

12/3/12 - Board of Trustees Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – DEC. 3, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Mon., Dec. 3, 2012 at 8:00 pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph A. McNulty	Mayor
Robert W. Fischer	Deputy Mayor/Trustee
John J. Riordan	Trustee
Denise Gibson	Trustee
<i>John P. Finnerty, Esq.</i>	<i>Village Attorney</i>
<i>Christine O'Shea</i>	<i>Village Clerk Treasurer</i>

Absent: Timothy H. Cox, 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 10/22 and 11/5/12 as written was offered by Tr. Fischer, seconded by Tr. Gibson 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 November 2012.
Summons served 6
Fines collected \$1425.
Complaints prepared 5
Building permits issued 2 with fees of \$269.
C. O. inspections 10 with fees of \$500.
Dumpsters 3 with fees of \$75.
Pods 1 with fees of \$25.

Tr. Fischer also stated that Matt Brennan, Fire Marshal, has stated all is well within the village.

Tr. Fischer stated that since the barbed wire is off the top of the fencing at the beach there has been increased activity there. CEO's had to chase kids out two times in one night. Broken glass had also been found in the parking lot. The CEO's have been lenient with code violations due to Hurricane Sandy. Boats are still in the canal after 11/30 because boatyards have been damaged by the storm; so they couldn't bring their boats there. No fees will be charged with boats still in the canal. The Mayor added that a lot of our codes have been relaxed due to Hurricane Sandy. Tr. Riordan indicated that there are still lines in the canal from pole to dock that need to be taken down so the ice breaker boat can make his way through easily.

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Administration

Tr. Gibson moves to approve A/P ABSTRACT REPORT (APAR) #3703 dated 11/30/12 with 38 vouchers for \$76,249.04 with the highest vouchers being for Hurricane Sandy expenses @ \$48,816., APAR # 3702 dated 11/20 with 3 vouchers for \$35,067.13 APAR #3701 dated 11/15 with 2 vouchers for \$1368.37 APAR #3700 dated 11/14 with 2 vouchers for \$786.17 APAR #3699 dated 11/9 with 5 vouchers for \$1357.09 APAR#3698 dated 11/8 with 1 voucher for \$1160.63 APAR #3697 dated 11/7 with 1 voucher for \$337.50 APAR # 3696 dated 11/7 with 2 vouchers for \$32,826.20

Tr. Riordan seconded and all approved 4/0.

Tr. Gibson stated that we are trying to get an email out in the future every week consisting of important news items and dates of events, etc. Residents can also supply us with news.

Highway Dept.

Tr. Riordan read his report for this meeting. As should come as no surprise to anyone, almost the entire month of November was dedicated to storm clean up. Mennella Landscaping and DiGiovanna Bros Landscaping removed trees and assisted the D.P.W. in cleaning up debris. DiGiovanna assisted in removing woodchips from the village and dumping them at an appropriate dumping site. Over 780 yards of woodchips was removed by them.

Island Environmental and Delgado Paving also helped in removing debris from the flooded homes south of South Country Road.

We are in the process of meeting with FEMA and gathering all paperwork to submit for review. This will be a lengthy process as the damages incurred were quite sizeable.

In addition to the storm clean up, the village was decorated for the Christmas season. The tree lighting went off well, as did Photos with Santa.

Our vehicles are ready for the winter. The plows and sanders are in place in the event of snowy and/or icy roads.

Finances

Last week I had a conversation with the Village's CPA firm, making inquiries on the status of the audit report. The manager in charge of the

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account indicated that the draft report will be delivered to the Village Office shortly for staff and Trustee review and it is hoped a final version will be provided by the end of the year. This report is somewhat late partially due to the firm having a change in staff. I expect at next month's meeting, we will be reporting the final report was received and is available for public review.

