

**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, 80 WOODVILLE ROAD,
SHOREHAM, NY ON AUGUST 13, 2019 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

Brian C. Vail	MAYOR
Leonard Emma	DEPUTY MAYOR
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
Mariann Coogan	TRUSTEE
Laura Baisch	TRUSTEE
Cathy Donahue Spier	CLERK/TREASURER

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Joe Aretz, Vibeke Arnmark & Lars Bo Romsing, Neil Baggett, Joanne Blum, Lynda & John Borriello, Judy Buyar, John Caramihas, Celeste & Jim DeSario, Laura & John DeTemple, Annmarie Emma, Mimi Oberdorf & Joe Falco, Jessica Fiddes, Randy Goat, Tom Koeppel, Ruth & Larry Kogel, Barbara Kullen, Erin Lipani, David Madigan, Laura Miller, Rob Minarik, Cathy Silverstein, Donna Smith, Jean Sweet, Joe Tosini, Ed Weiss, John Weiss, and others.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Brian Vail opened the Regular meeting at 7:30 pm and, after the Pledge, suggested that we hear residents’ comments before his.

Pledge of Allegiance

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS / Concerns / Communications

Celeste DeSario read a Thank You “to Valerie Combs for resurrecting a long-loved tradition: performances by Shoreham Village kids!! The sets, the props, the costumes were all designed by the parents of the performers and really contributed to the performance. Thanks to all for a fun-filled evening.”

Jim DeSario voiced his concern over item #5 of the new Rules and Procedures introduced at July’s BOT meeting, specifically that an item may be placed on the agenda at any time including during the meeting itself. Since the agenda is sent by email to all residents prior to the meeting, Mr. DeSario made the point a resident, after reviewing the agenda and seeing nothing they felt strongly about speaking for or against, might not attend that meeting – only to learn later the very topic of interest they are passionate about was added to the agenda during the meeting. He suggested the BOT reconsider that section and perhaps amend it to state “nothing actionable” be added to the agenda after it has been distributed.

Mayor Vail thanked Jim, summarizing that the intent of the rules are that we do not discuss what's not on the agenda.

Judy Buyar read then hand delivered a letter to the Board of Trustees signed by Graham Marshall and herself regarding removal of an uprooted tree on a Village Right of Way. Ms. Buyar stated the tree was uprooted and leaning at a 40-degree angle over the walkway from their house to the road as a result of the unexpected July 31st storm. Ms. Buyar reported the tree to the Road Commissioner who informed her there is a moratorium on all non-emergency tree-related clean-ups until the fall tree budget is finalized. Ms. Buyar informed him the tree was not stable, being supported only by a few understory maples and liable to crash down at any time. Two days later the mayor informed her the process for removal of a Village tree involved a tree inspection by the Parks Commissioner followed by the Commissioner's recommendation to the BOT and their decision for when the work would be done in the autumn. However, if Ms. Buyar believed it was an issue of safety, she could make arrangements herself for the tree removal. Consequently Ms. Buyar called an arborist and the tree was removed August 8th. She presented the \$200 bill plus tax to the BOT with her letter.

Joe Tosini introduced himself stating he lives at 115 Briarcliff Road and he has never come to a BOT meeting to complain about his neighbors and their flagrant violations. However, he lives next door to an uninhabitable rat-infested house that has been vandalized many times. The railing and fence have been destroyed and the building is uninhabited, unsafe and unsecured. The house should be torn down and a bulkhead needs to be put in. He is willing to purchase the land, level the house, and extend his yard.

Joanne Blum mentioned that a few BOT meetings ago she brought up the lack of landscaping around the Suffolk County Water Authority facility on the corner of Briarcliff and Towerhill Rds. It has an unsightly big chain-link fence around it. Has anyone spoken to them about landscaping?

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Mayor announced that Robert Minarik will be appointed as Village Hall Maintenance Commissioner filling an open position created by a resignation. Mayor Vail welcomed Mr. Minarik and thanked him for volunteering as Village Hall Commissioner. Mayor Vail thanked Larry Kogel for his good attitude in "picking up the ball to help out" with the handicap lift project during the interim between Steve Walker's resignation and the appointment of a new Village Hall Maintenance Commissioner.

