

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
02 AUGUST 2017
7:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Public Hearing at 7:30 PM followed by a Regular Meeting at 7:31 PM or as soon thereafter as time permits on August 2, 2017 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: Todd Atkinson
Village Counsel:
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Erin Meagher
Anthony Molé

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.

Public hearing for proposed Local Law amendment to Chapter 159 Noise (proposed local law 3 of 2017) ...adjusting the hours for and sources of noise on certain days of the week.

B. Noise from a dog, other pet animal or farm animal, including but not limited to roosters.

F. The operation of any power or manual lawn mower or other noise-emitting gardening equipment at any time, except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to ~~and~~ 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays,

Mayor Schoenig request public comment.

No public comment.

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

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

Regular Meeting

1. Trustee Erin Meagher, Request for Immediate Resignation

Mayor Schoenig notes that this is Trustee Meaghers sixth consecutive meeting that she missed without any prior notification to the Village Board or Clerk and asks for her immediate resignation, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd, Trustee Mary Bryde reads a letter into the record:

I need to comment once again regarding the lack of care that Erin obviously has as a trustee. Again Erin is a no call, no show and this continues to present a problem for the rest of us on the Board. We each feel a strong responsibility towards our positions and if any one of us cannot attend a meeting we are informed in advance. This week has become particularly difficult for us as (1) we were aware that Christine would possibly not be able to attend and (2) Jim was going to be out of town. It needs to be understood that without a quorum we would not have been able to have a meeting. Since Erin doesn't bother to let us know whether or not she will attend a meeting it becomes a consideration that we have to address. With that in mind the mayor interrupted his business trip to return to attend our Board meeting. I find this absolutely deplorable. At what point will Erin understand that this is not about her. It is about the position

that she was elected to and her obligation towards it. Once again Erin Meagher needs to resign.

Vote: All in favor 4 to 0.

2. DPW Report – Dan Crawford delivers the monthly DPW report. Mr. Crawford notes that the watering system is being used at Wells Park to help them be more productive watering plants and flowers by the road. Mr. Crawford says NYSEG is trimming trees in the area. A catch basin top was replaced on Wells Street. Blacktop around the gutter line was repaired. Patchwork around the pump house was also being done. Mayor Schoenig said he saw the advertisement for help wanted. Mr. Crawford said the ad is ready to go in but we need to look at the probationary period and extend it beyond three months, preferably to at least a year. Trustee Boissonnault asks about a pothole in front of the former Bowl Company on Main Street. Mr. Crawford says it was the result of NYSEG attempting to put in a gas service line. Line painting is ongoing when the weather cooperates. Mr. Crawford said we received a quote for about \$10,000 for radio telemetry between the pump house and the water tank but that figure doesn't include installation. A discussion will ensue with Counsel regarding appropriate procurement requirements for the work. Mr. Crawford said he received complaints of dirty water coming in from the wellfield initially from the few houses on Peaceable Hill Road directly connected to the main line. We did find dirty water coming through the system and it took a while to determine the root cause. The flow through the pipes was much higher than ever before. We immediately reduced the in-service well pumps from four to three. In the past our production has been limited to about 260 gallons a minute and regardless of what we did we could never get it higher. The production on this day was 350 gallons per minutes. We are assuming there was a blockage that had been in the line for many years that finally broke free and along with it came a lot of sediment and the increased flow created turbulence in the lines that stirred up more of the settled solids. Our ultimate solution was to close off the valves so we could reduce the flow back to 260 gallons per minute or less. By doing this we were able to eliminate the dirty water. The situation will continue to be monitored carefully. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the DPW report, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
3. Financial Report Year to Date – Treasurer Hansen provided the year to date actual performance to budget report and noted it was still very early in the year but most everything looked good. One area of concern is the Code Enforcement contractual expense budget line. There were unexpected vehicle repairs that used up the budget and some money will need to be transferred from Contingency or another expenditure account.
4. Set Public hearings
 - 4.1. El Dorado Special Exception Use Permit – Mayor Schoenig motions to set the public hearing for August 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM at Village Hall 50 Main Street Brewster, NY 10509, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
 - 4.2. Amendment of Local Law regarding the exclusion of Roosters and limitation of Hens – Mayor Schoenig motions to set a public hearing for September 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Village Hall 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
5. Morningthorpe Bridge Consent for Putnam County to act as Lead Agency – Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to authorize Mayor Schoenig to sign the form authorizing Putnam County to act as Lead Agency, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
6. Minutes for approval;
 - 6.1. July 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes - Trustee Bryde motions to approve the July 19, 2017 minutes, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

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

7.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$8,737.63
7.2. C –	REFUSE & GARBAGE	1,504.41
7.3. F -	WATER FUND	19,411.76
7.4. G -	SEWER FUND	53,045.06
7.5. TA -	TRUST & AGENCY	1,772.69

Total Vouchers Payable \$84,471.55

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

8. Other Business

8.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini questions whether we had the ability to handle credit card processing. Clerk Hansen says we tried with the current accounting system and were unable to make it work. We will likely be replacing the accounting system in the near future and the new accounting software application we choose will be chosen with that capability in mind among others. Trustee Boissonnault cautions that the credit card processing fee that is passed on to the consumer can be exorbitant and we should be conscious of that as we move forward to minimize those costs if possible.

8.2. Trustee Bryde says the Fire Department parade last week went well. Trustee Bryde reminds all that the Chamber of Commerce 60th Anniversary Shindig at Wells Park is from 1-6PM on Sunday and asks who is going. Deputy Mayor Piccini, Mayor Schoenig, Trustee Boissonnault and Trustee Bryde will all attend. Trustee Bryde would like to find out what time the proclamation will be presented. Clerk Hansen will check with Rose Aglieco for an agenda. Trustee Bryde says she is thrilled about the highly visible numbers on the taxis. Trustee Bryde asks about the Eagle Scout project – Trustee Boissonnault says the scout is having another work day and is progressing on his own. Trustee Bryde asks if there is any further information regarding the shuttle bus to the Farmer’s Market. Clerk Hansen says there is nothing further since last meeting.

8.3. Trustee Boissonnault says the flowers are filling out nicely and the park looks great.

9. New Business

9.1. No new business

10. Public Comment

10.1. No public comment

11. Executive Session – Mayor Schoenig motions to go into executive session to discuss contractual issues, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session resume the regular meeting and adjourn, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.