

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
07 SEPTEMBER 2016
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. followed by a Regular Meeting at 7:31 P.M. on September 7, 2016 at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

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

Absent:

Erin Meagher
John Folchetti

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Public Hearing

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the public hearing, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

For the purpose of obtaining public input in regard to amending Chapter 236 – Taxicabs of the Village Code (proposed local law 2 of 2016) to require that the taxicab license number lettering be provided by the Village and paid for by the applicant and required to be placed on each rear door and the rear of the Taxicab. The specific license numbering to accompany the taxicab medallion will be issued by the Village with initial vehicle registration. Medallions will be renewable each year as is presently the case but numbering will only be issued at initial medallion issuance until such time as the vehicle is no longer in service or the numbers become obstructed or missing necessitating the re-issuance of license numbering as specified.

Mayor Schoenig requested any comments from the public. No comments.

Mayor Schoenig motions to close the public hearing, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

Regular Meeting

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

1. Lawrence Delaurentis - Lawrence Construction Company Inc. 149-151 Main conceptual plan – Mr. Delaurentis says he is considering purchasing the property and is questioning the use as a construction yard and any impact of Urban Renewal as currently planned. Mr. Delaurentis said he would renovate the building and leave the rear as it is to store his construction equipment. Counsel Molé says that Mr. Delaurentis should consult a land use attorney as the current allowed uses, accessory uses, and special use permits do not support a construction yard. The pre-existing non-conforming use at present may continue but the property is in the Urban Renewal Area and as such is subject to redevelopment.
2. Proposed Local Law 2 of 2016 amending Village Code Chapter 236-Taxicabs – Mayor Schoenig motions to adopt Local Law 2 of 2016 as written in Resolution No. 090716-1, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
3. Budget Report – Treasurer Hansen says the bulk of all expenditures to date are on or near target. One area of concern is the Workers' Compensation Insurance. The premium is higher than budgeted so far and will continue to be monitored on a bi-weekly basis. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about violence in the workplace and sexual harassment training. Clerk Hansen says he needs to contact Putnam County so we can piggy-back on their contract again this year.
4. Refuse RFP – Deputy Mayor Piccini stated the RFP went out and copies may be picked up through the end of September and bids are due back on October 5th. Deputy Mayor Piccini says we can have a preliminary discussion at

the meeting that night to discuss the bids received and then do a more thorough evaluation before an award is considered at the October 19th meeting.

5. Minutes for approval;

5.1. August 17, 2016 Regular Meeting – Trustee Bryde motions to approve the August 17, 2016 minutes, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 3 to 0. Trustees Boissonnault abstains due to absence.

6. Vouchers Payable – Trustee Bryde reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.

6.1. A - GENERAL FUND	\$50,881.99
6.2. C – REFUSE & GARBAGE	2,284.88
6.3. EN - ENGINEERING & PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,722.50
6.4. F - WATER FUND	11,546.68
6.5. G - SEWER FUND	89,223.28
6.6. TA - TRUST & AGENCY	2,974.23

Total Vouchers Payable \$158,633.56

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve vouchers payable as written, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

7. Taxicab Operator License denial appeal - Devon Yates was denied a taxi operator’s license because of excessive tickets occurring after the probationary period and is appealing the decision. Mr. Yates requests a second probation period because he was not at fault in an accident that occurred though his license was suspended for 30 days but has been reinstated and promises to not violate traffic laws in the future. Mayor Schoenig told Mr. Yates to take the defensive driving course and show proof that he did so. Mayor Schoenig said Mr. Yate’s driver’s license suspension was for “habitual offender” and denied the taxicab operator’s license for this reason. Mayor Schoenig told Mr. Yates to come back in six months (January as two months had already elapsed since denial) and we will reevaluate the license at that time. Mr. Yate’s taxicab work can continue picking up or dropping off passengers outside the Village and dropping passengers off in the Village as long as he does not pick up passengers in the Village without a valid Taxicab Operator’s License.

8. Other Business

8.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini says Village Matters was delivered and we have received no complaints of non-delivery. Deputy Mayor Piccini says that Coffee in the Park is at 10 A.M. on September 24th and we should provide copies of both issues of our newspaper at that time. Clerk Hansen says he does not have any extra copies of Volume 1 but does have extra copies of Volume 2. Trustee Bryde says she received calls from her neighbors and people were very receptive to the Newspaper and Trustee Bryde’s article on June Offerman. Trustee Bryde also said that June Offerman received some calls with positive comments regarding the story and overall the people on Stone Ridge Road were very complimentary toward the newspaper. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks Mayor Schoenig if he can provide the large coffee pot again and we will get some kind of snacks to be on-hand. Deputy Mayor Piccini suggests we hand out flyers on Founders Day advertising the event and the board members present concurred. Deputy Mayor Piccini says there is a Town of Southeast meeting tomorrow night where they will have a public hearing on commuter parking hours. Deputy Mayor Piccini notes at the August 18th Town of Southeast Public Hearing on Barrett Hill there was general consensus from the public in support of the project while some Council members took an opposing viewpoint. Deputy Mayor Piccini noted that seemed very odd as the purpose of a public hearing is to solicit the public for their comments.

8.2. Trustee Bryde noted the Village Clock was fixed and thanks Clerk Hansen for prompt action. Trustee Bryde noted that Patriot’s Day is on Sunday September 11th with ceremonies marking the occasion at the Elks Club, Spain-Cornerstone Park, and Someday Retirement Park. Trustee Bryde noted that Founders’ Day this year is very well managed and tangible excitement is building in the community, particularly crediting Laurie Manning for a continuing job well done.

8.3. Trustee Boissonnault says there is a tree down in Wells Park and it has been there a while. Mayor Schoenig said the town will remove it as soon as they can spare the time.

8.4. Mayor Schoenig reminds the Board and public that the foot race is canceled on Founders Day and that Main Street will be closed to parking from 2 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Sunday September 18, 2016.

9. New Business

9.1. Trustee Bryde says the annual Village Justice Court audit is due and offers to do it again this year. The Board members present concur.

9.2. Trustee Boissonnault says the Park workers will continue until the Farmers' Market closes in mid-November. Trustee Boissonnault says he will conduct a Facebook poll again to help determine preference for a particular movie to play on September 24, 2016.

10. Public Comment

10.1. Wayne Karns asks if there will be a Republican caucus. Mayor Schoenig says he is not aware of any plans for a Caucus. Mr. Karns expressed concern about the taxicab driver's record and wonders why he can still drive a cab at all. Mayor Schoenig says we only have control over the Operator's license within Village limits. Outside Village limits is not in our purview.

10.2. Rick Stockburger asks if the Town will cut the tree in the park because we do pay taxes to the town. Mr. Stockburger suggests the holiday trash pick-up schedule be provided in Spanish along with the Bulk pickup information and handed out on Founders' Day so tenants become more informed.

11. Mayor Schoenig motions to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session and adjourn, Deputy Mayor 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.