

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7 January 2015
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Regular Meeting 7 January 2015 at 7:30 PM at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

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

Absent:

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Regular Meeting

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the regular meeting, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

1. St. Lawrence O'Toole request for Waiver of Moratorium – Parking lot at 40 Prospect Street

1.1. Mr. James Nixon spoke on behalf of the application to convert part of a residential property to parking for the church. This application was originally submitted in March 2014 which was subsequently denied by the Board of Trustees. The current application includes the three changes recommended by the Village Planning Board regarding the previous application. Trustee Bryde asks if the construction equipment currently staged for the church renovation is in the area planned for parking. Mr. Nixon says it is the same space. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about the net positive of these proposed changes as currently diagonal parking exists on the side of the driveway. Mr. Nixon agrees that the net increase in parking is about 12 spaces since 7 already exist. Deputy Mayor Piccini comments that the conversion of residential space to institutional parking is not in the best interest of the community. Father Gill says the increased parking will relieve some of the stress on Prospect Street but not all. Deputy Mayor Piccini is concerned that the church will buy more property and convert it to parking which would further the decline of community. Father Gill notes that the church is not proposing to remove the existing residential dwelling and their intention is only to use the back yard for parking but does not rule out future acquisitions for additional parking. Trustee Boissonnault asks if any demolition of the back porch/laundry room has been done. Mr. Nixon says no. Mr. Boissonnault asks if the church has reached out to the neighbors. Father Gill says there was a meeting with residents that lasted about 30 minutes at the Hill Association meeting. Deputy Mayor Piccini asked about the current zoning for the property. Counsel advises that the zoning did not change but the ownership of the property changed and the use is now institutional, not residential. Mayor Schoenig motions that a waiver be granted for 40 Prospect Street, Trustee Stockburger 2nd, Mayor Schoenig asks for a roll call vote

Mayor Schoenig Yes

Deputy Mayor Piccini Yes

Trustee Boissonnault Yes

Trustee Bryde Yes

Trustee Stockburger Yes

Motion to approve the waiver of moratorium application is approved 5 to 0.

2. Budget report Year to Date FY 2015

Treasurer Hansen provides the year-to-date budget report noting that everything is as planned except the urban renewal budget line is over. We were counting on the grant reimbursements to offset some of this cost but the Comp Plan revision is behind schedule and the reimbursement request can't be submitted until the plan is complete.

3. Intermunicipal Agreements – Resolutions to extend for one additional year

3.1. Southeast Town Court Officers – Mayor motions to approve Resolution No. 010715-1 extending the Village-Town IMA for Town Court Security, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

- 3.2. Share Southeast Building Inspector - Mayor motions to approve Resolution No. 010715-2 extending the Village-Town IMA for one additional year; sharing the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
- 3.3. Putnam County Salt storage - Mayor motions to approve Resolution No. 010715-3 extending the Village-County IMA for one additional year; Salt Storage, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
- 3.4. Town of Southeast Fuel- Mayor motions to approve Resolution No. 010715-4 extending the Village-Town IMA for Fuel for one additional year; Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
- 3.5. Putnam County Fuel- Mayor motions to approve Resolution No. 010715-5 extending the Village-County IMA for Fuel for one additional year; Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
- 3.6. Gold Lot Parking Enforcement- Mayor motions to approve Resolution No. 010715-6 extending the Village-Town IMA for one additional year; Enforcement of Gold Lot Parking violations, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

4. Minutes for approval;

4.1. December 17, 2014 Public Hearings & Regular Meeting

Trustee Bryde motions to approve the December 17, 2014 minutes, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

5. Vouchers Payable – Deputy Mayor Piccini reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.

5.1. A - GENERAL FUND	\$27,783.58
5.2. C - REFUSE & GARBAGE	397.42
5.3. F - WATER FUND	7,206.91
5.4. G - SEWER FUND	5,111.58
5.5. H10 WASTE WATER TREATMENT CAPITAL	4,399.25
5.6. T - TRUST & AGENCY	2,013.74

