

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – November 4, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

John J. Valdini	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary DelVecchio	Trustee
Charles J. Casolaro	Village Attorney
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Anthony Rambazis	Code Supervisor

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 our troops.

Approve minutes of October 7, 2019 & October 21, 2019

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

Bay Shore/Brightwaters Ambulance: Charlie Flood, representative of the Bay Shore / Brightwaters Ambulance reported that there were 5 calls for the Village of Brightwaters last month. Bay Shore vs. Brightwaters tax bill for Ambulance. Bay Shore averages \$220 per year/per home and Brightwaters averages \$85 per year / per home. Mayor Valdini and the Board of Trustees thanked the Ambulance for their involvement in the Block Party and Halloween Parade.

Suffolk County Police Department: An Officer came from the SCPD. Discussed Halloween night and that the kids were throwing pumpkins at the police cars and one was arrested. There was more petit larceny in the village due to unlocked cars. Monday, afternoon the Police arrived at the vacant property to address the concern of squatters exiting the vacant home on Hiawatha Drive. The Police can't arrest anyone unless there is a complaint from the property owner themselves or if the village deemed the house condemned. In the past the village has given violations and notified the bank that owns the property to keep it well maintained. With little response from the bank, the village Highway Department has cut the grass in the past and charged it back to their property tax bill which has been paid for by the bank with no issues. The Village Attorney and Building Inspector will notice the bank and take the appropriate steps to address this issue. As of now, the main priority is to secure the house, maintain the property and keep it from squatters. The ultimate goal would be to get rid of the structure.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- Orinoco Corridor – The Village Attorney is working with the Board of Trustees, Building Inspector and Planning Board to draft legislation for the rezoning of the Orinoco Corridor. There will be a residential and commercial mix and will be phasing out the industrial element. As legislation is being drafted there will be many Public Hearings and all residents will be notified.

- Tree Preservation Program – Planning Board member, Nick Sassone has been working with the Planning Board and the Board of Trustees in the development of a Tree Preservation Program. A lot of time and research has been spent in creating a program similar to what most other villages on Long Island currently have. The Board is still accepting feedback from residents and any suggestions to help finalize the guidelines for this program are welcomed.
- Halloween Parade – The parade was a successful one with many adults and kids dressed up in costumes. Next year Halloween is Saturday and the Mayor suggested to start the parade at 6pm for next year.
- Grants – The village is still waiting to learn the results of the Consolidated Funding Grants from NYS that were applied for. In one application, the village requested funds for a Local Waterfront Revitalization grant (which is needed to apply for the Canal Improvements) and the other to assist with the repairs of the Bridges/Cascades. NYS will be announcing the results in Mid-December. Even if we are not awarded the funds for the bridges the Board plans to move forward in repairing them by the Spring as they are deteriorating quickly. Also, the construction of handicap bathrooms at Walker Beach is on the list to apply for funds.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects:

- Treating Phragmites at the Lakes – The village has applied for a permit with the DEC for the treatment and removal of phragmites in certain locations surrounding the lakes. The best time to apply the treatment is in the fall and before the first frost. The application process is a lengthy one and the village will most likely receive the permit after the first frost. In the meantime, DPW will cut them down and then bring in a DEC recommended company, The Pond Guy, to begin treatment and removal of the phragmites next fall.
- Union Blvd – Has been cleaned up. The Islands will be done in stamped concrete that looks like brick.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway

- DPW did a great job with set up/clean up for the Block party, Pumpkin Run and Halloween Parade.
- DPW has been cleaning out all the drains around the village. If there are any that need cleaning, call village office.
- All equipment is being service in preparation for the winter.

Trustee DelVecchio – Celebrations/Events

- Block Party – 10 Junior Volunteers that consisted of Middle Schoolers helped out at the Block Party.
- Pumpkin Run – Trustee Del Vecchio thanked the Stefan & Jenny Hespeler for organizing the Pumpkin Run with Kevin Niles. She added that the Witches Paddle up the canal was a great addition to the event and a photo of it was featured on the cover page of the Islip Bulletin.
- Photos with Santa will be held at Wohseepee Cabin from 10am-2pm on November 30th along with the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5pm at the head of the Canal.
- The Village Office will be selling Night the Light kits in conjunction with Bay Shore Beautification.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Trustee Zepf thanked Police, Code and DPW for their help on Halloween night. There were over 300 kids. This year the Village of Babylon had a curfew and the village may think about incorporating that into our policy next year.

Fire Marshal's report:

All Public Assembly and Multiple Dwelling occupancies within the Village of Brightwaters are currently valid and up to date.

Commercial occupancy fire inspections continue in the Village of Brightwaters with subsequent re-inspections having also been conducted to insure that all violations have since been removed.

There were no request for investigation of fire by the Bay Shore Fire Department during the past month.

Noted below, please find a complete list of classes recently attended at the FIREHOUSE Expo & Conference in Nashville. I had the opportunity to receive a variety of trainings from nationally recognized experts in their respective fields.

- Searching Beyond The Fire
- Turning School Tragedy Into Community Empowerment
- Courage Under Fire: The challenging art of fire department leadership
- Hoarder Homes: Piles of hazards for fire fighters
- Rescue Me: Managing employee fires
- Structure Fire: Primary search

Sincerely,

Matthew Brennan

Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal
Village of Brightwaters

Approve Abstracts and Treasurer's report

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT November 4, 2019

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4198 - #4202	vouchers	\$124,343.37
Alpha Carting - October 2019		\$ 27,454
NYS Employees Health Insurance - November 2019		\$ 20,307
KS Statebank - (2 of 4 install) DPW Plow Truck		\$ 44,639

11/04/2019 – Board of Trustees Meeting

PABCO Industries - Leaf Bags

\$ 3,258

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 11/4/2019

General Fund - BNB

191,

General Money Market - BNB

CLASS General

1,524,

Total Cash on Hand - General

1,716,

Capital Fund

29,

CLASS Capital fund

13,

Total Cash on Hand - Capital

43,

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB

95,

Charitable Reserve Fund for Cabin Restoration - BNB

Public Comments

- Resident Lauren Ferlin – Vacant Home on Hiawatha
- Resident Sharon Cimino – Vacant Home on Hiawatha
- Resident Stefan and Jenny Hespeler – Pumpkin Run
- Resident Jason Ruggiere – Orinoco Corridor
- Resident Ellen Flotteron – Woodland / Johnson white stripe for stop sign
- Resident Peggy Arcuri – Traffic Measures in the downtown at crosswalks
- Resident Ann Shierant – Traffic Study for downtown
- Resident Joan Manahan – shopping carts dumped on lawns

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.