

9/4/12 - Board of Trustees Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – SEPT. 4, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Tues., Sept. 4, 2012 at 8:00 pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph A. McNulty

Robert W. Fischer

John J. Riordan

Timothy H. Cox

John P. Finnerty, Esq.

Christine O'Shea

Mayor

Deputy Mayor/Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Village Attorney

Village Clerk Treasurer

Absent: Denise Gibson, Trustee

At 8:02 pm, Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of 8/6/12 and 8/22/12 as written was offered by Tr. Fischer, seconded by Tr. Riordan and all approved 4/0.

Suffolk County Police Dept. Third Precinct

No officers present at this meeting.

Trustee Reports

Code Enforcement

Trustee Fischer read his report for this meeting –
Report for the month of August 2012.

Summons served 25

Fines collected \$1550.

Complaints prepared 12

Building permits issued 5 with fees of \$590.

Building permit renewals 2 with fees of \$95.

C. O. inspections 7 @ \$350.

Dumpsters 5 @ \$125.

Fence permits 2 @ \$50.

Matt Brennan, Fire Marshal, has stated all is well within the village. All public assembly and multiple dwelling permits are currently valid and up to date.

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Tr. Fischer stated that we will be receiving a grant from NYS DEC to map water outflows within the village.

Tr. Fischer also announced: On August 24 residents on the Neighborhood Watch (NW) mailing list received an email which contained language which shocked this Board. The language was racial and offensive. The email originated with an unnamed resident and from what we understand was forwarded to everyone on the NW email list by an organizer. Forwarding such an email constitutes an endorsement of the content. I wish to state that the VOBW is not connected in any way with this email, and it finds the language and intent objectionable. The VOBW is a community full of good people and racist material is not welcome here. The vigilante nature of that email is repulsive to this Board. I was contacted by several citizens who wondered how such a thing could happen. The NW is an independent group of citizens, not connected with the government of this Village and responsible only to themselves for their communications. This Board has supported NW and it's admirable goals since its inception, but those goals were not represented by the email of August 24. The Mayor was so shocked by this incident that he called Insp. Rios at the 3rd Prct. to alert him and the COPE team of the matter.

I wish to state clearly that the VOBW CE program operates without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, family status in its mission to uphold the laws of the VOBW. Racist material from unnamed sources should be rejected and fought against by every resident of this village.

Administration

Tr. Riordan moves to approve accounts payable vouchers on Abstract Report #3680 for \$63,731.58 and noting the garbage contract at \$31,000 and health insurance at \$18,000 with other usual expenses and Tr. Fischer seconded and all approved 4/0.

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Highway Dept.

Tr. Riordan read his report for this meeting –

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

September 4, 2012 Meeting

- The month of August was busy with community events. The Department set up for the Ice Cream Social in the beginning of the month and ended with the Snapper Tournament; both went off well and were well attended. The Department also prepped Wohseepee Cabin for the Veteran Benefits Program Day.
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- Also, during the month the Village partnered with the Town of Islip, in paving Bay Way Avenue, curb to curb, from Shore Road to South Country Road/Rte 27A. This project went well and did not encounter any unexpected problems or delays.
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- The thunderstorms during the month brought heavy rainfall, which caused flooding of many roadways in our Village. The crews were busy cleaning the drains of storm driven debris, thereby permitting proper drainage flow. Unfortunately, the amount of the rain in such a short period of time, combined with the present high water table condition caused major flooding in some areas of the Village. We are looking at these areas of concern, to see if there are any undetected blockages.
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- The regular village maintenance continued with trimming and cutting, removal of seaweed, sign replacement, watering of plants and servicing of the equipment used in these activities.

Consideration continues to be given to **traffic concerns** in the **Lakes area**. The introduction of a series of stop signs and a lowering of the area speed limit to 20 miles an hour may be the most practical means of dealing with this problem. A 20 MPH speed zone can be proposed for the entire lengths of Lakeview Avenue East and Lakeview Avenue West. Additionally, stop signs can be proposed to be placed at the following north bound and south bound points.

