

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 26, 2014

**Special Meeting**

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Special Meeting 7:00 PM on March 19, 2014 at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor:

Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini

Trustees; Tom Boissonnault, Mary Bryde, Terri Stockburger

Village Engineer:

Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,

Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Village Police:

Village DPW: Dan Crawford

Absent:

James Schoenig

John Folchetti

John Del Gardo

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

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1. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to open the Special Meeting, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.
2. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to enter Executive Session to meet with Professional Planners and discuss contractual matters regarding the Professional Planner bids and Garbage contract, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.
3. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to come out of executive session and resume the special meeting, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.
4. Professional Planner Contract Award - tabled until April 2, 2014
5. Set Public Hearing date for 2014-2015 Budget – Trustee Bryde motions to set the Public Hearing for the Budget on April 15, 2014 at 7:30PM at 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.
6. Pattern for Progress Letter of Support – tabled to April 2, 2014
7. Garbage contract changes – tabled to April 2, 2014
8. Budget
  - 8.1. Discussed new tractor with mower deck for DPW at \$35,000. Dan Crawford stated the 1986 tractor is aged out. Parts are difficult to get so keeping it running is an issue. We are looking at a versatile piece of equipment to purchase in place of the current tractor. One that will have attachments available other than for the mower deck should we desire to purchase them. It is generally agreed that it is past time to replace a 1986 piece of equipment.
  - 8.2. Discussed overtime budget for DPW. Deputy Mayor Piccini noted the amount was slightly less than current year's budget. Mr. Crawford states that we did not exceed this year's overtime budget even with all the storms we had. Mr. Crawford is comfortable with his budget estimate for overtime and which includes a 2% wage increase across the board.
  - 8.3. Trustee Boissonnault asked about the interest rate subsidy for the EFC bond issue. The 50% state subsidy is reflected in this budget. Deputy Mayor Piccini asked if the \$19,000 savings this year will go to fund balance and Clerk Hansen says it will.
9. Public Comment
  - 9.1. Jack Gress analyzed the budget and had very few questions. Mr. Gress noted our Refuse administrative charge was 20% while Town of Southeast charges 25%. Mr. Gress asked about the tax stabilization contribution and Clerk Hansen said it was there to balance the budget. Clerk Hansen says that account has provided revenue for each of the last 4 years and each year we hardly ever dip into it because contingency is available and often we save money here and there which makes more money available to be moved around by the trustees during budget transfers. Mr. Gress asked about the excess fund balances in water & sewer and Clerk Hansen said they would be transferred to Capital Reserve with the Board's approval to mitigate any potential increases to water and sewer rates due to large expenditures for capital equipment replacement. Mr. Gress agrees that is a good strategy.
10. Trustee Boissonnault Motions to adjourn, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.