Total Vouchers Payable \$46,912.48

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve vouchers payable as written, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

6. Other Business

- 6.1. Trustee Stockburger – Please let Dan Crawford know that the holiday flags can be removed.
- 6.2. Trustee Bryde – asked if we received any more winter parking permits. Clerk Hansen says no, still only two. Trustee Bryde asked if we received any interest regarding sidewalk snow removal. Clerk Hansen says there have been no direct contacts made as yet but there may be someone who is interested.
- 6.3. Trustee Boissonnault – proposes we pick a date for public input for Wells Park programs and uses. Trustee Boissonnault proposes Feb. 12, 2015 at 7:00PM at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster NY 10509. Trustee Boissonnault will disseminate the information via Facebook. Trustee Boissonnault asks the Board for input on the type of organization we are considering forming. Advisory? Operating? Counsel recommends that all Board of Trustees be standing members and part of any committee that might be formed. This way they will retain decision-making authority regarding any advisory recommendations. Trustee Boissonnault notes that a budget needs to be established. Trustee Bryde asks about advertising the meeting widely through many channels. Clerk Hansen will make sure this is advertised through the email distribution list which includes local news organizations and the official Village website.
- 6.4. Mayor Schoenig – asks Counsel about the status of a letter regarding the inequities in the town budget. Counsel advises letter is not yet drafted. Mayor Schoenig will speak with Supervisor Hay about the Code Enforcement vehicle and perhaps pursue a separate IMA for part time use. Mayor Schoenig will check the town budget regarding how the town records the Code Enforcement Officer Budget line.

7. New Business

- 7.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini – Paul Hesse invited us to Hudson Valley Regional Meeting on January 12th from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in New Paltz. Can anyone attend? No responses. Pace Land Use/Putnam County Planning training – two nights of training that serve as training credit for Planning & Zoning Board members. Trustee Bryde asks if everyone on both boards received this information. Clerk Hansen says yes.
- 7.2. Trustee Stockburger – Notes the DEP conveyance of sewer easements and John Folchetti’s reference change to a more current standard in the easement agreement. Counsel Molé will take point on the finalization of the easements. Trustee Stockburger asks about the Village Historian position. Mayor Schoenig is proposing Danielle Cylich fill this position. Ms. Cylich is interested in the position and has the background and credentials. Ms. Cylich is a past director of the Southeast Museum and sits on the Southeast Historic Sites Commission. Ms. Cylich has a Masters in Historic Preservation from Columbia

University and a BA in Art History from SUNY Binghamton. Ms. Cylich will come to our January 21st meeting to meet and greet the Board and public. Mayor Schoenig motions to appoint Danielle Cylich as Village Historian, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

7.3. Trustee Bryde – notes the letter from Tony Hay complementing our Brewster Police who serve as court officers for the Town of Southeast Court. Mr. Hay cited their high degree of professionalism and thanks the Board of Trustees for working with the Town to provide excellent service and save taxpayer money.

7.4. Mayor Schoenig – asks if the church property is still tax exempt if it has rental income. Counsel will research and advise, but the answer will likely depend on finances. Mayor Schoenig asks about private parking lots – these private lots are designated as vacant land and they should be commercial. Mayor Schoenig says the lots are not regulated by the Village and is considering legislation to address the issue. Mayor Schoenig asks Counsel if we can regulate and perhaps assess a fee on the private parking lots. Counsel will look into the appropriateness of their existence, their assessment status, and our authority to levy fees for their service.

8. Public Comment

8.1. Jeanmarie Hagan lives on Casino Street, a dead end street off Center Street. Ms. Hagan had complained that several streetlights in the Village, particularly some near Casino Street and Center Street, were not working roughly 10 weeks ago. A couple of them were fixed but many remain unlit. Ms. Hagan will forward another list of streetlights that are unlit and take pictures of the poles to identify them as well as provide address numbers in the event the pole does not have a number. This is a safety concern for residents and needs to be addressed promptly. Ms. Hagan knows the general burden placed on Trustees and requests that these streetlights be attended to forthwith.

9. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.