Within the last couple of weeks we received and payment for past due property taxes on one property, representing more than a couple of years. This reduces out uncollected property tax from past years, but there remains a balance of about \$53,000., in funds plus penalties that we could certainly use to operate the village. I have been speaking with Tina about this situation and noted that neighboring villages hold unpaid property tax note auctions in February of each year. This is not the sort of thing our Village has done, but the numbers have been growing and our CPA firm has been recommending taking actions such as auctioning the unpaid taxes to investors. Tina will reach out to her counterparts in other local villages to identify what is involved in conducting such an auction for our Village and before we move beyond the information gathering stage we will secure advice of our Village Attorney and a consensus of the Board.

Lastly, Tina has prepared a proposed amendment to the Village's 2012-2013 budget, which I have reviewed and discussed with her. I recommend we adopt this proposed budget amendment, which is provided to us tonight. Tr. Gibson seconded and all approved the budget adjustments #3 @ 12/3/12.

Lakes & Parks

In the absence of Tr. Cox the Mayor mentioned a few things. Post Hurricane Sandy - Wohseepee Park looks great. Walker Beach & Gilbert Park are projects in progress. Walker Park east side dock is all ripped apart. On going processes will be cleaning roads & garbage still being picked up. After Hurricane Sandy it took us only two & a half days to clear the roads. Street sweeping will take place after all storm debris has been removed.

Treasurer Report @ 11/30/12

<i>Municipal checking:</i>	
General Fund	\$49,326
Payroll Fund	\$237
Trust & Agency Fund	\$180
Restoration Fund	\$11,006
<i>Investments:</i>	
CLA\$\$ General Fund	\$894,026
CLA\$\$ B.I.G. Fund	\$3,049

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New Business – Disaster Preparedness Plan

Tr. Fischer stated that he would like the Planning Board to review and update it. Joe Paliseno, Chairman of the Planning Board was in the audience and agreed to do that.

Resolution for Village Justice Court Audit for year ending 5/31/12

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Brightwaters Village Justice Court is located in Suffolk County, New York, and

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their village auditing board, and

WHEREAS, that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings, and that we provide a copy of our most recent audit or examination of our local court's records and a copy of this board resolution acknowledging that the required audit or examination had been conducted to the New York State Office of Court Administration, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that such audit or examination was performed by village clerk treasurer, Christine O'Shea with no negative findings and that each board member had reviewed such audit and examination.

Trustee Gibson moves to approve above resolution and Trustee Fischer seconded and all approved 4/0.

Introduce Local Law 128-73 To Regulate The Demolition Of Buildings and Structures

Joe Paliseno, Chairman of the Planning Board explained that the existing demolition code was very limited (only 3 sentences) and the Planning Board has been working on expanding the code for quite some time now. Basically a renovation affecting more than 75% of a structure will require a demolition permit.

Trustee Fischer moved to have the above proposed local law be set for a public hearing at the January board meeting and Trustee Riordan seconded and all approved 4/0

Hurricane Sandy Relief Supply Drive

The Mayor thanked the Pitta family, Brooke & Bill, for starting the Relief Supply Drive to help neighboring communities that were affected by Superstorm Sandy. They used the Wohseepee cabin as a drop off site for donations. And donations were plenty. They even received \$1500 in monetary donations. The Mayor thanked them many times and the audience applauded them. The Mayor also wanted to thank everyone that

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participated in this event including the volunteers. Its people like you that
make the Village of Brightwaters the Crown Jewel on the Great South Bay.

Open meeting to public

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

- Emails should be sent out when cars are broken into or any police activity so neighbors are aware
- Resident approached kids on skateboards at Wohseepee Park that were using the handicap ramp & the Mayor said you should call 911
- Volunteer resident would like cabin key for next event
- ZBA applicant had questions on his detached garage decision but he was asking the wrong board
- Next meeting on south parks restoration will be when
- Resident stated this Saturday at Home Depot there will be a picture frame project for kids 5-12 yrs.old & they can put a picture in it & give it to someone as a gift

At 8:47 p.m., 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. Gibson seconded and unanimously carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O'Shea
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Village Clerk Treasurer

Public attendance: 14 (not everybody signed in)