

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
01 MARCH 2017
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on March 1, 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, Erin Meagher

Village Engineer:

Village Counsel: Anthony Molé

Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

John Folchetti

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Regular Meeting

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

1. Memorial Day Parade Permit Application – Art Hanley represented VFW Post 672 for the parade permit. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the parade permit for May 29th assembling at 10:30, step off at 11:00 starting at the Fire House on N. Main Street and ending at Veterans’ Park for the ceremony, event ending around noon, waiving all fees, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
2. Eagle Scout Project – Peter Arnold explains his proposed Eagle Scout Project at Wells Park, a kiosk at where events can be posted and a walking path. The kiosk would be approximately six feet wide and have a roof to protect the postings from the elements. A second project would be to mark off a 1/5 mile walking trail around the interior of Wells Park. Trustee Bryde asks how the kiosk/bulletin board would be maintained. Mr. Arnold says the Village would have control over what gets posted and would be responsible for maintaining current events. Mr. Arnold will raise funds for the projects. Trustee Bryde says this is an excellent idea and we really need something like this and asks when the project might start. Mr. Arnold says he will present to his troop committee at the end of this month and then to the Council committee in April and hopes to begin by the end April, 2017. Mayor Schoenig asks Mr. Arnold to let us know the details about the fund raising so we can help promote the project. Trustee Bryde asks if we will make the decision as to where it will be located. Trustee Boissonnault says we have discussed this and will locate it opposite the Girl Scout kiosk as you enter the park. Mayor Schoenig motions to authorize any permits that might be needed, waiving all fees, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
3. Richard Skjerli representing Iglesia Fuente de Gracia at 2 Marvin Avenue says when he was before the Board a couple of months ago he says he understood that projects could be proposed for his property development and provides a proposed facility packet including rendering and dimensional drawings. Mayor Schoenig reminds Mr. Skjerli the property is in the redevelopment area and it would be in his best interest to speak with the selected developer before spending any money on plans or anything else. Mr. Skjerli says the church purchased the property in 2012 and no one has approached the church about the future development currently contemplated and the Urban Renewal Plan was not approved until 2016. Mayor Schoenig says we have followed the law and provided extensive reach out to the community throughout the years before the Comprehensive Plan Update was approved and the Urban Renewal Plan was adopted. Mayor Schoenig says the property falls in an area which was designated as blighted before the urban renewal plan was passed. Mr. Skjerli asks Counsel Molé what the procedure is for seeking approval for a project like the one depicted. Counsel Molé says the established procedure is to make a complete application to the building department and when they are satisfied everything is in order you will be referred to the Board of Trustees to ensure the plans are in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan. If this Board determines that the project is appropriate then it would move on to the Zoning Board and or Planning Board for necessary reviews as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer. Deputy Mayor Piccini explains again that the Church’s property is in the Urban Renewal area and as such is subject to development as delineated in the Urban Renewal Plan. Mr. Skjerli is unhappy with the position he and the church are being put in and expresses his displeasure and belief that the church is exempt from eminent domain. Counsel Molé says that this is not the forum

to argue the legal effect of an eminent domain proceeding with respect to the property. This is a regular Village Board meeting, and the Board does not have enough information to make any determination on your proposal. A complete application needs to be made to the Code Enforcement Officer and he will direct the application from that point forward.

4. 2017 fiscal year-to-date Budget Report – Treasurer Hansen says the year to date budget performance is close to expectations. As has been said previously, there will be some line item adjustments necessary and information on these adjustments will be forthcoming as a result of the 2018 budget process.

