

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – August 7, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph McDermott	Mayor
Laurie Elliott	Trustee
Carmine Chiappetta	Trustee
John Valdin	Trustee
Thomas Zepf	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney

At 8:00 pm, Mayor McDermott called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for our Armed Forces.

Approval of the Minutes from the Board meetings of June 28, 2017 and July 5, 2017.

Motion: Trustee Elliott	Second: Trustee Chiappetta
Vote: 5 ayes	0 nays

Suffolk County Police Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct: No active criminal activity in the area. Trustee Chiappetta advised that at the head of the canal there was a suspected drug deal which was reported to the Police by Code Enforcement. The Officer strongly recommended to report these types of incidents and to not get involved in direct contact with this type of activity. This specific incident is being looked into and followed up by undercover officers wearing plain clothing.

Trustee Zepf told the officer about the speeding and no stopping at stop signs going on in the morning time near Wohseepee Park on Windsor Avenue and asked to receive more police presence there. The Officer said he would make a note of that.

Mayor McDermott asked the officer what is the range over the speed limit of when you would issue a driver a speeding ticket? The Village is looking into reducing the speed limit to 25mph. The officer said that many things would come into play but if it is under 10 mph a warning would be issued. They would also take into consideration if the driver is a multiple offender. If the community is behind changing the speed limit to 25mph the Suffolk County Police Department would definitely enforce it.

Trustee Elliott acknowledged and thanked the officer for the radar sign that was put up on Windsor near Montauk Highway and asked to consider putting one up towards the North part of Windsor near Union. Also, when camp is held over the four weeks in summer next year the Board would like to have a radar sign there.

Resident Sharon Cimino of Orchard Drive advised the officer that there are many drug deals that go on right on Orinoco closer to the apartments between 9 and 11pm usually on a Thursday and/or Friday night. The officer suggested not taking matters into her own hands but if she sees it and could get a license plate without getting too close it would help the Police Department.

**Mayor's Report – Mayor McDermott:**

- Half price Mooring Slips as of 8/15. Hopefully it will encourage people to use them.
- Residents concerned about noise on weekdays and weekends. Will hold a Public Hearing to amend the Noise Ordinance.
- Looking into lowering the speed limit to 25mph. Took comments and concerns of residents into consideration.
- Having a Department Head Meeting in understanding the roles of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.
- Downtown Area: Ordering garbage cans, benches, bike racks, trees to be planted. Chase Bank installed an ADA Compliance ramp, brick work and trees. National Grid started their project and is getting rid of the parking in front. They are on board with putting in the red bricks. Waiting on contract for the Northeast corner. Can't do any work or spend any money until we received the signed contract.
- At the working meeting the Service Memorial was approved to be put at the head of the canal on village property. Brightwaters Improvement Group has raised almost \$7,000 in donations for the service memorial already.

**Highway Department – Trustee Zepf**

- Two drains were installed on Ackerson between Hiawatha and Wohseepee.
- Split rail fencing around the village has been repaired.
- Pick up debris from roadway and clean up near drains.
- Grass cut, garbage cans emptied and watering flowers done on a weekly basis.
- Trimming around the lake area.
- Hot patching is performed on an as needed basis.
- DPW sets up for events such as Cross Bay Swim, Ice Cream Social and other family fun events, etc.
- Poison Ivy issue will soon be addressed near the lakes.

**Code Enforcement – Trustee Chiappetta**

- 37 non-criminal incidents in the village. Normal occurrences.
- Creating unity in procedures with Code.
- John Caltigirone and Erich Hoffman are no longer with the Village
- In the process of hiring and looking to fill Erich and John's shifts with the officers we currently have.
- Restricting Neon/LED lights to outdoor signs. Need to modify code.

**Administration – Trustee Elliott**

- Submitted the final grant application for the 2017 NYS Local Waterfront and Consolidated Funding Application for the Bulkhead, drainage and paving of Concourse East and drainage and paving on Concourse West. Will not hear back of award until probably December.
- Audit of financial statements is coming up.
- Mayor added that we were awarded money to place a handicap ramp in front of village.

