

**VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM  
BOX 389  
SHOREHAM, NEW YORK 11786**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 80 WOODVILLE ROAD, SHOREHAM, NY ON OCTOBER 8th, 2019 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

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

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Joe Aretz, Neil Baggett & Nancy Delagi, Judy Baker, John & Lynda Borriello, Joanne Blum, Judy Buyar, Annmarie Emma, Joe Falco & Mimi Oberdorf, Randy Goat, Roxane Gruenheid (beginning of meeting), Erin Lipani, David Madigan, John & Laura Miller, BJ Richter, John Weiss, Ed Weiss, and others.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Brian Vail opened the Regular meeting at 7:30 pm and reserved his comment for the end of the meeting.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS / Concerns / Communications

Resident Judy Baker inquired whether the Board would consider purchasing new audio speakers for the upper level. Mayor Vail advised her to speak to Trustee Baisch and Commissioner Minarik regarding her request. Several residents noted that the acoustics were the problem and new speakers and referenced prior acoustical studies made at behest of the Board of Trustees. David Madigan suggested that the Village purchase a new sound system for \$2,500. Resident Randy Goat asked when he would be getting his security deposit back from his rental of the Village Hall. Treasurer Spier informed him the request to return funds was on tonight’s warrant for Board approval. Resident Judy Buyar stated that she and other residents who walk their dogs in the Village have noticed an odor emanating from storm drains at the low points on the Village roads, specifically abutting the driveway of 5 Wardencliff Rd. and at 68 Woodville Rd. Trustee Emma responded that he will look into the matter. Resident Buyar also requested whether the Village budget could have more specificity so it was more understandable for a resident.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Record of Resident Communications: Clerk Spier reported that resident Laura Miller emailed to thank the Board of Trustees on the wonderful new roads and curbs. Clerk Spier reported that resident Matthew Elgut telephoned to report that the bamboo on his property had been cut down and asked whether it was done by the Village landscaper.

Minutes: Approval of September 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes.

*Approved*  
*(Vail – Neff 4-0)*

Financials/Approval of Expenditures:

Treasurer Spier reported that LIPA/PSEG underpaid taxes in the amount of \$12,000 for the current tax year.

NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services determined the special franchise assessment for LIPA/PSEG and it was much higher for the Village of Shoreham than the prior tax year.

LIPA claims that the LIPA Reform Act limits their payments to 2% over the prior year.

Treasurer Spier to contact NYCOM.

ABSTRACT/INVOICE APPROVAL

OPERATING FUND

2019006 - \$22,669.73 (payroll, utilities and 2nd half of Almas Invoice)

2019007 - \$4,659.17 (payroll and utilities)

2019008 - \$53,915.76 (bills received since last Board meeting)

TOTAL: \$81,244.66

*Approved*  
*(Vail – Emma 4-0)*

Voucher Number 2019111 Buyar \$217.25

*Not Approved*

*Vail – yea*

*Emma - nay*

*Neff - yea*

*Coogan - nay*

RENTALS / USE OF VILLAGE HALL:

Goat – return security deposit \$300 ED 9/22/19

*Approved*  
*(Neff - Vail 4-0)*

TSVA requested the following times and dates:

Saturday, January 25, 2020 - 7pm

Saturday, March 7, 2020 – 7pm

Saturday, March 28, 2020 – 7pm

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – All day.

***Not approved: Board indicated that the requested dates will be held for the TSVA events, but withheld approval until the maintenance schedule for the VH is determined.***

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR LEN EMMA:

Deer Management Report: Deputy Mayor Len Emma reported Barbara Daddino will be meeting with the Pine Barrens Commissioner this month regarding a regional plan for deer control.

Roads/Drainage Update: Mayor Vail reported for Commissioner Kogel that 80% of the road work is complete. Commissioner Kogel has a punch list that includes some curbing and drainage work. Mayor Vail commended Commissioner Kogel for the hard work that it took to make this project happen and noted that approximately 3.3 million dollars has been spent to supply curbing, drainage and re-paving for Village roads. Mayor Vail indicated that the Village will not be putting in a new drain at Prospect St. and Tagliabue Rd.

Code Enforcement: Trustee Emma reported that Commissioner Gruenheid has been working diligently to address matters involving dogs at large and illicit tree removal.

Vector Control Update: Trustee Emma thanked Commissioner Lipani for the expeditious manner in which she arranged for Suffolk County to treat the Village sumps for mosquitoes.

### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District Update: Trustee Neff reported that the request for home rule sponsored by Senator Lavalley had passed through the NYS Assembly and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on October 4, 2019.

TSVA Lending Library: Trustee Neff reported that the TSVA children's lending library project had been approved by the Aesthetics Committee and the Parks Commissioner. She made a motion to authorize the TSVA to install the library at the children's playground at no cost to the Village.

Trustee Neff thanked the TSVA, and Sal Filosa in particular, for taking the proper steps to effectuate this project.

