

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
4 SEPTEMBER 2019  
REGULAR MEETING 7:30 PM  
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a regular meeting at 7:30 PM on September 4, 2019 at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig  
Deputy Mayor and Trustee:  
Trustees: Mary Bryde, Tom Boissonnault, George Gaspar  
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé  
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer:

Absent:

Christine Piccini

Michelle Chiudina

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

**Regular Meeting**

Mayor Schoenig called the meeting order, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.

1. DPW Report – Domenic Consentino delivers the DPW report. Mr. Consentino says some of the Village roads have been paved and the contractor is due to come back at least once, probably twice. Mayor Schoenig confirms that the work for the connections that need to be made at 530 North Main Street will start Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Mr. Consentino informs the Board that the Village will start reading meters soon. Trustee Bryde would like to discuss the brown water issue that is happening all over the Village, and Mr. Consentino explains that the brown water is currently due to the broken water main that occurred earlier today on Prospect Street but other times could be the result of the street sweeper filling up using the fire hydrants. He explains that the break was handled immediately and the water should start to clear up by the morning. Trustee Bryde thanks Mr. Consentino for responding right away when the break occurred. Trustee Gaspar asks if there are any possible valve replacements that will need to be done after the break that occurred earlier today. Mr. Consentino says that the DPW will start a valve exercise program, where the valves are opened and closed and explains that we exercised them further and had some additional success. Mayor Schoenig asks about interviews for the open position. Mr. Consentino says there are two or three possibilities. Mayor Schoenig would like to discuss the road opening permit and asks if the Village is allowed to designate a contractor to repair Village roads or does that have to go out for bid? Counsel Molé explains that the Village would not be able to designate which contractors work in the Village, we can only pick the contractors that are directly hired by the Village to work in the Village. He suggests that the Village should work closer with contractors who need to do work on the various mains to ensure no problems occur and processes are followed correctly. Mayor Schoenig asks what should be done, after the work is over, to ensure that the repairs to the Village roads and sidewalks is done correctly. Counsel Molé explains that most companies will ensure that the subcontractors that are hired will do the best they can but if something is not done to the satisfaction of the Village, and the company refuses to pay for the changes, the bond for the project can be used to fix major issues. Trustee Boissonnault asks if the Village can create specifications that a company has to follow when repairing a road or sidewalk. Mr. Consentino explains that there are specifications for water lines in the Village code. Clerk Peter Hansen explains that if any problems were to arise after the work is done, the contractor should come back and fix that problem but if he does not, the bond should be called. Mr. Consentino states that in October there will be a NYCOM public works conference in Ithaca, New York and he would like to attend if there happens to be classes he would like to take. He says that he will bring more information on price and agenda to the next meeting. Trustee Boissonnault reminds Mr. Consentino that there is a movie night in Wells Park coming up on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Schoenig asks about preparations for the Fall Festival and needed coverage and Mr. Consentino says that his crew will ensure everything is ready by Saturday night. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the DPW report, Trustee Gaspar 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4 to 0.
2. Financial Reporting – Year-to-date performance to plan – Treasurer Hansen says we are just over 25% through the year and everything is on target to budget.

3. Tonetta Headwall Reconstruction – Mayor Schoenig authorizes the bid to go out based upon specifications/plans prepared by Village Engineer; J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.

4. Minutes for Approval

4.1. August 21, 2019 minutes – Trustee Bryde motions to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.

5. Vouchers Payable – Trustee Gaspar reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.

5.1. A -	General Fund	\$37,022.82
5.2. C –	Refuse & Garbage	466.04
5.3. F -	Water Fund	5,234.65
5.4. En -	Engineering Fees Escrow	900.00
5.5. G -	Sewer Fund	101,030.21
5.6. H63 –	Tonetta Brook Marvin Ave	490.00
5.7. H64 –	Street Milling & Paving Project	2,748.89
5.8. T -	Trust & Agency	6,089.50

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Total Vouchers Payable \$153,982.11

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve vouchers payable as written, Trustee Gaspar 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.

6. Other Business

6.1. Trustee Bryde states that the Anti-Harassment Training is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. She mentions that the Fall Festival is from Noon to 5:00 p.m. this Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and asks if there is a time the Village Board will be meeting to set up our booth on Main Street. Mayor Schoenig says that he will be down there early but everyone else should arrive there around 10:30 a.m. and he will be helping Chief Del Gardo to post signs on parking meters, noting that cars need to be off of Main Street by 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. Trustee Bryde asked what will be at the Village’s booth. Clerk Hansen says that we have extra copies of Village Matters, along with the VOB magnets and cookies. Trustee Bryde informs the Board that the Library groundbreaking ceremony will be at 2 p.m. during the Fall Festival.

