

**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 SEPTEMBER 10th, 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, Neil Baggett & Nancy Delagi, Joanne Blum, Judy Buyar, John Caramihas, Celeste & Jim DeSario, Annmarie Emma, Mimi & Joe Falco, Randy Goat, Larry Kogel, Erin Lipani, John Miller, Diana Murphy, Cathy Silverstein, Ed 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS / Concerns / Communications

Judy Buyar read her comments stating that the removal of trees in the Village of Shoreham right of way is the Village’s responsibility as cited under Local Law number 29, subsection 28-5, which she also quoted. Ms. Buyar made the following points:

- (1) The removal and trimming of trees in the Town of Brookhaven right of way falls under the jurisdiction of the Brookhaven Highway Department.
- (2) Brookhaven Town has approximately nine villages and fifty hamlets where it manages the roadways and right of ways.
- (3) On August 1st, I reported an uprooted tree on the road allowance. Following multiple inspections, the tree was considered “dead” by the Park Commissioner, an arborist, and a representative of the Village’s contracted landscaping company and a “threat” by the Building Commissioner. I explained to the Board, the mayor and all other officials I was asked to address, that the tree was leaning at a 40 degree angle over the walkway to our back door and was tall enough to strike the house if it fell to the ground. It was temporarily hung up in a Japanese maple and a Norway maple by the street.

(4) The Village's approach to this was for us to get an inspection from the Park Commissioner who would report his findings back to the Board. The Board would then make a decision after they had set the fall tree-trimming budget. This process is unreasonable and showed a disregard for our safety, the safety of those who access our home from Tagliabue and our property.

(5) Over the past several years, and as recently as this spring, the Village has routinely trimmed and or removed dead trees in the road allowance. I am asking that they follow the law and continue the practice in place until June.

Mayor Vail thanked Ms. Buyar, saying her comments were appreciated.

Neil Baggett commented "It's wonderful to be in Shoreham!" by way of introducing several ideas for the TSVA's upcoming schedule. These included possible programs about Grumman's Moon Lander, the NSLS2 research facility at BNL, Nazis in Yaphank during WWII, an Earth Day event next April, and the Tesla Science Center. Mr. Baggett urged the Village to consider a mutually beneficial partnership with the Tesla Science Center.

Mayor Vail thanked Mr. Baggett.

Diana Murphy offered a quick tree comment as a follow-up to Judy Buyar's stating that she had contacted the Village twice regarding 2 tree limbs on her property and that the Village did not respond. She found that to be disrespectful and hoped for a change in the future.

Mayor Vail stated that he and Clerk Cathy Spier will be writing a letter to residents to discuss how best to approach communication about tree problems, the legal responsibilities and opportunities for volunteerism.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vail stated he did not have many comments tonight as we are in the process of wrapping up several projects over the next few months. These include the roads, the fire district, the bridge, and the accessible lift. We are also working on a landscaping itemization, so we have blueprints outlining what is Village property and what is not. This will also help our landscaping contractors manage more efficiently.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Record of Resident Communications: Clerk Spier reported Richard & Jessica Benigno questioned why they did not have a curb in front of their house. MaryLou Abata reported the trenches on the south side of Ashley are eroding the pavement. Former resident Jo-ann Fiscina requested permission to remove the memorial bench engraved and dedicated to her husband Mike Fiscina. The stone bench was installed near the flagpole 22 years ago in May 1997. At that time the Village made a \$750.00 donation towards the cost of the project. While the family no longer resides in the Village, they have maintained the bench over the years and are now seeing

the eroding effects of time and beach proximity. They would like to relocate Mike's bench, at their expense, and install it on the grounds of one of his children.

Minutes: Approval of August 13th and August 28th minutes

Approved
(Vail – Baisch 5-0)

Financials/Approval of Expenditures:

Treasurer Spier reported that most of the taxes had been collected and since the Village had this influx of cash, she would like to purchase certificates of deposit as they have a higher interest rate than the bank account.

Resolution re: People's Bank: Resolution to authorize the opening of an account at People's Bank for the purpose of purchasing certificates of deposit and authorize Mayor Vail and Treasurer Spier to be the signatories for the account.

Approved
(Vail – Neff 5-0)

Resolution re Platform Tennis Court Lighting Donations: Treasurer Spier reported that at the recent Work Session the cost of new lighting for the platform tennis courts was discussed and Trustee Coogan indicated that she would like to ask for donations to defray the cost to the Village. Resolution to create a revenue line item for platform tennis court lighting donations (A2705.1) and create a budget line item entitled Platform Tennis Court Lighting (A7140.413) and further to authorize the Treasurer to accept donations for this project.

Approved
(Coogan – Neff 5-0)

ABSTRACT/INVOICE APPROVAL

OPERATING FUND

2019003 - \$9,733.23 (8/22 payroll and utilities)

2019004 - \$7,663.57 (9/5 payroll and utilities)

2019005 - \$38,484.06 (bills received since last board meeting)

2019006 - \$17,955.00 (second half of Almas Construction Invoice – not to be paid until compliance issues are satisfactorily resolved)

TOTAL: \$ 73,835.86

CAPITAL FUND

22 - \$2,100 (LKMA)

Approved
(Vail – Emma 5-0)

RENTALS / USE OF VILLAGE HALL:

Mayor Brian Vail – Saturday, October 12, 2019 – LL from 9am-noon – charity event – ALS Walk - \$100

Residents Walter & Angela Stockton – Saturday, June 6, 2020 – UL – Sweet Sixteen for daughter - \$2,000

Approved
(Neff - Baisch 5-0)

Resolution to appoint Erin Lipani as Sustainability Commissioner and Eric Mancuso as member of the Village Hall Aesthetics Committee (to replace Carol Willen).

