

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
04 OCTOBER 2017
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a regular meeting beginning at 7:30 PM on October 4, 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:
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Erin Meagher
Todd Atkinson

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

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

Regular Meeting

1. Trustee Erin Meagher, Request for Immediate Resignation – Mayor Schoenig says this is her tenth meeting in a row of no show, no call, and she has the audacity to cash two payroll checks while not doing her job, further harming the Village taxpayers who elected her to be their Trusted representative, this outrageous behavior would be abhorrent to any decent person, she is a disgrace, an embarrassment to the Village and should be ashamed of herself and again I ask that Erin Meagher immediately resign her position as Trustee in the Village of Brewster without further delay, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
2. DPW Report – Dan Crawford
 - 2.1. Water booster pump electronic variable frequency drive needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$4,000 and we have ordered one because we only have one working booster pump at this time. We will have it installed as soon as possible to ensure water operations remain uninterrupted.
 - 2.2. We had the new truck bid opening; we received three bids and are evaluating those.
 - 2.3. We flushed hydrants for the second Wednesday in a row Mr. Crawford would like to flush again the week before Thanksgiving hopefully before the ground is frozen. Mr. Crawford also suggests considering installation of hydrants on the long run from the pump house to Peaceable Hill Road. Mayor Schoenig suggests checking to see if there is any fire protection grant money available to install hydrants on that line.
 - 2.4. DPW employment positions
 - 2.4.1. Mayor Schoenig motions to appoint Anthony Quirk to the position of DPW Laborer, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Trustee Bryde asks how Mr. Quirk appears to be fitting in as a new hire in the Department of Public Works. Mr. Crawford said he will have to learn how to plow but he knows the equipment.
 - 2.4.2. Mr. Crawford wants to try to hire someone for the part time laborer position that is budgeted if there is no objection. No objections voiced. Trustee Bryde asks when Mr. Crawford's last day is. Mr. Crawford says it is November 29th.
 - 2.5. Mr. Crawford says the sanders are being mounted and readied for winter. The trucks are also being mechanically inspected and maintained to be ready for winter.

2.6. Trustee Bryde asks about the holiday flags. Mr. Crawford says there are some holiday flags but he is not sure how many there are or how many brackets or poles there are but will check and report back. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the DPW report, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

3. 23 Stone Ridge Road – Jack Gress said he had a leak in a water line feeding the hot water heater for a period of time. Once the leak was discovered it was fixed promptly. Mr. Gress asked if the Village had provided for any reduction for the case of leaks or broken pipes. He did not realize so much water had been lost and would appreciate it if the Board could provide some relief from the unintentional loss of water. Additionally, Mr. Gress says the water that was lost did not go down the sewer and he would like the Board to adjust the Sewer bill usage downward to its customary charge when the bill is generated for November. Mr. Gress said back in 2006 and again in 2008 the 3 tier system was instituted to limit the water that went into the sewer and since the water didn't go into the sewer the first tier perhaps could be used for all the consumption for the leak. Deputy Mayor Piccini said we had discussions about what could be done for water used outside the house or for filling swimming pools, and even if another meter was installed the Board said they would not consider that approach. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks if it is something that should be revisited. Mayor Schoenig says the occurrence of an unforeseen leak is different from the planned usage of water outside the sewer system. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjust the sewer bill to the average of the previous four quarters, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Mayor Schoenig motions to charge a flat rate fee of \$0.0144 cents per gallon for the lost water, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
4. Financial Report Year to Date – Treasurer Hansen delivers the year to date financial report through the October 4th payables included in tonight's vouchers for approval. We are approximately a third of the way through the year and everything is tracking close to plan. Areas to watch are the water supply contractual which is pushing fifty percent and is going to have another unexpected expense for the replacement digital drive unit. There is a \$20,000 contingency in the Water fund which will help but we may have to look to fund balance if we exceed the water fund budget in other areas.
5. Local Law 5 – Prohibiting Roosters, Restricting Hens – The Board directs Counsel Molé to include the following in the local law:
 - 5.1. Limit to residential
 - 5.2. Limit to six hens per conforming lot
 - 5.3. Limited to a coop or fenced in.
 - 5.4. No roosters
 - 5.5. Coops to conform to setbacks

Counsel will provide final form for Board approval.

6. Minutes for approval;
 - 6.1. September 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes – Trustee Bryde motions to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
7. Vouchers Payable – Trustee Bryde reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.

7.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$ 9,286.74
7.2. C –	REFUSE & GARBAGE	973.05
7.3. EN -	ENGINEERING FEES ESCROW	1,845.00
7.4. F -	WATER FUND	8,014.15
7.5. G -	SEWER FUND	57,703.85
7.6. TA -	TRUST & AGENCY	997.30

Total Vouchers Payable \$ 78,820.09

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

8. Other Business
 - 8.1. Trustee Bryde says Founders Day was the best ever and offers congratulations to Laurie Manning and Jack Gress. Trustee Bryde asks if Paychex has contacted us about the Employee Handbook. Clerk

Hansen says nothing yet. Trustee Bryde says the band event was nice but it was too bad the weather didn't cooperate.

- 8.2. Trustee Boissonnault said the Eagle Scout project will be installed on Saturday. Trustee Boissonnault said the music festival could have been a great event had the weather cooperated.
- 8.3. Mayor Schoenig also says that Founders Day was outstanding with an excellent turnout. Mayor Schoenig also acknowledges Southeast Highway Supervisor Mike Bruen for providing the trucks to block the streets, Dan Crawford our DPW for the excellent work preparing for maintaining, and cleaning up after the street fair, and Chief John Del Gardo along with our Brewster Police Department for the fabulous job they did to make this a safe event.

9. New Business

- 9.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini ribbon cutting of the new turf field concession stand behind JFK Elementary School. Deputy Mayor Piccini says Village Matters articles are due October 15th.
- 9.2. Trustee Bryde says there is a party in the Wells Park on Saturday on October 14th.
- 9.3. Trustee Boissonnault said he was able to attend the County Legislative meeting on September 19th and the County Legislative committee was enthusiastic about connecting Wells Park to the rail trail. Trustee Boissonnault spoke with St. Lawrence who intends to have a very large get together on October 21st. The size of the crowd has grown to five hundred and we have asked them to bring in portable toilets.
- 9.4. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the charges for mattress and TV pickup including administrative fees, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

10. Public Comment

- 10.1. Jack Gress says that in all the years the Coalition for a Better Brewster has done Founders Day people don't realize what the Village of Brewster does for Founders Day especially the Highway Department and Police Department. Mayor Schoenig asks Mr. Gress if the coalition has money available to please consider buying bags to cover the meters for Founders Day. Jack Gress says that Putnam County Planning Department has permission to put the sidewalk in from the stairway on Peaceable Hill Road down to 208 Main Street.

11. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.