

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
06 JULY 2016
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Regular Meeting on July 6, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees; Mary Bryde, Tom Boissonnault, Erin Meagher
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. Mark Rosa with Putnam County Highway Engineering Division provides an overview of the Morningthorpe Pedestrian Bridge project turning Morningthorpe Avenue into a shared use pathway. The project includes new sidewalks, new crosswalk markings, some storm drainage and some accessible approaches from Main Street. The \$2.5 million dollar project needs to be completed by the end of 2017. Mayor Schoenig and the Board of Trustees thanks Mr. Rosa for presenting the plan and schedule for the Morningthorpe Bridge replacement project.
2. Helado Gelato sign question – Mr. Dumont says he has come into possession of an eight foot sculpted figure of a hand with a finger pointing which used to hang from a building in Manhattan. Mr. Dumont said it was unclear from Code Enforcement whether this type of sign would be permitted. Trustee Bryde asked if the sign would hang high up if installed here in Brewster perhaps making the sign appear smaller. Deputy Mayor Piccini says the sign ordinance might treat this as a special sign requiring a special exception use permit. Counsel Molé says he will review the sign ordinance. Mayor Schoenig asks if Mr. Dumont can provide a drawing with the sign mounted on the building to provide scale. Mr. Dumont says he can. Mr. Dumont asks for guidance on how to proceed with an application for this type of sign. Counsel Molé will look at the code and advise Code Enforcement on how to proceed.
3. DASNY Grant application authorization to sign – Clerk Hansen says the DASNY Grant finalization requires the Mayor's signature. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to authorize Mayor Schoenig to sign the SAM Grantee Certification and related documents to secure the \$100,000 through DASNY, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
4. Med drop-off location. Clerk Hansen says the location needs to be decided. Mayor Schoenig says the date is July 28, 2016 from 9AM to 3PM. The Board of Trustees unanimously stated that 208 Main is the best location for this activity.
5. Minutes for approval;

- 5.1. June 15, 2016 Regular Meeting – Trustee Bryde motions to approve the June 15, 2016 minutes with two typographical changes; delete "he is" and "Trustee Bryde asks about the chain letter" and "Erin Meagher asks," Trustee Boissonnault 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

6. Vouchers Payable – Trustee Bryde reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.

6.1. A - GENERAL FUND	\$26,690.26
6.2. C – REFUSE & GARBAGE	755.07
6.3. F - WATER FUND	7,432.34
6.4. G - SEWER FUND	58,697.42
6.5. TA - TRUST & AGENCY	2,180.24

Total Vouchers Payable \$95,755.33

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the vouchers payable as listed, Trustee Meagher 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

7. Other Business

- 7.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini says there was a Coalition for a Better Brewster (CBB) letter questioning attendance at the Farmers Market. Deputy Mayor Piccini says although we are hearing that Saturdays are well attended but Wednesday is the slow day. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks Counsel if signage requirements for the CBB promotion of the market can be waived for the season while the market is open. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks if we can remove the 30 day limit and temporary sign dimension limitations. Trustee Boissonnault said the success of the Farmers Market is important to the Village. Deputy Mayor Piccini says the PACE Mayor's Roundtable is July 13, 2016 and asks who is attending. Mayor Schoenig says he can't attend. Clerk Hansen says he is unable to attend. Counsel Molé indicates he may attend and Deputy Mayor Piccini says she will also attend. Deputy Mayor Piccini says she attended the Southeast Town Board meeting where the Prospect Hill Bridge project was discussed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) by August with the intent to award the bid in early 2017, demolish the existing bridge in July, construct new bridge in 2018. Deputy Mayor Piccini informed the Town Board and Metro North that rerouting traffic is not an issue as Carmel Avenue Bridge will remain open for normal flow at all times while that bridge is replaced. Deputy Mayor Piccini says Barrett Hill is being proposed which is rental housing, some for first responders. Deputy Mayor Piccini says that Zika virus mitigation in standing water throughout the County including storm drains is being proposed and supported by Putnam County Health Department. Deputy Mayor Piccini says there is a press release from Putnam County Department of Health and Zika bags will be made available to residents and bi-lingual bags can also be provided. Deputy Mayor Piccini successfully lobbied for kits to be made available at Village Hall not just Town Halls. Deputy Mayor Piccini would like to advertise the availability of these kits. Deputy Mayor Piccini says the Urban Renewal Progress Report consists of working on setting up a meeting with bond counsel to get some financial advice.
- 7.2. Trustee Meagher revised the garbage specifications to move toward bidding the contract this year and distributed a hard copy to Board members. Deputy Mayor Piccini elaborates on the changes that need to be incorporated in the next revision.
- 7.3. Trustee Bryde asks about the status of employee handbook revisions. Counsel Molé will make the changes and submit for Board approval. Trustee Bryde asks about the Village Matters newspaper article progress. Trustee Bryde asks about the vandalism at Wells Park Pavilion. Mayor Schoenig says he will work on a response to the Town of Southeast letter with Clerk Hansen.
- 7.4. Trustee Boissonnault says that four (4) Wells Park picnic tables were received and assembled. Trustee Boissonnault thinks we should lower the cost of the exercise class to \$20 from \$30. Trustee Boissonnault motions to change the said fee from \$30 per session to \$20 per session, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0. Trustee Boissonnault said the movie night was a well-attended event but the concert attendance was poor. Trustee Bryde said the preschool graduation event was a huge success. If they think there will be more than 25 cars then a plan must be submitted. Wells Park landscape contractor is not going to be pursued at this time. Mayor Schoenig would rather hire someone else to do the work and fill the gaps with our DPW as needed.

8. New Business

- 8.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini talks about the NY Planning Federation upcoming training seminars that might be of interest. Deputy Mayor Piccini says that Counsel forwarded a sample solar development law that needs to be reviewed and customized for the Village.
- 8.2. Trustee Meagher says the staircase at Tri-State Lot is still closed and asked if there was any progress. Clerk Hansen says no.
- 8.3. Trustee Bryde asks if there was an offer of a summer intern from Putnam CAP. Clerk Hansen says no. Trustee Bryde notes that the front page article in the Putnam County Times on our K-9 protective gear provided after completion of a four month K-9 explosives course was great news.
- 8.4. Trustee Boissonnault says the boy scouts want to use the park for an overnight venue. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks Trustee Boissonnault to come up with an appropriate fee and encourage the boy scouts to make application to use the park. Trustee Boissonnault says there are potholes throughout the Village that need attention. Counsel Molé suggests a road management program be developed by interns from Cornell or a similar source.

9. Public Comment

- 9.1. Rick Stockburger says he is against moving money from the General Fund to plug a hole in the water fund. Clerk Hansen reminds the Board that the Water Fund moved \$70,000 to the General Fund at the end of

the last fiscal year and this \$25,000 going back to the Water Fund still leaves the General Fund in a positive financial position when both transfers are taken into account.

10. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters, Mayor Schoenig 2nd all in favor 5 to 0. Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting.
11. Taxi Operator License appeal of denial. Mayor Schoenig says the denial was due to two driving while impaired convictions and 8 points currently on his license. After discussion of the applicant's driving record the Board of Trustees took no action to reverse the denial decision.
12. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to go into executive session to discuss Urban Renewal contractual matters, Mayor Schoenig 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Trustee Meagher abstains and recuses herself from the discussion. Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session resume the regular meeting and adjourn, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.