

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – March 4, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY, conducted in person as well as the Village's YouTube live page with the following officers present:

Thomas Zepf
Michael Dopsovic
Mary Del Vecchio
Patrick Fawcett
Nicole Rhodes
Charles Casolaro
Bob O'Shea

Deputy Mayor
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Clerk – Treasurer
Village Attorney
Building Inspector

Absent: Mayor John Valdin

At 7:30 pm, Deputy Mayor Zepf 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 February 5, 2024.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf	Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 3 ayes 0 nays	1 Absent
1 Abstained (Trustee Fawcett as he was not present for the 2/5/24 Meeting.)	

Suffolk County Police Department: - Suffolk County Police Officer Fisher was present for the meeting. Deputy Mayor Zepf pointed out that on Woodland / Union there has been alleged drug activity and the police were called 2-3 separate times on this. Trustee Dopsovic mentioned that just south of Union there is one house and service road. They are parking in service road and cutting through the grass to cut through to Union. The Officer will look into it.

Scout John Brownyard from Troop #153 based presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Board. He would like to spruce up the area at Wohseepee Cabin to include a 8x4 planter. He will fundraise in May and in June/July it will get built. Trustee Del Vecchio advised to get in touch with Jennifer Barlett and Anne Shierant from the Beautification Society to work out the details.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations:

- Saturday March 30th is the Easter Egg Hunt at Wohseepee Park sponsored by the Village and the Lions Club. The age groups will be separated.

Trustee Zepf – Code Enforcement:

- This month the Village had 4 Building Permits issued and 7 Plumbing Permits issued. 3 applicants will need to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals to request approval for a variance. The Town of is working on renewing our Inter-Municipal Agreement and contract to continue shared services with their Fire Marshall which has been very successful.
- We are still a little short staffed with Code Enforcement but they are great about covering shifts. They've been all over the Woodland / Union drug activity in contacting the police on that issue. Working to clean up the four corners, parking in front of the dance studio has been worse than he's ever seen.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department:

- The past month we've had to plow and salt the roads in turn creating more pot holes. The DPW is working on filling them in but if you see one that is missed, please call the Village Office. The storms keep coming through and we've been going around cleaning drains and some of the are clogging underground. Time has been spent on cleaning up the sweet gum trees and out of the drains. The spiked balls are everywhere. We ask our neighbors to give us a little assistance as well. The Village is looking into contacting an arborist on a chemical to inject to treat and alleviate some of the balls on the tree.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects:

- Trying to figure out how to manage the water on Concourse E & W. Looking into putting in 1-2 check valves to help. We have situations not in a rain event when the tide is high and flooding over the bulkhead. There's no one solution but are working on ways to manage it better to get it back to normal faster.
- Working on the erosion issues near the lakes. Trustee Fawcett met with Senator Weiks in Albany and she advise him to look into the fund for Clean Water Act. He is looking to see if the erosion at our lakes and beaches fall within the guidelines for this application. He's researched landscape mats to try to slow down the run off in the street and would like to start at Lakeview Ave W. Also, looking into using fill to extend the footage from the thruway. There are a couple of spots that were like 3 feet from the water's edge and that will continue to erode.
- Better ways to make our parks more user friendly for our seniors. All of our parks have been getting tremendous use over the past couple of years but there is not a lot of shade for our seniors.
- Trustee Fawcett has a special needs son and would like to see our code allow for caregivers of special needs or elders to live in the house. Currently the code doesn't allow for that.
- It is budget season and we are in a good spot. Trustee Fawcett admitted to being completely opposed to breaking the tax cap. We need to tighten our belts for a couple of years. One of the bigger budget issues we have is that we get CHIPS money to pave our roads and they have stopped allowing local governments to submit bond payments for CHIPS reimbursement. We will have to pave the roads to be reimbursed and we have two years left of bond payments.

Call for Public Hearing to be held on April 1, 2024 for the Tentative 2024-2025 Budget (The date was changed from the 1st to the 8th because of Easter Monday.)

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Appoint Michael Ruggiere and Rhonda Rauch as the Election Inspectors for the June 18th Village Election 7am – 9pm at a flat rate of \$225 per Election Inspector.

Motion: Mayor Valdin
Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Permission for the Village to enter into a Records Deposit agreement with the Brightwaters Historical Society.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts
VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT March 4, 2024

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4413-4416	vouchers	\$133,018.77
Expense		
Municipal Valuation Services - Assesor		\$5,735.00
Skinnon & Faber - Audit payment		\$6,625.00
BSBW Ambulance - 2023 Contract with soft billing		\$50,763.02
Alpha Carting - February 2024 Garbage Collection		\$38,236.00

Income for Period: 2/6/2024-3/4/2024		\$32,185.43
Cable Franchise Fees	\$12,233.50	
Building / Plumbing Permits	\$5,998.00	
Landscape & Business Licenses	\$4,690.00	
Taxes & penalties	\$8,361.99	

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 3/4/24

General Fund - DIME		226,475
General Money Market - DIME	50	
CLASS General		1,212,540

Total Cash on Hand - General	1,439,065
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Capital Fund	9,124
CLASS Capital fund	15,011

Total Cash on Hand - Capital	24,135
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Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	180,256
Canal Savings Fund - BNB	56
	180,313

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf	Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes	0 nays 1 Absent

Motion to Open to Public:

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Public Comment:

- Billy Knapp, Peters Blvd: Status of petition for the traffic situation on Peters. Increasing the presence of the Suffolk County Police Department to issue tickets for speeding and stop signs in the village.
- Bridget Cruickshank of Peters Blvd. address the traffic safety and petition on Peters Blvd.
- Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – Reach out to the Town of Islip for traffic engineer for traffic safety and survey/study. Show up to the precinct meetings in a big group to address the traffic safety. Weedoo Boats.
- Brent Kubison of Lombardy Blvd – Speeding on Lombardy. Threatened by the driver when approached. Offered to pay for the speed humps on Lombardy. 40 kids under 15 years old that hang out on the block.
- Josh McGregor corner of Mohawk & Lombardy. Speeding and rolling through stop signs on Lombardy.
- Arthur Angst of Ackerson Blvd – One Way Road.
- Anne Shierant of Potter Blvd. – Orinoco Corridor Legislation. Waiting on Environmental Review.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Trustee Fawcett
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.