

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 7, 2010

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the VILLAGE OF BREWSTER is holding a Public Hearing on WEDNESDAY APRIL 7, 2010, 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, N.Y. 10509 to take and hear comments on the 2010-2011 Tentative Budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees. A copy of the tentative budget is available for review by the public between the hours of 8:30 A.M and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, at the office of the Village Clerk five (5) days prior to the public hearing. All persons wishing to be heard on the question of the adoption of the tentative budget will be provided an opportunity, as time permits.

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the public hearing on the budget, Trustee Banks 2nd all in favor.

Mark Anderson comments that he is disappointed that the CPI declined but the general tax levy increased 14%. The Police budget is high but he does not see the quality of life issues have improved.

Rick Stockburger wants to reiterate that the training expense for Planning & Zoning is still not adequate. The training at Westchester Planning Federation was nothing more than a “check in the box” and we owe it to the village to restore the funds to prior year levels.

Denis Castelli thinks the Capital set asides are needed but this is a bad year to start doing this.

Jack Gress agrees with Denis and he agrees with Mark regarding the tax increase. Jack says he can't afford a 14% increase. His employees have been cut back to 4 day work week and are bearing more of the cost of health care. He asks the board to look at these options for the Village as well. Jack sees the revenue lines are down as well. He asks that the Board look at reducing the PD expenses, cut back their hours if possible. Jack recognizes the salaries of the village personnel are not at all excessive but he wants us to look at how we could cut. He feels this tax hike will have a negative effect on village life. He also believes the Water and Sewer rates will likely increase which will have a further negative effect. Jack thinks the Board should revisit the percentage allocations among funds. General should not be so high.

Rick Stockburger is concerned about the \$150,000 transfer of general fund balance to the Sewer fund. He does not feel it is justified to subsidize non-taxpaying properties with taxpayer funds.

Mark Anderson suggests the Village look at utility funding as tax districts.

Denis Castelli says the non-profits represent 20% of the village water and sewer users and putting the expenses into taxes would exclude the costs from nonprofits.

Mike Santos endorses Rick Stockburger's comment and believes the Sewer district should bear the cost of the losses.

Denis Castelli says that if the Sewer Fund made excess fund balance you could not transfer it to the General Fund, why should you transfer it into.

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

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REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Regular Meeting starting at 7:45 P.M. on April 7, 2010 at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, New York.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees: William Banks, Yoshihiko Ito, Terri Stockburger
Village Engineer:
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

John Folchetti

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the Regular meeting, Trustee Stockburger 2nd, all in favor.

1. Minutes from March 17th meeting – tabled.
2. Amended Easements for Rte 6 Retaining Wall – Trustee Stockburger motions to authorize Mayor Schoenig to sign the amended Easement agreements, Trustee Banks 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
3. Vouchers Payable
 - a. A General \$49,622.05
 - b. F Water 9,091.31
 - c. G Sewer 22,065.30
 - d. H10 Wastewater Treatment Project 7,920.61
 - e. H90 Potable Water Capital Project 1,193.00
 - f. T Trust & Agency 171.60Total Vouchers Payable \$90,063.87

Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the Vouchers Payable, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

4. Acting Village Justice Appointment – Mayor Schoenig motions to make the following appointment the Hon. Richard W. Vercollone as Acting Village Justice of the Brewster Village Court from this day April 7, 2010 whose term shall expire at noon on the 6th day of December 2010; seconded by Deputy Mayor Piccini,

AYES: 5 NAE: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

5. Other Business

- a. 67 Main Street, Deputy Mayor Piccini will represent the Village Board on the review committee.
- b. Recycling issues with AWS – need to follow up with AWS on proper pickup and disposal.
- c. Earth Day clean-up April 17th - need to advertise on web site.
- d. Garbage District research. Is our Refuse District excludable from the Budget? No. Can it be deducted from taxes? Not sure.
- e. April 30th – Town Village mtg – water discussion
- f. 571 N. Main – court dates coming up within the next few weeks. Code Enforcement Officer is to check on work that was reportedly done to cure some defects.

6. New Business

- a. Mayor Schoenig reached out to Congressman Hall's office to secure Urban Renewal grants. Clerk to speak with other communities and ascertain costs and potential outcomes.

7. Public Comment

- a. Rick Stockburger conveys that the upper section of the Gold Lot is not enforcing their parking. Rick asked Roger Gross to have the Town address the situation. If the Town Code Enforcement Officer can not do the enforcement, the Village can do so with an IMA in place.

- b. We need more parking on N. Main – we should work with NYC to do some land use planning to improve the parking situation in that part of the Village.
 - c. Signs for Neighborhood Association. We need to ask for a special use permit to post signs. What is the process for waiving requirements and fees. Counsel Molé will write up a process and circulate.
 - d. Jack Gress – Have we heard any more on the parking garage? The principals are supposed to be here for Executive session tonight.
 - e. Denis Castelli – At Team Brewster, Roger Gross said the Putnam County dump can only be relocated one of two ways, Stoneleigh Ave. or through the Village. Denis strongly suggests the Board make their position known as to how they feel about traffic of this type traveling through Village streets
 - f. Denis asks if DEP funds have been forthcoming. Not yet but the invoices are in process.
 - g. Jack Gress asks if the PD is getting new cars? Yes there is money for two leases for new police cars.
8. Mayor Schoenig motions to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters related to the Parking Garage joint venture, no action is expected to be taken after Executive Session, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
 9. Mayor motions to come out of executive session, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
 10. Trustee Banks motions to adjourn, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.