

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

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| 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 |
| John Catania | DPW Foreman |
| 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 November 4, 2019 and November 18, 2019

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

Open Public Hearing – To determine whether to maintain or remove the stop sign for traffic located at Woodland Drive and Johnson Drive.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 3 ayes 0 nays Recused: 2 (Mayor Valdini & Trustee Dopsovic)

Resident, Robin Racanelli of 300 Woodland Drive is in opposition of the stop sign in front of her house on Woodland and Johnson Dr. She thanked the Board for listening to her opposition. And asked that all emails between herself, her husband and Trustee Dopsovic to be put on record. She requested the Board to consider removing the signs. Steven Schneider of Schneider Engineering was hired by the Racanelli's to conduct a traffic study in which he prepared a report on his findings and he presented them to the Board. His findings do not support maintaining the stop sign located at 300 Woodland Drive. Robin Racanelli has 14 petitions from residents on her block that are not opposed to the removal of the stop sign.

Public Comments:

- Molly Dopsovic of Woodland Drive handed to the Board Petitions that were in favor of the stop signs.
- Christine Capol of Woodland Drive is in favor of the stop signs.
- Gene Racanelli of Woodland Drive is not in favor of the stop signs

A complete transcript of the Public Hearing was documented by Court Reporter, Barbara Daniels and will be filed with the Village.

A decision will be reserved for the January Working Meeting.

Close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Trustee Fawcett

Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 3 ayes

0 nays

Recused: 2 (Mayor Valdinì & Trustee Dopsovic)

Suffolk County Police Department: An Officer came from the SCPD. It's been quite this month as far as larcenies in unlocked vehicles. There was a larceny reported of a bicycle stolen from an unlocked shed. Down on Orinoco a large number of tools were stolen from a trailer.

The Mayor advised that there was a post on facebook stating that there was an incident in Wohseepee Park but it was never reported to the police. Also, the Village Office was never notified. The Mayor reminded everyone not to always believe everything that is posted on social media and to call the Village if they have any questions. The Officer confirmed that there were no 911 calls for any incidents located in Wohseepee Park.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdinì:

- Want to thank Judy Sally for all her help in organizing the Photo's with Santa. Unfortunately, Judy fell while she was setting up and was in the hospital for a few days. The Mayor thanked Nikki thaw for stepping in and taking the reigns for the Photos with Santa.
- We will be learning the outcome of our grant applications in mid-December. The bridges are in bad shape and will need to be repaired by the Spring with or without grant funds. The paperwork with the DEC for the bridges will need to be filed. A bid will go out for the bridges once we received the scope of work from our Village Engineer.
- Cabin Use – There have been applications for outside people to use the cabin. The idea is not to have the cabin be a profit generating facility for the people renting it out. Still trying to work out the system.
- A home on Hiawatha is abandoned. Our Village Attorney and Building Inspector are in communication with the Bank and their attorney to remedy the unkept property maintenance. We will be giving them another week or so and if nothing is done the Village Highway Department will clean it up and we will levy the taxes. That process has been done in the past and the bank pays the Village every year when the taxes and property maintenance charges are due.
- All boats need to be out of the canal. They should've been by the first of December but we will be following up with those still in to get them out.
- The Mayor thanked the staff for having a great year this year.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects:

- Is in the process of reviewing the bridge inspection reports from NYS.
- There has been localized flooding on the Concourse which is an act of mother nature and there is nothing the village can do to alleviate it.
- Looking into budgetary items concerning the canal.
- Over the winter months Trustee Fawcett will spend some more time on the finances.
- The cascades were painted in late August and came out nice. He will be keeping an eye on the overall upkeep of the village.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway

- The Highway Department is in the middle of fall cleanups with leaves and clearing the gutters and drains of leaves and standard maintenance of the village.
- The water on the canal is closing for the winter.
- The Highway Department set up for the tree lighting event.

Trustee DelVecchio – Celebrations/Events

- This Saturday the Village hosted the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Trustee Del Vecchio thanked the Valdini Family for serving hot chocolate and cookies. Thanked the Bay Shore High School's Harmonaires for coming and volunteering to sing at the Tree Lighting. Also, thanked the Mooney's for bringing Santa in on a Water Taxi.
- This Sunday night is Light the Night at sunset. If you haven't purchased a Light the Night kit you can at Village Hall or at any many stores on Main Street (\$10 a kit). The Business Association will be offering cookies and hot chocolate at the cabin during Light the Night.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Due to the flooding on the Concourse, Deputy Mayor Zepf suggested that if residents can't access their driveways to park their cars on the side streets and Code will not issue tickets.
- With the holidays around the corner all residents should lock their vehicles and keep track of any packages they are ordering to be delivered to prevent anything from being stolen.
- Having Commercial Vehicles in driveways at night is a violation of Village Code and they will be ticketed.
- If you see any suspicious activity in the Village please call the Police first and then notify Code.

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.

On Monday, November 4th there was a request for investigation of a hazardous structure by the Bay Shore Fire. The structure in question was 24 Hiawatha Dr. Upon arriving at the structure it was found to be vacant but rumored to be occupied by a "squatter". Additionally, it was evident that the first floor of the structure had recently been "boarded up" of which I later learned from talking with Mayor Valdini was completed by the village DPW. Several discussions followed with Building Inspector Robert O'Shea regarding safe guarding, eviction protocols and general authorities having jurisdiction. Inspector O'Shea has followed up on the situation with the Suffolk County Police Department, and to the best of my knowledge the structure currently remains vacant.

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 December 2, 2019

Seeking to approve payment on:

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| Abstracts #4203 - #4208 | vouchers | \$98,502.92 |
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| Alpha Carting - November 2019 | \$ | 27,454.33 |
| NYS Employees Health Insurance - December 2019 | \$ | 20,307.44 |
| Teamsters Local 237 Welfare Fund (6/1/19-5/31-19) | \$ | 12,750.00 |

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 12/2/2019

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| General Fund - BNB | 152,030 |
| General Money Market - BNB | 50 |
| CLASS General | 1,426,422 |
| Total Cash on Hand - General | 1,578,503 |

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| Capital Fund | 29,980 |
| CLASS Capital fund | 13,868 |
| Total Cash on Hand - Capital | 43,848 |

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| Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB | 90,406 |
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| Charitable Reserve Fund for Cabin Restoration - BNB | - |
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Public Comments

- Resident William Kramer of Concourse West – Flooding on the Concourse from the bay.
- Resident Sean MacDonald of Lombardy Blvd. – Sycamore tree lines blocking view of backing out of driveway and requesting to be removed.
- Resident Joseph McDermott of Potter Blvd. – Security Cameras at the cabin. Policy for the cameras.
- Resident Ann Scheirant of Potter Blvd. – Security Camera Policy, traffic survey/master plan, Orinoco Corridor.
- Joan Manahan of Manatuck Blvd. – Pictures with Santa.

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.