5. Minutes for approval;

- 5.1. February 15, 2017 Regular Meeting - Trustee Bryde motions to approve the February 15, 2017 minutes, Mayor Schoenig 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

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

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| 6.1. A - | GENERAL FUND | \$18,824.23 |
| 6.2. C – | REFUSE & GARBAGE | 479.60 |
| 6.3. EN - | ENGINEERING FEES ESCROW ACCOUNT | 135.00 |
| 6.4. F - | WATER FUND | 3,308.11 |
| 6.5. G - | SEWER FUND | 133,756.45 |
| 6.6. TA - | TRUST & AGENCY | 570.29 |

Total Vouchers Payable \$157,073.68

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

7. Other Business

- 7.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini says that Planning Board Chair Gaspar, Village Counsel Molé and she met to discuss the sign law changes for the B2 district and those changes will be circulated. Additionally the draft language of the proposed Cabaret law amendments should follow a similar schedule. At the next meeting on March 15th we hope to be able to set the public hearing for modifications to the code for the sign law and the cabaret law to be heard at the April 5th meeting.
 - 7.2. Deputy Mayor Piccini says Village Matters was delivered and our next article is due on April 15th.
 - 7.3. Trustee Meagher says she received a copy of the email Joe Castellano sent regarding the bus shelter and says she wants to send a formal letter to the County to pursue a new bus shelter for the Village. Deputy Mayor Piccini suggests she write the letter for Mayor Schoenig's signature.
 - 7.4. Trustee Bryde asks about taxicab numbers - Mayor Schoenig says we are still working on that.
 - 7.5. Trustee Bryde mentions George Godfrey and the publicity he is receiving from TV stations and other media and says our selection by the Village for Senator Murphy's Veterans' Honor roll and the feature article in the December issue of the Village Matters Newspaper was a fortunate circumstance.
 - 7.6. Trustee Bryde says that she had breakfast with Dorothy Killackey and the author expressed gratitude for the prime location and size of her article in Village Matters and how pleased she was that the project was coming to pass.
 - 7.7. Trustee Bryde also said several of her neighbors commented positively on this March issue of The Village Matters newspaper.
 - 7.8. Trustee Boissonnault says we should move forward with the June 17th movie night date and he has a band lined up to play for free.
 - 7.9. Trustee Boissonnault says "Tony T" would like to come before the Board to discuss performance ideas for Wells Park in the summer.
 - 7.10. Mayor Schoenig says Chief Del Gardo, Officer Italiano and he met with the Brewster Elks Club and they agreed to host a fundraiser for K-9 Falco April 7th at 7PM at the Elks for \$25 per person. Mayor Schoenig says he was very happy with the result of the meeting and the Elk Club generosity.
 - 7.11. Mayor Schoenig asked Trustee Meagher about her participation in the immigrant protest in the Village. Trustee Meagher said she was not involved personally but was in attendance and did take a picture.

8. New Business

- 8.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini reminds everyone that the deadline for budget submittals was today.
 - 8.2. Trustee Meagher asks about Saturday night activity in the Village and notes that Chief Del Gardo is not in attendance tonight. Trustee Meagher will ask about it at the next meeting.
 - 8.3. Trustee Boissonnault says he received a request to use the park on Earth Day for a puppet show but he is concerned about opening the park early as it is not really ready for the public. The consensus is the park will not be ready to use at that time.
 - 8.4. Trustee Boissonnault says thank you to the Board for their Little League sponsorship of the softball team.

9. Public Comment

9.1. Stephanie Schleicher says she is a new homeowner in Brewster and compliments the Board on Village Matters the state of the community. Ms. Schleicher asks if the new development will provide low income housing, or cheaper apartments. Ms. Schleicher also asks if Bob's Diner or Cameo Theater are also expected to be gone but can some kind of artistic memorial or representation be made of these quasi "landmarks" in the new design. Ms. Schleicher also suggests a time-line photo history be made of the new development during construction and says she has the capability to provide that service.

9.2. Omar Cardona asks what the development plan is. Mayor Schoenig says the plans are online. Village Clerk Hansen suggests taking a copy of the Village Matters newspaper for a quick overview of the Brewster Revitalization.

9.3. Mrs. Ruchala complains that the clock is too noisy and something needs to be done.

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