Mayor Vail thanked former Village Hall Commissioner Jim DeSario for all his oversight during the last year and cited the many improvements that transpired during Jim's tenure including installation of 25 new cupola windows, sound absorbing panels, two new dishwashers, an upgrade and repair of the walk-in cooler, interior painting of the building, and refinishing of the dance floor and wood trim in the bar area.

Mayor Vail addressed the subject of the Tree Policy stating there is significant room for improvement as we have not been consistent in the past years. He will discuss with the Trustees which direction we want to go in, stating there is not a right or wrong direction. The responsibilities of the Village and of the Village's residents need to be defined with respect to tree debris and storm clean-up. During a major storm such as Hurricane Sandy, the Village received federal funds for clean-up. However, during the sudden brief and unexpected summer storm that felled trees and branches a few weeks ago, clean-up was the responsibility of the Village and the residents.

The landscaping budget of \$50,000 ballooned to \$75,000 during the last fiscal year when landscapers were asked to deal with removal of storm debris, etc. One of the problems for both the Village and the residents is the duty of maintaining Village property. Is it reasonable to ask residents, on a volunteer basis, to take care of the property in front of their houses? Another major issue is control of storm water. Some residents keep drains free of debris while others don't touch it. It is obvious we need to discuss a cohesive plan to address these issues.

Mayor Vail apologized for not observing a Moment of Silence at the beginning of the meeting for former Shoreham Mayor, Trustee, and Country Club president Jim Jehle who passed away at the age of 85 on July 22, 2019 in Englewood, Florida. Mayor Vail stated we would do so at the end of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Record of Resident Communications: Clerk Spier reported that resident Diana Murphy had contacted the office to ask whether the Village intended to take away the tree debris from the edge of her yard. Resident Patty Pederson reported that the building construction taking place at 9 Thompson St. has not been observing the Village Law regarding permissible hours of construction and it has been very disruptive. The estate of Dora Baio telephoned to report that the brush hasn't been maintained at Circle Rd., Dickerson St. and Willow Court cul-de-sac and asked the Village to do something about it. It is full of ticks. Ms. Baio's daughter reiterated her complaint when she paid her taxes.

Minutes: Motion to approve the June 11th and July 8th, July 9th and July 30th minutes deferred until the August board meeting.

Approved
(Vail – Neff 5-0)

RENTALS / USE OF VILLAGE HALL:

Resident Dylan Avidor – Saturday, June 13, 2020 – UL – wedding reception \$2,000

TSVA – Saturday, Nov 10 – UL - all day for annual TSVA Board Meeting followed by the Veterans Plaque Dedication - \$150

Approved
(Neff – Baisch 5-0)

ABSTRACT/INVOICE APPROVAL
OPERATING FUND

2018047 - \$8,452.64 (7/11 payroll)

2018048 - \$9,346.03 (7/25 payroll and utilities)

2018049 – Previously audited and approved at July 30th Board meeting.

2018050 - \$5, 246.16 (Invoices received since last Board meeting – prior fiscal year)

2019001 - \$8,972.55 (8/8 payroll)

2019002 - \$101,910.63 (Invoices received since last Board meeting – current fiscal year)

3 payrolls - \$26,7771.23

Invoices Prior Fiscal Year - \$5,246.16

Invoices Current Fiscal Year - \$101,910.63

Invoices - \$107,156.79

CAPITAL FUND

21 – \$1060.00 LKMA – Engineering/Roads 5/5 – 6/30

Approved
(Vail – Neff 5-0)

Resolution to Appoint Robert Minarik as VH Maintenance Commission

Whereas the position of Shoreham Village Hall Maintenance Commissioner is vacant, and;

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Trustees wish to fill that position, and;

Whereas, pursuant to Village and Municipal Law the Mayor appoints officials and the majority of the Board of Trustees approves of his appointment where their approval is necessary;

Now Therefore Let it Be Resolved, that the Mayor of the Village of Shoreham appoints Robert Minarik to the position of Building Maintenance Commissioner for a term that shall expire on June 30, 2020.

Approved
(Baisch – Coogan 5-0)

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DEPUTY MAYOR LEN EMMA:

Deer Management Report: Deputy Mayor Emma read Barbara Daddino's Deer Management Report. Barbara met with the North Fork Deer Alliance on July 29th to coordinate joint lobbying efforts requesting Gov. Cuomo to order the development of a Regional Plan for Deer Control beginning with the Pine Barrens Zone, and to set funding aside for its timely implementation. She will be meeting with this group again later in August.