6.2. Trustee Boissonnault says that the PTA will be sponsoring a movie night at Wells Park on September 21, 2019 at 7 p.m. where food will be provided by the PTA, and he is unsure of what movie will be shown but is looking forward to the event. He also would like to announce that Wells Park will be closing around the end of the month. Trustee Bryde asks if Trustee Boissonnault has any plans to put up the basketball hoops, and Trustee Boissonnault explains that someone keeps pulling down the hoops and ruining them for everyone else so he has no plans to do so. Trustee Bryde asks about the plans for the video surveillance cameras for the park. Trustee Boissonnault says that the price is currently too high, and perhaps if Wells Park can get a wireless drop, he would consider installing a few cameras that can be accessed wirelessly. Mayor Schoenig states that he is currently negotiating with the Comcast representatives about installing a drop at the park.

6.3. Mayor Schoenig states that the Carmel Avenue Bridge will begin construction on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the County believes that it will be done by November 2020.

7. New Business

7.1. Trustee Bryde says Jack Gress will be hosting his annual 9/11 gathering at Someday at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and the Elks Club Patriot Day Memorial Service will be on the same day at 6 p.m. at the B.P.O.E Brewster Elks #2101 located at 1430 Route 22, Brewster, New York. Both events will take place on September 11, 2019. Trustee Bryde would like to clarify some confusion about checking the vouchers today. She would like to note that she was not contacted that Trustee Gaspar was checking the vouchers today, usurping her position without her knowledge and was not informed until she arrived at her usual time, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to review the vouchers, which was frustrating for her. She would like to state that for a number of years, Trustee Bryde checks the vouchers at the first meeting of the month and Trustee Piccini checks the vouchers at the second meeting of the month and that if there is ever an issue when someone can’t make it, the other person will cover the vouchers. Trustee Bryde mentions that she did say that Trustee Gaspar should work with Trustee Piccini to learn how to check the vouchers. Trustee Gaspar apologizes for the frustration that this caused Trustee Bryde but reminds her that all Board members should know how to check the vouchers and was asked to check the vouchers today. Clerk Hansen apologizes for the confusion in not contacting Trustee Bryde to inform her that Trustee Gaspar was checking the vouchers today because Trustee Piccini would not be at the meeting tonight and Trustee Bryde said that she did not tell Clerk Hansen a specific time as to when she would be in to check the vouchers but reiterates that she checks the vouchers at the beginning of the month and Trustee Piccini checks the vouchers at the end of the month.

8. Public Comment

- 8.1. David Galluzzo says that he came into the Village Office to complain about the limit of two mistakes in a five year period, and would like to be reassessed. Mr. Galluzzo says that he received a ticket for not having his new permit posted on his dashboard even though it was on his seat, and would like to know if there was a way that the police could run his plates or call the office to see if he does have a permit or if he could be issued a warning instead because he did have a permit and is not causing any serious problems by parking there. Mayor Schoenig explains that the police would not know if any person only bought a pass for last quarter and now that person is parking in hopes no one notices and says it's the same concept with car registrations. Mr. Galluzzo understands he made a mistake but is more baffled by the fact that now he only has one mistake left for the next five years and after that he has to pay for the tickets. Mayor Schoenig says he will look into how other municipalities do handle their parking warnings or tickets and will contact him.
- 8.2. Town of Southeast Councilman, John Lord asks about the issue of property maintenance on the corner of Wells Street and Center Street. Mayor Schoenig explains that there were orders to remedies sent to those property owners in violation. Mr. Lord also asks what would happen someone had a parking permit and let someone else use it while that person who purchased the pass still parked in the lot. Rick Stockburger explains that the person would have to swear in court the honest truth as to why the pass wasn't in the window of their vehicle. Trustee Boissonnault would like to commend Mr. Stockburger, on his work as the parking officer, as he goes above and beyond to ensure people are being treated fairly, while still following the laws.
- 8.3. Mayor Schoenig asks Mr. Lord if the Town is looking to purchase Garden Street Schools and Mr. Lord explains that it is his understanding that the Brewster Central School District still has a contract with a prospective buyer until November of this year. Trustee Boissonnault mentions that he attended a meeting where it was his understanding that the contract and deal had expired in August because due diligence was not done.

9. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Gaspar 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.