Approved
(Neff – Coogan 5-0)

Deputy Mayor Len Emma introduced Erin Lipani as a three-year resident of Shoreham Village who volunteered for this position. Erin works in local Town government, presently in the Suffolk County Executive’s Office. She studies nitrogen in wastewater and its effect on the environment.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Approval of Insurance Carrier: Our current insurance expires October 1st. Our insurance broker solicited various companies for proposals. A few of the companies did not have the services the Village required, and some companies were not competitive. Two companies submitted competitive bids, Glatfelter, our existing carrier, and New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR). Of the two, NYMIR is \$1,000 less. The broker states that both are good companies and there are no significant differences between the policies.

Resolution to authorize the Mayor to contract with NYMIR for insurance coverage for the upcoming year and authorize the Treasurer to pay the premium of \$25,000 prior to October 1, 2019.

Approved
(Vail – Neff 5-0)

DEPUTY MAYOR LEN EMMA:

Deer Management Report: Deputy Mayor Len Emma reported Barbara Daddino is working with the Peconic Land Trust to coordinate efforts for a letter writing campaign from officials to Governor Cuomo to advocate a regional deer control plan. The group will meet with the Pine Barrens Commission in October.

Roads/Drainage Update: Deputy Mayor Emma stated that paving is imminent. Public Works Commissioner Larry Kogel stated he anticipates paving will be completed by the end of September. Commissioner Kogel reported that all designated stormwater drains have been cleaned with the exception of the Tagliabue Rd. drain which is too small to clean. A new drain collection box will be installed on Tagliabue Rd. further north to address the overflow. Yesterday the drains in the Village Hall parking lot were cleaned and inspected. It was found that the basin at the corner of the building is not connected to the building's gutters and leaders and can be eliminated as a source of the water that came into the basement earlier this summer. There have been no other water issues in the basement since the sprinkler system was turned off. The engineers have been asked to draft a document depicting all the drains and cesspools at the Village Hall.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District Update: Trustee Neff says there are no new details.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Trustee Coogan announced that the 95th annual Shoreham-Wading River Tennis Tournament on Labor Day Weekend resulted in the women keeping the trophy, but the Shoreham men lost to Wading River this year.

Paddle Tennis Court Lights: Trustee Coogan reported she's looking into LED lighting for the paddle tennis courts. She received a proposal from Reilly Green Mountain Tennis Co. for \$12,000. The reason for the lighting change is that the lights would require less repair and bulb replacement than the current lighting and be more cost-effective. Resident Judy Buyar voiced concerns about light trespass. Larry Kogel suggested that Judy Buyar work with Trustee Coogan in soliciting additional quotes given Judy's experience with the Village Hall parking lot lighting project. Trustee Coogan noted that court lighting requires a specific type of fixture to accommodate the vibration created during play.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Handicap Access Lift Update: Trustee Baisch reported that the lift plans had to be adjusted to meet ADA compliance codes and she is reviewing the contractor's proposed changes and its additional expense. She and Commissioner Minarik will meet with the contractor to finalize the plan for completion of this project.

REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL

Briarcliff School: Mayor Vail reported that the Shoreham-Wading River School District (SWRSD) has hired a marketing/brokerage firm to market the building. The position of the Village is that there is a zoning plan in place. Interested parties can refer to the zoning law to

determine permissible uses of the property. If a plan is presented by a potential purchaser, we will refer it to the Village attorney. Otherwise, we have no comment.

Expense Control: Mayor Vail discussed how the operating budget has been trimmed over the last few years to control expenses and reported on the fiscal year-end. The Village reduced expenditures on the Village Hall building this year. The steward budget has been reduced by \$15,000 and code officer budget was lowered by \$10,000. The sanitation contract bid came in \$20,000 less over the last two years. The next focus will be on lowering landscaping costs. Mayor Vail will report on the capital budget after the paving is done.

Rails-to-Trails / Bridge Renovation Update: Mayor Vail stated that the state has signed off on the county's plans to install a multi-use path. Former Shoreham Mayor Ed Weiss and our Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker will be meeting with Suffolk County engineer Bill Hillman on September 18th to coordinate where work on the project will start. In addition, Ed Weiss is working with Sen. Ken LaValle and LIPA to effect the burial of electrical lines that run north/south perpendicular over the bridge where the proposed path will lie.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Nancy Delagi asked if we have a mechanism to collect fines from people who don't take care of their houses or people who cut down trees without a permit. Mayor Vail said yes, there is a collection process when residents are fined.

Jim DeSario commented on the cost of the platform tennis court lights and suggested perhaps the court users could be asked to contribute to the cost. Trustee Coogan stated they are presently soliciting donations from the court users. Mr. DeSario then suggested perhaps a plaque with the names of the contributors or sponsors would help bring in contributions since they are voluntary donations.

Suffolk County Police Officer Frank Responi attended the meeting and spoke briefly reporting police had responded to three calls over the summer for heroin overdoses in Shoreham, although none were in the Village. Mayor Vail requested that the police monitor the abandoned house at 117 Briarcliff which is currently bank owned. Judy Buyar asked the officer about ticketing cars parked by the fire hydrant. Officer Responi informed her that Village code officers can issue tickets such as that.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:25PM

Approved

(Vail – Emma 5-0)

Submitted,

Cathy Donahue Spier, Village Clerk