Road Paving Update: Roads Commissioner Larry Kogel told Mayor Vail he believes paving will begin in late September or early October and the Estates section, Ashley, Upham, Tower Hill and the parking lot will be repaved.

Code Enforcement: No new report.

Building Dept.: Building Commissioner Joe Aretz agreed with Mr. Tosini's remarks that 115 Briarcliff Road should be condemned because it is unsafe and uninhabitable.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire Dept. Update: Trustee Neff was pleased to announce that the Home Rule bills passed in the NYS Senate (#S6255) and Assembly (#A7983) and are awaiting Gov. Cuomo's signature. After that, we can make a request for a docket number in Brookhaven. Upon hearing this, the audience applauded.

TSVA Free Library: The TSVA is developing a Free Library project to be installed at the children's playground (more applause).

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Update: Beach Maintenance/storm:

Trustee Coogan thanked Beach Commissioner John Weiss for all the work he did cleaning up the beach following the July storms. John Weiss requested that the following residents be thanked for all their help on the beach during the summer: Tom Spier, Joe Abata, John Bates, Jr., Ray Abbatiello, John Gursky, Nancy Laurencot, Matt O'Shea, Ed Reilly along with others.

Trustee Coogan reported the extended beach hours will be over after this weekend and revert back to opening at 10:30 and closing at 6pm.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

New Village Hall Maintenance Commissioner: Trustee Baisch welcomed Rob Minarik emphasizing his mechanical background and expertise in systems maintenance. She stated she and Rob would be reviewing all systems and making sure they are well maintained.

Update – VH Handicap Access Lift: Trustee Baisch, Mayor Vail, Rob Minarik, Cathy Spier and Larry Kogel will be meeting tomorrow with the engineering firm and the builders to assure ADA compliance, etc. and discuss steps needed to complete the project.

REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL

Bridge Update: Mayor Vail reported that he would be meeting on Thursday with former Mayor Ed Weiss, Cathy Spier, and the Village attorney, Anthony Tohill to discuss the status of the Village acquiring title to the abandoned railroad bridge. Specifically, they will review various other agencies' responsibilities regarding the property both before and after it is utilized as part of the Rails-to-Trails system. The rehabilitation of the bridge, if the Village decides to take title, will occur this fall or next spring.

Capital Projects Planning Sept/Oct: We'll be discussing what projects we'll be doing next year as well as a 3-5 Year Plan. The emphasis will be on the Village Hall building and will include items such as a heating system upgrade, deck replacement, window and sliding door replacement.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

David Madigan noted again this month that the drain by Bud Siegel's old house is full of sand and no one has cleaned the drain. The new owner Shefki Sefa still has flooding in the basement. Mayor Vail responded that many of the drains have been cleaned and \$12,000 has been approved to add a new drain next to the current eighty-year-old one in front of Mr. Sefa's residence. There appears to be no blockage in the line, but the drain is only a six inch one. Hopefully a new catch basin will resolve the issue. Larry Kogel added that the drain couldn't be cleaned because the cover could not be removed.

Joanne Blum reported that the Clerk from Shoreham-Wading River School District (SWRSD) informed her that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 20th at the Middle School to discuss the status of the old Briarcliff School and the actions to be taken by the SWRSD regarding its sale or lease.

Commissioner Joe Aretz admonished that cut up tree debris should not be left in the road. A fire truck could not get up one of the streets this past week due to resident's tree debris blocking the way. Mayor Vail stated that S & S Landscaping has been contracted to clean up Village tree debris. However, if a tree is located on a resident's property, the Village will relocate the debris

to clear the road but will not remove it or the debris it has left. Commissioner Joe Aretz mentioned we've had two power outages in the past two weeks, and it is imperative for PSEG to maintain tree trimming in the Village. Mayor Vail stated he will make sure PSEG is contacted regarding tree trimming.

Moment of Silence for Jim Jehle

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:10PM

Approved

(Coogan – Neff 5-0)

Submitted,

Cathy Donahue Spier, Village Clerk