Lakeview Avenue West, north bound:

- 1) At the southern property line of 243 L.A.W.
- 2) At the southern property line of 263 L.A.W.
- 3) At the intersection of Woodland Drive.
- 4) At the southern property line of 295 L.A.W.

Lakeview Avenue West, southbound:

- 1) At the northern property line of 295 L.A.W.
- 2) At the intersection of Woodland Drive.
- 3) At the northern property line of 243 L.A.W.

Lakeview Avenue East, southbound:

- 1) At the intersection of Phelps lane

Lakeview Avenue East, northbound:

- 1) At the intersection of Phelps lane
- 2) At the intersection of Lakeview Avenue South.

Tr. Cox said that the hours are extended till 10am for dogs off leashes at Gilbert Park. This happens the day after Labor Day and continues until the day before Memorial Day. The village garage sale for residents only is being held on Saturday, Sept. 29th; only 65 spots are available. This event fills up

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quickly, so if you want to sell your stuff sign up soon. Also, we do need volunteers for this event, so please contact us if you available.

Treasurer Report @ 8/31/12

<i>Municipal checking:</i>	
General Fund	\$89,340
Payroll Fund	\$241
Trust & Agency Fund	\$2,448
Restoration Fund	\$6,265
<i>Investments:</i>	
CLA\$\$ General Fund	\$1,288,925
CLA\$\$ B.I.G. Fund	\$3,049

Adopt Local Law #10-2012 to amend 119-4

Tr. Fischer moved to amend 119-4 to add stop signs at Manatuck Blvd. and Mohawk Dr. and to be known as local law #10-2012 and Tr. Riordan seconded and all approved 4/0.

Award Street Light Maintenance Bid

Tr. Fischer announced that we had received three bids - Hinck Electric \$20,977., Welsbach Electric \$14,862., and Palace Electric \$40,448. Tr. Fischer moved to approve Welsbach Electric and Tr. Riordan seconded and all approved 4/0.

Mayors Speech on Charles Fischer

Mayor stated: I can't tell you how bad I feel loosing Charlie, his sage advice, his financial management expertise and his dead loyal friendship. I, in particular, the village in general is going to miss Charlie Fischer and all that he has offered during the past 15 years. Thank you Charlie, as the Mayor, your friend, but most importantly your brother. I wish you only the very best in your new endeavor. Unfortunately, our great loss is someone else's gain. Again, Charlie, more formally, Mr. Fischer, I thank you for all you have done for our village. We wish you only the best.

I and the Board of trustees have re-examined the highway yard and I have appointed Mr. Michael K. Ackerson as Village of Brightwaters Highway Foreman. He has taken over the duties as of 7am on Tues., Sept. 4, 2012.

Cell Tower

The mayor stated that the village has been approached about installing a cell tower at Gilbert Park that would resemble a flag pole and it will be lit at night. They want to put it where the dirt pile is now, install fencing around it with landscaping. It will be accessed off East Shore Rd. and will have a locked gate. The village will make money. Approximately \$100,000./year.

Open to Public

Mayor McNulty opened the floor to the audience for any questions and/or comments, and several issues were discussed –

- Just lower speed limit around lakes & see if that works. A lot of signs already now
- Cell tower licensing – does ZBA & PB look at it?
- Did engineer look at park when it floods so cell tower won't collapse, chunks of ice could fall on people, cell towers are a risk to children
- Cell tower has radiation risks
- NYS audit completed? Will it be published?
- How did cell tower option get a hold of Brightwaters?
- Is there 20mph speed limit anywhere in village? Stop signs would be best
- How many street light repairs are done over a year?
- Bike rack needed at village office
- Bay Shore Rd. cell tower has 12 antennas on it
- Edgy email circulated to neighborhood watch people; called author of email about cars touring village.
- Cell tower – any guarantees?

At 9:01pm, there being no further business before the Board, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tr. Bob Fischer made the motion; Tr. Cox seconded and unanimously carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O'Shea
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Village Clerk Treasurer

Public attendance: 22 (not everybody signed in)