

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – October, 19, 2020

The mid-month meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:30pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY with the following officers present:

John J. Valdin	Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk - Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Robert O'Shea	Building Inspector
Anthony Rambazis	Code Supervisor

Absent: Deputy Mayor Zepf

At 7:30pm Mayor, John J. Valdin called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Appoint Patrice Flerx as Part-time Court Clerk at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: 1

Topics for Discussion:

- Review Local Law 2-2020 Adding New Chapter 129 Property Maintenance for the Central Business District". The Trustees requested the Village Attorney Charles Casolaro to revise the law to only include the Central Business for now and to raise the signage in windows to 25%. Will put on Agenda 11/2/20 for Adoption. After adoption letter should be handed out to all tenants and property owners with a copy of the Code. Also, after adoption only existing businesses will have 6 months to remedy. All New Businesses coming in will have to adhere to Code immediately. Any relief of this Code will require the owner or tenant to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals to request a variance.
- Review Proposed Sign Code from Planning Board. The Planning Board has drafted up a Sign Code for the Board of Trustees to review. Village Attorney Charles Casolaro was instructed to review the Code more thoroughly and will address it at the next meeting.
- Review Village Code, Chapter 75, Article VI Landscaping. Clerk Nicole Rhodes advised the Board that the office has had many "one time" Gardeners that come in to mulch or do a clean-up and Tree Companies to take a tree down on private property come into the Village asking if they need a Landscapers License. It was unclear to the office if that was what the Landscaper License was intended for. All Trustees agreed that they are required to get a Landscapers License and this is to protect the homeowner.
- Review Local Law to Amend Powers of the Planning Board. The Village Attorney drafted up a law to take the Planning Board out of the advisory sphere and to have actual binding powers. It was discussed and determined by the Board that they would like the Planning Board to focus on strictly just the Businesses and not have any binding powers on private dwellings.

- Lakes Meeting this past Saturday consisted of about 25 people. The topics discussed were the Geese, Bridges, Lily Pads and Shoreline. Residents wanted the overgrowth to be addressed growing into the walkways. Also, some wanted to see the bridges become pedestrian only bridges. Residents also suggested plants to be put around our lakes to help with the invasive species. It became aware that the pond weed in the central lake is cutting off oxygen and the water flow.
- Halloween – Trustee Del Vecchio suggested printing out a flyer for residents to post on their door if they feel comfortable having trick or treaters on Halloween. After the meeting it was determined that Nassau County has developed a project for this same idea and used the color purple. The Halloween Parade is still on and social distancing and masks are required.
- Veterans Memorial Walkway – The second round of bricks are being engraved at the walkway. Color Guards and American Legion will be contacted for their participation. A meeting with resident Bobby Hulse is set up for Thursday to discuss more ideas. Chairs will be set up so that they are spread out to socially distance and masks are required. Resident Ken Michaels volunteered his help with the live streaming of the event. The event is on November 7th at 10AM.
- Gazebos at Head of the Canal – Electrical and painting are in need. It was brought up to possibly do a fundraiser with another walkway of family names to raise money for the renovation of the gazebos. Electricians and painters are being contacted for quotes.
- Photos with Santa will be a lot different this year. We will not have Santa at the Cabin taking photos. The photographer will book appointments in advance and a backdrop or outdoor photos will be used.
- Pine Drive – In desperate need of paving. In contact with Town Owens Commissioner of Town of Islip. We would like to work out some sort of agreement to receive help from the town with this project.
- Projects for the Spring include Pine Drive, Gazebos, Bridge and Handicap Bathrooms at Walker Beach.

Motion to adjourn Meeting

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays Absent: 1

Meeting adjourned 9:17pm