Angst of Ackerson Blvd – Montak Highway curbcuts. Paint a walkway. It is a State Road. Mayor and Clerk met with Senator Weiks and need to come up with a plan to remedy traffic on Montauk Highway.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì

Vote: 5 ayes

Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.