

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – August 7, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, August 7, 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 July 10, 2023.

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

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- Basic shell of Highway Building is all done. Will hopefully be doing the underground plumbing within the next week or so and then do the concrete work. Slow steady pace but anticipate the Highway guys to move in by the end of November. Working on some more bids, the electrical bid and carpentry bid. Will give the guys a nice working environment to work out of rather than the temporary trailer we have now.
- Very end of Concourse West the bulkhead sticks out called a breakwater. It is shifting and moving and in need of emergency repairs. It will cost about \$15,000.
- Front door entrance of Village Hall is being done through the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). Also, the roof was done under this as well as we received \$30,000 from JCAP.
- Concrete slab was done down at Gilbert Park to install the 6 Adirondack chairs and bench.
- Weedoo boats will be in tomorrow and we will be starting the trimming around the lakes.
- 200-300 people every Thursday night at Walker Beach over the summer with live music.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department

- Other than the normal everyday mowing, raking and watering the plants we did have that July 16th rainstorm that gave us 4 ½ inches of rain in a couple of hours. DPW was cleaning the drains to alleviate any flooding around the village.
- A week ago, Winter Bros Garbage Truck blew a hydraulic hose at the four corners. Wants to thank everyone who came out and assisted: Bay Shore Fire Department, Bay Shore / Brightwaters EMS, Suffolk County Fire Rescue & Emergency Services, Suffolk County Hazmat, Town of Islip Hazmat, Town of Islip Ambulance, NYS DEC, Suffolk County Sheriff, Suffolk County Police Department, MTA Police Department and the LIRR. It was all cleaned up in 4 hours. Nothing got in the drains.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- Weedoo Boats is coming in again this week. The hope is, is that the more we do it the less the species will regrow. The lack of oxygen is killing the lakes and need to be taken care of.
- Repairing some of the banks around the lakes this fall with use of bio logs.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations

- Thanked everyone who came to the Cocktails on the Canal. It was a great event. 240 people came. It ended up being a beautiful night with no rain.
- Camp finished up. Kids looked like they had a ton of fun.
- Coming up in the next couple of weeks. This Wednesday we have BINGO night (sponsored by the Business Association and many prizes are gift cards donated by the businesses), the Snapper Tournament is coming up \$5 entry includes BBQ dinner, poles \$10 (another Snapper Tournament is being run by the Rotary Club) poles. Food trucks are being stationed at Walker Beach. There's a new food truck called Groovy Smoothie on Sundays 8am-12pm selling acai bowls and smoothies.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Officer Cena could not make it to meeting tonight to honor his retirement.
- Bringing back Tony Rambazis. He will be a nice anchor in the Code Dept.
- Great work by the Code Dept and Highway Dept at the Maggie Fischer Swim.
- June and July issued 9 Building Permits, 9 other permits for fencing and plumbing. Big Projects: World Gym and the construction of the Highway Building. 5 Code Tickets with an appearance date of August 16th.

Guest Speaker Christine Miceli, Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator: Has been rehabilitating and saving wildlife in our area for a long time now. This year the geese population was down this year and half of what we had last year with only two families. The geese droppings should not be an issue health wise it is a great fertilizer. There are so many solutions to keeping the geese population down. One we do already is the egg oiling, which Christine has offered to do for free for the Village. If you chase the geese away or do a roundup all you are doing is your creating a vacancy for more to come. They gravitate to the water. We have to share the lakes with the geese. You can tell people to not to feed them and educate the people more but we have to learn to co-exist with them while reducing the population by oiling the eggs in a humane way. There are also other options such as planting certain plants around the lakes or people can plant them on their properties to deter the geese.

Robert Guadagna of Geesebusters was present at the meeting and offered to give the Village a quote for his services to keep the geese away but it is a routine maintenance expense to be done on a yearly basis. He introduces an aerial predator (drone) into the air sounding a whistle like a hawk while conditioning and training the geese to leave. It takes 1-3 weeks to clean them out and is in the area from sunrise to sunset to achieve this.

