

**VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WOODVILLE ROAD, SHOREHAM, NY ON OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

Edward Weiss	MAYOR
Brian C. Vail	DEPUTY MAYOR
Leonard Emma	TRUSTEE
Rosemary Connell	NOT PRESENT
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
Cathy Donahue-Spier	CLERK/ TREASURER

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: L.Kogel, S.Walker, J. Desario, B.J. Richter, C.Silverstein, B.Kullen, J.Falco, M.Oberdorf, J.Blum, A.M.Emma, M.Brogden, L&J.DeTemple, L&J.Miller and Police Officer Anson.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Weiss opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Weiss held a moment of silence for the victims of the tragic Las Vegas shooting.

Moment of Silence Observed.

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from September 12th and September 23rd Board meetings.

Approved.

(Neff - Emma 4-0)

OPEN FORUM

Mr. & Mrs. DeTemple and J.Blum raised concerns about the condition of the yard at 15 Dickerson Dr. They stated that the residents held a tag-sale and then left everything outside in the yard. An empty dumpster and a large storage pod have also been left in the yard for the last three weeks and a very large boat is in the driveway. These are all violations of the local code. Commissioner Walker informed the Board and meeting attendees that the property at 15 Dickerson Dr. has been sold and the closing is scheduled for the end of this month. Commissioner Walker further stated that he has met the new

owners who assured him that once they took possession of the property, they intended to clean the yard and to discard anything left by the previous owners.

Police Officer Anso, assigned to Community Policing at the 6th precinct, stated that there were no crimes reported in the immediate area during the month of October other than a few car break-ins in Rocky Point. Officer Anson also informed meeting attendees that the precinct has begun a new program to apprehend ATV riders on local trails and beaches. Once apprehended, the ATVs are confiscated and destroyed so as to eliminate repeat offenders. Officer Anson told residents that they should call 911 if they see ATVs or parked ATV trailers on Sundays and officers will investigate.

Resident Brogden stated that on September 29th he came home from work to find his house wide-open and in disarray. Upon investigation he learned that a mortgage company employed a service to secure one of the buildings they owned, but it went to the wrong address, his address, and changed his locks. The service realized its mistake before Mr. Brogden returned home and reinstalled his locks, but did so incorrectly. They left the house unlocked, and in disarray. Officer Anson stated that these acts did not constitute a prosecutable criminal offence, but suggested that Mr. Brogden pursue a civil suit for damages.

B.Kullen commended the Board and the code officers for the way they handled the fireworks that were improperly set off on the 4th of July.

B. Kullen stated that the Village Dog Control Law prohibits dogs from being on the Village Hall deck during events, but she did not believe that this also included deck nights. B.Kullen suggested that the Village Hall rental contract state that fireworks may only be discharged by a licensed pyrotechnical operator. She also suggested that a designated smoking area be created so that people do not smoke on the deck and all over the grounds during events and leave cigarette butts everywhere. Mayor Weiss indicated that the rental policy is currently being addressed by the Board and that he would take the smoking area suggestion under advisement.

B.Kullen also stated that she would like to have better cell service at her home and that she was no longer opposed to having a cell tower in the Village. Commissioner Walker responded that various cell providers have been contacted about the possibility of installing a cell tower in the Village and that the companies indicated that they were not interested because the tower would not serve enough customers to be profitable. Mayor Weiss indicated that he was working with Commissioner Kogel with a company to see if installing repeaters on Village telephone poles was a viable option.

M.Brogden reported that he removed 13 signs along the Village roadsides advertising furniture shrink wrapping and asked whether these types of postings could be prohibited. Mayor Weiss responded that he was working to draft a non-solicitation law with the Village attorney and that he would see if this issue could be addressed in that law.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Spier reported that expenditures were largely in-line with the budget except for a few items which required line item transfers. The significant non-budgeted expense was repair of the Village Hall gate which is only partially complete and will cost several thousand dollars. However, due to acquiring competitive insurance quotes, there was a reduction in the cost of the Village insurance premium and the excess could be used to offset the overage.

Treasurer Spier requested permission to make the following transfers:

\$1,500 from A1910.42 Automobile Insurance to A1440.41 Bridge Engineer
\$1,155 from A1910.43 Village Officials Insurance to A3120.2 Police Equipment
\$853 from A1910.41 Liability/Property Insurance to A3120.2 Police Equipment
\$237.57 from A1910.46 Crime Insurance to A3120.2 Police Equipment
\$59.04 from A1910.44 Excess Liability Insurance to A7110.4313 Beach Stair Repair
\$52.97 from A1910.44 Excess Liability Insurance to A7140.423 Recreation Repairs/Equip.
\$890.10 from remaining A1910.42,44-46 Insurance lines to A5140 Brush/Weeds
\$302.40 from A1210 Mayor to A5140 Brush/Weeds

Approved.

(Vail – Weiss 4-0)

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

OPERATING BUDGET

2017006 - \$5,562.24 (9/21 payroll, utilities & payroll taxes)

2017007 - \$3,783.74 (10/5 payroll & utilities)

2017008 - \$64,211.37 (bills received during last month including fee for rental of the parking lot and 2017 insurance premium)

Total: \$73,557.35

Approved.

(Vail – Neff 4-0)

RENTALS/USE OF VILLAGE HALL

No rental requests.

