

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 5, 2012
REGULAR MEETING

Draft Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Regular Meeting on September 5, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees; Tom Boissonnault, Mary Bryde
Village Engineer: John Folchetti
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Terri Stockburger

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Regular Meeting

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the regular meeting, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

1. Sewer Mains – John Folchetti – Report submitted.

1.1. The Engineer relays that NYS DEC has expressed concern about the grease load at the WWTP. Engineer recommends routine jetting of the mains to minimize the impact on the WWTP. In addition, regular inspections of the grease traps should be performed throughout the village by the Waste Water Superintendent. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to authorize expenditures to undertake the sewer main maintenance schedule to address normalizing/minimizing the grease load at the WWTP, and to include these expenses in the 2014 budget for this program, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

2. Vasquez – water account credit dispute – Mr. Vasquez did not attend.

3. Bob Dumont – Film Festival recap. The event was very well executed and attendance was wonderful, the weather cooperated, and we had a lot of positive feedback. Overall a great success. The Board of Trustees acknowledges the tremendous contribution of Mr. Dumont and offers their praise and applause. Job well done. We are all looking forward to next year's event.

3.1. Mr. Dumont has a second subject to discuss regarding signage. Having received the letter regarding sign law compliance, including the color palette, his three year old sign does not comply with the current palette. Deputy Mayor Piccini notes that the black background with white letters is in keeping with the concept of the desired effect. Counsel advises that Mr. Dumont can request a variance or the Board can adopt changes to the color palette. In light of the fact that this sign is not the only one with a black background, if the Board feels that black is acceptable as a fourth background color then the color palette could be expanded at the Organizational Meeting on the first Monday of December. Counsel will advise on proper procedure.

4. Merrieweather Settlement

4.1. Trustee Boissonnault motions to authorize the Mayor to accept the settlement and sign the transfer papers for the negotiated settlement with regard to the Merrieweather "taking" dispute, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

5. Refuse rate increase January 1, 2013 – set date for public hearing. Mayor Schoenig motions to set the public hearing for September 19, 2012 for the rate increase from \$140 per six months to \$145 per six months, and to establish a new fund (CL) dedicated to Refuse & Garbage effective June 1, 2013, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

6. Budget Report

6.1. Hansen provided the budget report for the first 3 ½ months and everything is on or close to target. Police contractual expenditures are a little higher than anticipated because we received a grant of \$2,000 for cameras at the Police Station and the expenditures to buy this equipment is captured in the Police contractual lines.

7. ZBA Appointment
 - 7.1. Mayor Schoenig motions to appoint Dan Birmingham to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
8. Proclamation – September 11th
 - 8.1. Board of Trustees to sign a revised proclamation correcting a typographical error approved at 8-15-12 meeting.
9. August 15, 2012 Minutes for Approval
 - 9.1. Trustee Bryde motions to approve August 15, 2012 minutes, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
10. Vouchers Payable

Trustee Bryde reviewed vouchers payable and found everything in order.

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| 10.1. A | General | \$16,854.26 |
| 10.2. EN | Professional Fees | 398.75 |
| 10.3. F | Water | 5,475.20 |
| 10.4. G | Sewer | 83,892.53 |
| 10.5. H10 | WWTP Capital Project | 6,105.70 |
| 10.6. H15 | Sidewalks Safetea-lu | 396.70 |
| 10.7. TA | Trust & Agency | <u>1,124.01</u> |
| Total Vouchers Payable | | \$114,247.15 |

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve Vouchers Payable as detailed, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
11. Other Business
 - 11.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini –
 - 11.1.1. Letter to outside water users needs a slight grammar change.
 - 11.1.2. GSS update? – One tour with Pattern for Progress and a developer, another tour scheduled for 9-19-12
 - 11.2. Trustee Bryde –
 - 11.2.1. United Cerebral Palsy tour was very informative and enlightening. This seems to offer a viable solution for a more local community emergency shelter.
 - 11.2.2. NY Alert – Tom Lannon thought we were working with the Town of Southeast on this subject but will now make himself available in the near future.
 - 11.3. Mayor Schoenig
 - 11.3.1. Cameras were purchased and installed with donations at the Police Station.
 - 11.3.2. Proclamations should be prepared and presented to Todd Gianguzzi, Bob Dumont, & the anonymous donor.
12. New Business
 - 12.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini
 - 12.1.1. Offers her time to help out in the Village Office or with special projects. Jessica Lopez, the PCAP intern, has expressed an interest in working for the Village directly on a part time basis. Hansen suggests Deputy Mayor Piccini become more familiar with the Pattern for Progress initiative if she has spare time.
 - 12.2. Trustee Bryde
 - 12.2.1. July 20th Catholic Daughters centennial celebration might be of interest to the Board members and she will try to find out additional information.
 - 12.2.2. Cycle route through Village. Should have no impact on Village life. Notify PD to be aware.
 - 12.3. Trustee Boissonnault –
 - 12.3.1. Requested to make a presentation to a realtor group sales meeting regarding the current village community.
 - 12.4. Mayor Schoenig
 - 12.4.1. Was DOT notified of Founders Day? DOT was notified and the DOT representative insisted on a permit application despite the fact that their own documentation says it is not necessary if a municipality issues a permit and everything is contained within the municipality's borders. That is the case for this event but Erin Meagher has filed a permit application on behalf of the Coalition for a Better Brewster but has not heard anything back.
13. Public Comment
 - 13.1. Erin Meagher says there are bikes on sidewalks creating a safety hazard in and among pedestrians and asks that our Police enforce the laws regarding cycling.

- 13.2. Major Tom asks if WHUD will be at Founders Day. Ms. Meagher says they have been invited but is not certain if they will attend.
14. Mayor Schoenig motions to go into executive session to discuss litigation with the likelihood of taking action at the end of executive session, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Mayor Schoenig motions to resume the regular meeting, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
15. Mayor Schoenig motions to send out the revised letter to outside water users, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
16. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0..