Permission to hire R. Landscaping Inc. to prune overgrowth and shrubs around the lakes at \$1,000 a day, not to exceed \$7,000. (Received 2 other quotes from Giannini Landscaping \$1,800/day and DiGiovanna Landscaping \$2,450/day)

Motion: Mayor Valdinì

Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

8/7/2023 – Board of Trustees Meeting

Permission to pay L & A Bubba BBQ Catering for the food and service for the Cocktails on the Canal event held on July 14, 2023.

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

Permission to pay Morton Buildings, Inc in the amount of \$134,691 progress payment for Highway Yard Building.

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

Approve Change order in the amount of \$46,402 from Morton Buildings, Inc. to add shop area ceiling to be insulated to R-38 and covered with vapor barrier and white aqestical high-rib steel bottom of roof trusses.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 4 ayes 1 nay: Trustee Fawcett

Appoint Luke Jenson as Highway Laborer at a rate of \$22.67 an hour.

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

Appoint Tony Rambazis as Code Officer at a rate of \$20.00 an hour.

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

Appoint Charles J. Casolaro as Village Attorney for the term July 1, 2023 – July 1, 2024.

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

Approve Public Assembly Permit for Northwell Race to be held on September 30th from 7:30am – 11:30am. Fee: 850.

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

Permission to discount the Mooring rate to half price as of August 15, 2023.

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

Approve Treasurer's report and abstracts
VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT August 7, 2023

Seeking to approve payment on:

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Abstracts #4388-4392	vouchers	\$143,576.67
Expense		
Alpha Carting July 2023		\$38,236.00
Weedoo Boats - Mechanical Harvesting of Lakes		\$16,750.00
Suffolk County Water Authority - Hydrant Rental		\$7,889.00
Employee Health Insurance - August 2023		\$25,896.54
Income for Period: 7/11/2023 - 8/7/2023		\$402,898.75
Village Various Tax Payments 2023-2024	\$373,972.63	
Building/Plumbing Permits/ZBA Fees	\$3,135.00	
Walker Beach/Boat Basin Permits	\$5,621.00	
Event Income	\$12,980.00	
Treasurer's Report		
Cash on Hand as of 8/7/2023		
General Fund - BNB		116,808
General Money Market - BNB		50
CLASS General		<u>3,006,436</u>
Total Cash on Hand - General		3,123,294
Capital Fund		27,951
CLASS Capital fund		<u>14,565</u>
Total Cash on Hand - Capital		42,515
Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB		217,583
Canal Savings Fund - BNB		12,253
		229,836

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
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:

- John Clarke of Hiawatha Dr. – Increase pay for Code Officers to prevent turn over.
- Chris Pace of Windsor Avenue – Follow-up from previous meetings. Right of Way Code, Taking down Village Trees and fines, Garbage man too early, Beautification in Downtown (weeds in cracks of sidewalks), Crosswalks, Mama Santina's/Medical Buildings, Stop sign near beer distributor, speed humps at N Windsor, Fence near Wohseepee for camp, crosswalks at Windsor near park.
- Richard Dayhab of Lakeview Ave N – Spotted Lantern Fly. Trees to cut down.
- Sharon Cimino of Orchard Blvd. – Oiling Eggs for free by Christine Miceli, Code for mandating spaying and neutering cats.
- Joe Pers of Lakeview Ave – Can the Board discuss the possibility of hiring Geese Busters at next Working Meeting.
- Michelle Oliveri, Bay Shore Resident – Population Control of Geese is best method, chasing them will only have them return.
- Anne Shierant of Potter Blvd. – Garden Club would help with plantings around the lakes putting in plant types that geese do not like to be part of the solution with the geese.
- Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd. – Lights down on Howells, do we still have insurance policy?
- John Corlito of Lagoon Drive – Orinoco: Improvements at Wolf property. Put up hedge/repair gates.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.