Return of Security Deposits

Guevara ED 9/23/17 \$1,000

Huttenberg ED 10/7/17 \$1,000 subject to inspection of lawn irrigation for tent pole damage.

Approved.

(Weiss - Neff 4-0)

REVIEW OF VILLAGE POLICIES

Adjourned until the November Board meeting.

JUSTICE COURT AUDIT

Dep. Mayor Vail reported that he is awaiting 3 reports from the Justice Court Clerk.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Roads –Commissioner Kogel gave a brief report on the engineering work developing plans for Phase II of the Road Improvement Project. He stated that the engineering firm has taken core samples and will send out survey crews next week. The firm will be drawing up plans for the project. The Village will either go out to bid or work off a Town or County contract. Clerk Spier was requested to check on the next CHIPS payment schedule. Dep. Mayor Vail is working on getting an update from DASNY on the \$200,000 grant from Albany.
- Street Signs – Trustee Neff and Commissioner Mahoney are doing a survey of the Village Street Signs. J.Falco and M.Oberdorf reported that on Google maps, Locust St. is shown as being a circular road when, in fact, most of what is portrayed as the street is actually a Village resident’s driveway. Clerk Spier will contact Google maps to request a map correction.
- Mayor Weiss reported that he received a Traffic Calming report from Louis McLean and Assoc. pertaining to Briarcliff Rd. Commissioner Kogel reported that the Town will do a speed test on Briarcliff Rd. Once all of the information has been gathered, the Village will determine the appropriate signage to slow traffic on this road.
- Platform Tennis Courts – Commissioner Richter reported that the work authorized at the last meeting is currently in progress on the decks and stairways of the platform tennis courts.
- Trustee Emma reported that 2 estimates were obtained for repairs to the tennis court shed, tennis backboard and children’s playground bench. The lowest estimate was \$2,900. Trustee Emma requested that the Board accept this proposal and authorize an expenditure of \$2,900 for this work.

Approved.

(Emma – Weiss 4-0)

- Clerk Spier will look into lighting for the emergency phone at the corner of Woodville and Briarcliff Rds. and have signs installed designating the location of the emergency phones.
- Playground Mulch –a \$2,000 expenditure was authorized to purchase mulch for the Village playground to fill in bare patches. Earlier this year, costs of organic playground mulch was researched and it was determined that the quote from our vendor is in line with the other sellers of this product.

Approved.

(Vail – Weiss 4-0)

- Platform Tennis Court Propane Tank – Commissioner Richter reported she is having trouble getting in contact with the vendor regarding the gas tank inspection and sought permission from the Board to contact another vendor. Permission was granted.
- The Bridge – The Mayor reported that he received a proposal from Arora and Assoc. Consulting Engineers for the preparation of plans and specifications to solicit bids for the restoration of the abandoned railroad bridge in the amount of \$14,850. The benefactors who are supporting the effort to acquire the bridge will finance the engineering cost for bid preparation. Motion to authorize the acceptance of the Arora proposal.

Approved.

(Weiss - Vail 4-0)

The Board stated that it intends to invite Village residents to a board meeting where the bridge restoration is discussed in order to inform residents of the proposed project and hear their comments on the matter.

- Deer & Ticks – A resident asked whether the Village property was sprayed for ticks and the Board informed the resident that the Village does not use any pesticides on its property. The Mayor suggested that deer crossing signs be placed underneath the existing Village parking signs at the entrance to the Village. The Board stated that it will take this suggestion under advisement.
- Mayor Weiss reported that he met with the new Shoreham/Wading River School Superintendent Gerald Poole. Among other things discussed, they talked about the future plans for Briarcliff School. Mayor Weiss reported that the school district has no immediate or definite plan for this property.
- Railing north of the Village Hall – Commissioner Mahoney and Linda Weiss are designing a railing for the edge of the lower lawn similar to those that are along the concrete stairway. Updates to follow.
- Village Gate – more repairs need to be done on the Village gate arms. Update will be given at next Board meeting.
- School Clean-up – Commissioner Kogel is meeting with the school this week and will report at the next Board meeting.
- Mayor Weiss will send a note to retired commissioners Scrimenti, Flannery and Weiss thanking them for their service to the Village. In the meantime, Mayor Weiss will act as cognizant trustee for code enforcement. The Mayor moved to appoint residents David Pence and Eric Mancuso as co-commissioners of the Village Hall Building.

Approved.

(Weiss - Emma 4-0)

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Weiss reported that he consulted with the Village attorney regarding a residents request that the Village keep a directory of the elderly and infirm people in the Village.

The attorney informed the Mayor that this action was beyond the domain of a municipality.

The Board discussed the request to install a sign in the Village parkland regarding the bat house in the parkland. The Board concluded that the sign should be designed in keeping with other Village signs instead of being modelled after the appearance of the actual bat house.

Commissioner Walker has contacted an arborist to look at specific dead or damaged trees along the Village roadway to determine whether they need to be removed.

Mayor Weiss stated the Board in the process of establishing a gate policy where the Village Hall gate will be open during the hours when the Village Hall is open for business and for other various events..

Mayor Weiss stated that the Village will look into installing an external defibrillator.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Brogden offered to volunteer labor to work on various Village projects to save the Village money. The Board thanked Mr. Brogden.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:50 PM

Approved.
(Neff - Weiss 4-0)

Submitted,
Cathy Donahue Spier
Village Clerk