

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – August 20, 2018

The mid-month meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

John J. Valdini	Mayor
Carmine Chiappetta	Trustee
Thomas Zepf	Trustee
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk-Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Anthony Rambazis	Code Supervisor

At 7:30 pm Mayor, John J. Valdini called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag.

Jason Kaczmarkiewics of Complus Data Innovations, Inc. made a presentation to the Board on the different services that can be offered to the Village Court through their parking ticket program. They can assist with payment management, data processing, systems for tracking information and report generation. A radar device that scans the license plates will import the registrant's information and allow for computerized tickets to print directly out of the machine. All ticket information is automatically entered into the program and will eliminate entering the data for the tickets from the office staff. There are different packages ranging from Basic to Platinum from 9% to 14.5% commission of ticket revenue collected. Postage for notices will be an additional price. Online payments are also offered. Jason will give the Clerk further information in breaking down the prices further to include an additional radar device.

Rental Registration – Proposed Local Law 4-2018

Village Attorney, Charles Casolaro drafted a local law for Rental Registration. A permit, fee and Code Inspection from the Building Inspector and Fire Inspection from the Fire Marshall will be required for any single-family home that has a rental in it. There will be penalties for offense. The Board had requested the attorney make a revision to the drafted law to make the renting strictly to one family. A Public Meeting on the Rental Registration Law will be held at the October 1st Board of Trustees Meeting. Once passed, a public relations campaign for the rental registration law will need to happen.

Ackerson Building: The Mayor advised that since 1910 the Ackerson Building located at 45 South Country Road has been Zoned Residential but used as a real estate commercial building. There is a prospective buyer who does Acupuncture, Natural Wellness Treatments and Holistic Medicine. Three Doctors would be working there and they would see about 4 patients every hour. The size of the building will not change but they would need to change the sign and upgrade the parking lot. Attorney, Charles Casolaro stated that the building is considered a non-conforming use and is business inside of a residential area. No major interior construction will take place and no exterior construction. They will be requesting a use variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals to change the specific use from Real Estate to Acupuncture. It does not need to go before the Board of Trustees for the change in zone as it satisfies non-conforming use. The Board of Trustees can give recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Boards in writing on

the hours of operation and such. The Zoning Board of Appeals can add conditions since it is in a residential area.

Southeast Corner Retail: We have basic plans for exterior construction from the landlord of the old hardware store building and card store. As of now, there are no tenants for either store and he would like to make some improvements to the outside. The Planning Board expressed their desire to add some of their touches to it. The Planning Board would like to have a quainter and more uniform look going forward with the Downtown area and have been working on designs for all storefronts. A few members of the planning board will be sitting down with their architect to implement some of the things they want to see in all the storefronts in Brightwaters. Once the southeast corner is finished the village can use this as the model for other storefronts in the downtown.

Draft Audit and Financial Statements: The Board reviewed the draft financial statements. The General Fund had a surplus of \$218,359, bringing the ending fund balance to \$872,260. Of this amount, \$634,625 is unassigned, \$170,000 is from prior years and assigned to Capital and \$26,876 is restricted. The remaining \$40,759 of fund balance is considered nonspendable, as it relates to prepaid items. Deputy Mayor Chiapetta and Clerk Rhodes had a meeting with Frank Faber from Skinnon and Faber. The emphasis of the meeting was that the Village should come up with a Capital Plan.

Mini Bid Results for Code Car: The Village put out a mini-bid through NYS Office of General Services Vehicle Marketplace for a 2019 Ford Police Interceptor to replace one of our Code Vehicles. Both Code Vehicles have been in the shop many times over the past year. The Subaru Hybrid Vehicles that we currently have are not suitable for stop and go and better for when used on highways. It was discussed to possibly get a used vehicle to replace the other hybrid code car.

Permission to purchase a 2019 Ford Police Interceptor off the NYS Vehicle Marketplace Mini Bid for up to \$30,000.

Motion: Trustee Fawcett Second: Trustee Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Geese Update: Christine Procelli of West Islip spoke on behalf of the Long Island Orchestrating for Nature (LION), a non-profit organization. The President of the organization, John Di Leonardo is a zoologist that rescues geese every year. They recommend the oiling of eggs as it is a humane effort in alleviating the overpopulation of geese. LION has the experience and can offer guidance and help with the coordination of oiling the eggs if the village decided to go that route. The Mayor has confirmed that no decisions have been made and the village will be gathering information from now until the winter before making any decisions. The Department of Public Works has been instructed to clean the geese droppings by the cascades every Friday.

Wohseepee Park Use: After receiving complaints concerning Wohseepee Park non-resident use it was determined that there will be heavier patrolling around the park and code will pay special attention to it. Trustee Dopsovic and DPW Foreman, John Catania met with a Security Camera Company to do a walk through of the village and receive an estimate for the cost of adding cameras to the parks in the village and village hall.

Permission to sign up for One Step GPS \$27.90 per month plus \$190 for two of the GPS units for the Village's two Code Enforcement Vehicles. No contract necessary.

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

Public Comment:

- Fred Landon of Lakeview Avenue West advised the Board that a street light has been out in front of his house for a while now. Welsbach went over there to fix and never came back. The office will look into the issue and have them come back to fix the light.

Topics for discussion:

- The Mayor met with Phil Boyle's office. He is putting together a list of Capital Projects with the costs and will be sending over to Phil Boyle to consider for funding.
- The Mayor is looking into hiring a consultant from the Town of Islip in the Planning Department. He would like him to help us form a Capital Plan. Deputy Mayor Chiapetta would also like to invite Peter Kletcha from the Town of Islip to attend a working session to give recommendations on downtown/parking, etc.
- The Village is looking into options for more parking in the downtown area.
- Bamboo letter needs to go out to residents and start the enforcement process.
- Clerk will forward the Beautification Resolution to the Board for review and possible amendments.
- The Mayor will be asking DPW to remove the weeds and invasive species from the Northern Lake. Also, the weeds growing out of the gazebos need to be cleaned up.
- Looking into pricing for a solar your speed sign.
- The next meeting the Board will vote on reducing the speed limit for the village.
- Need to hire more Code Officers.
- Trees need to be ordered for downtown.
- 24 Hiawatha needs to be cleaned up.
- The State made a mess tracking asphalt on Johnson Drive off Montauk Highway. Letters will need to be sent to the State and the Inter County Paving Company.

Adjourn: Motion: Mayor Valdini
Vote: 5 ayes

Second: Trustee Dopsovic
0 nays

Meeting adjourned 10:45 PM