Landscaping: Trustee Neff reported that the Village has begun the clean-up of encroaching vegetation at the curb of Village roads. A law that would require homeowners to maintain their property to the curb of Village roads is currently under contemplation.

Relocation of Bud Seigel Beach Lane Sign: Trustee Neff reported that the matter of the relocation of the Bud Seigel Beach Lane sign has been resolved. The interested parties reached a compromise and the sign will be placed on the south side of the lane at the northwest corner of Wardencliff Rd. and Thompson St. Trustee Neff publicly thanked the participants for their willingness to compromise and resolve the matter amicably.

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Paddle Tennis Court Light Presentation: Trustee Coogan made a presentation concerning the platform tennis court light replacement project. She reported that the project would be environment and energy friendly in that it would eliminate the need to replace light bulbs. She stated that Reilly Green Mountain was the vendor chosen to do the work as they are specialists in the maintenance of platform tennis courts and are the only such company in the area. Reilly Green Mountain installed the original lights. She indicated that the new lights would be on the same timer as the current lights and that the lights had a 3-year warranty. Trustee Coogan stated that the price Reilly Green Mountain quoted is \$13,200. Trustee Coogan indicated that a fundraising campaign was initiated and that she and resident John Bates have collected approximately \$12,550 in donations from Village residents.

Treasurer Spier asked Trustee Coogan if the quote by Reilly Green Mountain covered the entire cost of the light replacement project or if there were other expenses that would be incurred as part of the installation and operation of the lighting.

Motion by Trustee Coogan to authorize Reilly Green Mountain in writing to purchase the lights and put the project on their work calendar. There was no second to the motion and it was withdrawn.

Mayor Vail stated that he had concerns that the current electrical wiring would not support the lights and indicated that he would like to ascertain the viability of the wiring before authorizing Reilly Green Mountain to order the lighting material. Mayor Vail asked that Clerk Spier speak to Attorney Tohill regarding the procurement aspect of the project and whether the Village would be in compliance with its procurement policy.

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Village Hall Maintenance and Repairs: Commissioner Minarik reported for Trustee Baisch. He stated that they have currently obtained two quotes to replace the Village Hall water heater and are in the process of obtaining a third. Once the quotes are in, he will make a presentation to the

Board. Commissioner Minarik also reported that Reliable Fence will be replacing the boat cage gates and transom at the original estimate cost.

The work will be undertaken shortly. Commissioner Minarik reported that he contacted a company to field test the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and replace the batteries and pads for \$513.00 and requested that this work be authorized. Clerk Spier indicated that the fire alarm had been repeatedly sending a low battery signal to the central station and that she had the alarm company that monitors the fire and intrusion alarm service the alarm. Commissioner Minarik stated that he had a report from the alarm company stating that the panel on the fire alarm was malfunctioning and that the panel would need to be replaced. The alarm installed in the Village Hall is no longer in production and the company proposed either replacing it with a used panel for five hundred dollars or replacing the panel entirely with a current alarm panel for \$3,565.48. Trustee Emma indicated that this matter was an emergency matter and made the following motion:

Authorize field test and replacement of AED batteries for \$513 and authorize the replacement of the fire alarm panel for \$3,565.48.

***Approved***  
***(Emma - Neff 4-0)***

#### REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL

Handicap Access Lift Update: Mayor Vail stated that after several meetings with the contractor and the engineers, it has been determined additional money would need to be authorized in order to complete the handicap access lift. These expenditures will be memorialized in a change order to the contract with the contractor. Trustee Baisch will make a presentation to the Board and ask for a vote at the October 17, 2019 meeting.

Rails-to-Trails / Bridge Renovation Update: Mayor Vail stated that Ed Weiss is working with LIPA on getting the electric lines buried and that the bridge project was proceeding along. Mayor Vail relayed the information that the County's Rails-to-Trails project will be breaking ground "shortly" and that it will be a two year project. He wasn't certain where the exact location of the project will be initiated.

#### RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Resident David Madigan stated that he was concerned about the amount of citations that the code officers were issuing.

Resident Goat stated that his son-in-law received a citation from one of the code officers and that he was certain that it was in error and would be dismissed.

Resident Falco stated that the Village had held an Earth Day about 10 years ago and that the information was still on the website! He stated that it was a day-long affair with 3 separate sets of lectures.

#### MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Vail announced that Clerk/Treasurer Spier would be leaving. He stated that she had held the position of Treasurer for ten years and that of Clerk for seven years and that she would oversee the office transition during the month of November.

Resident David Madigan stated that Cathy Spier was one of the best Clerk/Treasurers that the Village ever had. There was a round of applause from the audience.

Resident Mimi Oberdorf stated, “No one knows how hard she works!” and “She got us through two hurricanes.”

Clerk/Treasurer Spier thanked everyone for the honor and pleasure of serving the residents and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Shoreham.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 9:00PM

*Approved*

*(Vail – Emma 4-0)*

Next meeting scheduled October 17, 2019 6:00 pm.

Submitted,

*Cathy Donahue Spier, Village Clerk*