

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – December 6, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, December 6, 2021 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. Valdinì	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
John Catania	DPW Foreman
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdinì 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 November 1, 2021 & November 15, 2021

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

Suffolk County 3rd Precinct: 3 incidents in the Village. One was a stolen credit card from an unlocked vehicle. Everyone needs to lock their vehicles, please remind people over and over again. Another was a gas meter stolen from a house. The last one was harassment reported between two drivers in a road rage incident.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdinì:

- Judy Sally, resident and volunteer has been doing Photos with Santa for about 28-29 years and we are so lucky to have her run the event. The same volunteers keep coming back and we want to thank them.
- Over 200 people were down at the canal for the Lighting of the Menorah hosted by Rabi Stillerman. The Village supports the event with tables.
- Come the beginning of the year we will start getting prices for the painting, power washing, etc. for the gazebo project. Anticipating to start this project as soon as the weather breaks.
- The Orinoco Re-zoning project is still being worked on by the Planning Board and the Board has not had anything presented to them as of yet. They are still researching and will have some public meetings and after that the Board will be more involved in it. When the Public Meetings are scheduled we will let you know.
- Mama Santina's is well underway. They are working on the Parking lot today and hopefully in a couple of months it will be completed and all cleaned up.
- Next Spring down at Walker Beach we are looking into the possibility of a pickle ball/bocce ball court per the request of some residents. Also, renovating the bathrooms at Walker to be handicap compliant.
- Christmas Eve at 5pm in front of the Village Deli, musicians from Bay Shore and Brightwaters show up and do Christmas Caroling. They provide song sheets for everyone its really a nice

event. A lot of people ask why do they do it on Christmas Eve but this particular group has been doing this over there for over 50 years. We will put it out to the residents in an email. Usually about 30-40 people show up. Its about a half hour to 45 minutes.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- A lot of ongoing projects in the Village including our Lakes Project. Still waiting to get a meeting with our new representative at Solitude to come up with a long-term plan.
- An email went out to BSBW Ambulance and we are waiting on them to get more information back to us before we sign up with them for another contract for 2022.
- Looking at the banks at the lakes, gilbert park drainage issues and putting some benches in and some other improvements.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department

- Highway Department has been very busy with cleaning the leaves at Wohseepee park and around the Village.
- They have decorated at the Head of Canal and four corners.
- Over at the Gilbert Park some RCA was spread over there and we are determining whether topsoil will be added to it.
- This time of year, is cleaning the drains throughout the village. If you see any drains with leaves on them let the office know.
- All set with the sanders and plows for the winter. We are ready to go.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations/Events

- The Parking lot was redone at Wohseepee Park. Please use it as it is the safest place to park over there. We still have a lot of people parking on the street with the parking lot empty so if you can please encourage your neighbors to use it for parking.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- We have some new hires in the Code Department which is great and will cover some of the gaps in the schedule.
- We are in the process of transitioning into a new Code Supervisor which is a current Code Officer and it is going great.
- Try working things out with your neighbors with regards to package deliveries throughout the holiday season. It happens every year where packages are stolen before the person gets home to take the package in.

Fire Marshal Report

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

Inspections of commercial occupancies continue in the Village of Brightwaters with re-inspections having also been conducted to ensure that all violations have since been removed.

Progress continues regarding the submitted plans from the Brightwaters Deli at 3 N. Windsor Ave. Approval & Acceptance is being coordinated with Building Inspector Robert O'Shea who has also received renovation plans to the occupancy.

I would like to take this time to wish the Mayor, Board of Trustees and the entire Staff at the Village of Brightwaters a Very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy & Safe Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal
Village of Brightwaters

Bay Shore Fire District 2022 Budget Presentation by chairman of the Board, Gary Arnold:

The Fire budget goes from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. They are proposing about a 2% increase roughly about \$320 a house. The insurance estimate is a lot lower from 2021 about \$21,000 so it is always estimated higher. Facilities and equipment wise, the Fire Department is in the best shape they've been in in a long time. Main facility was redone and all major equipment and vehicles have been updated. Trustee Fawcett asked if the Fire Department is qualified to handle all the new high-rise buildings in Bayshore? Gary Arnold responded that yes, they can but if were one or two more stories higher that they would not be able to get up there with the equipment they currently have. In the process of updating their boat and also some technology.

Approve Bay Shore Fire District 2022 Contract in the amount of \$355,029.

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

Approve Payment to Fifth Avenue Paving in the amount of \$29,000 for the installation of Blacktop Paving lot and driveway area at Wohseepee Park.

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

Ambulance Discussion: Currently, the Village pays the Ambulance about \$95,000 a year to serve our residents. In the Town of Islip, they went over to soft billing which is where the Ambulance would charge the resident's insurance company for the Ambulance ride. The town is currently paying them and also doing the soft billing and will be reflected on next year's tax bill. We are looking into this further and requesting more information from the Ambulance to come to a decision on this. We would like to do what's best for residents and savings for residents overall.

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts
VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT December 6, 2021

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4320-4324	vouchers	\$674,660.29
Expense		
Alpha Carting for October & November 2021		\$72,072.00
Louis Barbato Landscaping-Village Tree Planting		\$11,880.00
BSBW Ambulance-2021 Contract in full	\$	95,680.00
NYS & Local Retirement System-Annual Payment Contribution 2021	\$	99,466.00
NYS Employees' Health Insurance Pending	\$	22,309.76

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Bay Shore Fire District - 2021 Fire District Protection	\$	321,025.00
Sit Back & Relax - Tree Trimming around Lakes	\$	7,000.00

Income for Period: 11/2/2021-12/6/2021	\$31,906.37
Various Building Permits / ZBA Fees	\$11,445.35
Event Income	\$5,670.25
Cable Franchise Fee	\$12,693.97

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 12/6/2021

General Fund - BNB	151,162
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General Money Market - BNB	50
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CLASS General	1,481,117
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Total Cash on Hand - General	1,632,329
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Capital Fund	12,092
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CLASS Capital fund	13,962
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Total Cash on Hand - Capital	26,054
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Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	223,944
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Canal Savings Fund - BNB	61,889
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285,832

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.