**Fire Marshall's Report**

All Public Assembly and Multiple Dwelling occupancies within the Village of Brightwaters are currently valid and up to date. A current review of all permits is being conducted to insure accuracy. Any required renewals will be forth-coming.

On-going fire inspections continue in the Village of Brightwaters, with re-inspections also being conducted to insure that any violations have since been removed.

During the past month, there were no request for investigations of fire from the Bay Shore Fire Department during the past month.

Sincerely,

*Matthew Brennan*

Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal  
Village of Brightwaters

**Lakes and Parks– Trustee Valdin**

- Brightwaters does a tremendous amount of work putting together all of the summer events. There is so much variety available for residents to enjoy different events. Former Trustee Bernadette Whitwell played a major role in organizing these events.
- Family Fun nights at Walker Beach. Lenny and Gina from Milk and Sugar donated all the food for Jimmy Buffett night and fed about 350 people. Chris Pace on Windsor donated all of the Snapple.
- Ice Cream Social was terrific. New band was great a little low so next year that will be worked out. Still needs some tweeking.
- Wild About Brightwaters, Movie night and Snapper Tournament are events to come.
- The Garage Sale at Wohseepee Park is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Would like to look into organizing an adult volleyball night at Walker Beach for next year.
- Next two or three months will be compiling a list of all of the upgrades done in the village.
- Walker Beach Passes Obtained: 261 residents / 51 non-residents
- Poison Ivy will be addressed very soon.
- New Camp Director worked out great. She did a great job. Will be sitting down with her to see what can be done next year to improve.

Mayor McDermott called for a Public Hearing on September 5, 2017 to amend the Noise Ordinance Code. (Weekdays – Construction from 8am – 7pm / Landscape 8am – 8pm  
Saturdays – Construction and Landscape between the hours of 9am – 6pm, Sundays – Landscape between the hours of 9am – 5pm)

Motion: Trustee Elliott

Second: Trustee Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

**Approval of Abstracts and Treasurer's report**

**VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS**

**ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT August 7, 2017**

Seeking to approve payment on:

## 8/1/2017 - Board of Trustees Meeting

Abstracts # 4029 - # 4035	vouchers	\$214,996.74
Employee Benefits Division - Health Insurance Aug 2017		\$17,357.86
Hometown Insurance Agency 6/30/17-18		\$70,311.89
Bay Shore / Brightwaters Rescue Ambulance - Final pymnt		\$42,500.00
Alpha Carting - July 2017		\$26,147.00
Hohwald Landscaping - Tree trimming		\$5,795.00

### **Treasurer's Report**

Cash on Hand as of 8/7/2017

General Fund - BNB		221,289
General Money Market - BNB		50
CLASS General		<u>1,971,297</u>
	Total Cash on Hand - General	<b>2,192,636</b>
Capital Fund		17,362
CLASS Capital fund		<u>83,650</u>
	Total Cash on Hand - Capital	<b>101,012</b>
Canal Enterprise Fund		<b>99,708</b>
CLASS Canal		<b>412,564</b>

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

### **Public Comment:**

- Paul Wernersbach of Orinoco Drive. Concerned about the traffic in the downtown area of the village. Suggested diagonal parking and widening the one side of Windsor. Stripes for crosswalks need touch up. Would like to see more decorating downtown for Christmas. Mayor has already looked into diagonal parking and it is not beneficial.
- A resident at 299 Woodland Drive asked for designated spots for kids to fish near lakes.
- Larry Cimino of Orchard Drive is all for reducing speed limit to 25mph and would like to see it complimented with an awareness program and pamphlet.
- Sharon Cimino of Orchard Drive and Alisha Franklin (lives in the apartment complex and works for the Town of Islip Animal Control). Has been working diligently in trapping and fixing Ferrell cats. Alisha would like to have more security down at the apartment complex.

Adjourn: Motion: Trustee Elliott                      Second: Trustee Chiapetta  
Vote: 5 ayes                      0 nays

Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM