

**VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM
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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 NOVEMBER 12th, 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 Silverstein	CLERK’S ASSISTANT

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Joe Aretz, Neil Baggett, Edward Brickley, Dan Brickley, Judy Buyar, John Caramihas, Ann Marie Emma, Joe Falco, Larry Kogel, Barbara Kullen, David Madigan, John & Laura Miller, BJ & Brian Richter, Tom Spier, Jean Sweet and others.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Brian Vail opened the Regular meeting at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vail requested a Moment of Silence for Gregory Butler, Trustee Laura Baisch’s brother. Laura then said a few words about Greg who grew up in Shoreham and later served in the Air Force for four years. She thanked everyone for their condolences and reminded them to “Hug everybody you love.”

Mayor Vail stated we would hear comments from residents at the end of the meeting. He then announced that tonight would be Deputy Mayor Len Emma’s last meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Emma noted he wasn’t resigning, he was “retiring.”

Mayor Vail mentioned that a new public law was being discussed for residents to be responsible for their property up to the curb. A number of residents have been blowing or raking their leaves into the streets, but since there is no loose leaf pick-up in the Village (or in Brookhaven Town) the leaf debris ends up clogging drains and then the Village has to pay laborers to clean the drains. An email will go out to Village residents asking for their help with this problem. Trustee Len Emma added his concern that too much storm water ends up in the Sound. Building Commissioner Joe Aretz mentioned that he is also hearing complaints about dead trees needing removal.

Mayor Vail thanked Public Works Commissioner Larry Kogel for the successful completion of the Roads Project this fall. He noted that the curbing and drainage came in at a good price, but we spent a bit more on drainage than expected. However, the total bill came in below our original estimate.

Mayor Vail congratulated the TSVA on their wonderful tribute to veterans on Sunday, November 10, 2019, and thanked Tom Spier, Jim Baker and Joe & Mimi Falco for all their time planning this event. He then stated that Shoreham Village would donate to the cost of the new veteran's plaque. Tom Spier said the bill was \$2,280. Trustee Emma made a motion to authorize the Village to contribute up to \$1,000 towards the cost. The motion was seconded by Mayor Vail.

Approved
(Emma – Vail 5-0)

COPE Officer Frank from the 7th Precinct gave a report on crime in Shoreham and the vicinity. There was criminal mischief (spray painting and damage) at the vacant property located at 117 Briarcliff Road. Joe Aretz commented the house had been boarded up recently. Mayor Vail asked Officer Frank if there was anything more we could do. The officer stated he would add it as part of their patrol check on weekends. David Madigan said Shoreham Village has no law about control of unoccupied and/or abandoned houses and suggested we pass one that includes a per diem fee for bank held houses that are not properly secured. Officer Frank also alluded to the rumor of a woman being hit in the head with a hammer during a home invasion on Suffolk Down. The invasion and hammer rumor is false. The matter is being investigated as one of a known person dealing drugs.

Mariann Coogan asked the officer about door-to-door solicitors. The officer said for any non-emergency the public should call 852-COPS because those calls go to a different part of the dispatch system. Laura Miller asked what to do about injured deer. Apparently, the police had been called and they came, shot the deer, and left it. Officer Frank said the police will remove any dead deer in the roadways (but not in parks, fields, etc.). Just call 852-COPS to report it. Mayor Vail thanked Officer Frank for his time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Record of Resident Communications: None.

Minutes: Approval of October 8th and October 17th Board meeting minutes.

Approved
(Vail – Neff 5-0)

Financials/Approval of Expenditures:

ABSTRACT/INVOICE APPROVAL

OPERATING FUND

2019009 - \$4,640.67 (10/17 payroll and utilities)
2019010 - \$4,291.42 (10/31 payroll and utilities)
2019011 - \$20,454.94 (bills received since last board meeting)

TOTAL: \$29,387.03

CAPITAL FUND

23 - \$180,745.44

Approved

(Vail – Emma 5-0)

RENTALS / USE OF VILLAGE HALL:

Vail – return \$500 security deposit - ED 10/12/19
Resident Laura Baisch – Saturday, November 16, 2019 – UL – Memorial Service - \$800
Change of date for Stockton rental from Saturday, June 6, 2020 (approved at 9/19/19 meeting) to Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Approved

(Neff - Vail 5-0)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District Update: Trustee Neff reported that the plan to enlarge the fire district was filed with the Town of Brookhaven. We are waiting for a public hearing date.

TSVA Lending Library: Trustee Neff reported that the TSVA lending library project is full of books and adorable. She thanked Sal Filosa and Donna & Mark Smith for all their efforts – including hole digging. There will be a ribbon cutting this coming Sunday at 11am.

Landscaping: Trustee Neff reported that S & S has been cleaning up vegetation encroaching on Village roads. They are also cleaning drains bi-weekly. The Board is now reviewing the snow removal contract and will vote on it at the December meeting. They are also making a list of dangerous trees to remove.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Paddle Tennis Court Lighting Project Update:

Motion by Trustee Coogan to authorize Overtime Electric, Inc., the company that installed the parking lot lights, to install the platform tennis lighting at a cost up to \$1,000. Seconded by Mayor Vail.

Approved
(Coogan -Vail 5-0)

Mayor Vail asked Trustee Coogan to check on the electrician's schedule and move forward after the 23rd.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Handicap Lift Update: Trustee Baisch reported that the lift is still being worked on and should be completed in early December.

Hot Water Heater Update: The Village has received three proposals for the hot water heater. By the next meeting we will have a better understanding of the scope of the project including whether to consider updating the whole heating system.

REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL:

Rails-to-Trails / Bridge Renovation Update: Mayor Vail stated Rails to Trails broke ground in early November. It is a two-year project and work will be done in our vicinity sometime next fall. We are still working on getting the electric lines buried around the bridge. In addition, the Village met with the County regarding the design of the railing above the bridge.

Mayor Vail reported that Treasurer Cathy Donahue Spier has a meeting scheduled with the Town of Brookhaven regarding grant proposals and that the roads grant was completed. He will be meeting tomorrow with Cathy Spier and Deputy Clerk Adrienne Kessel to discuss setting up direct deposit of the staff payroll with Paychex commencing later this month. He will be meeting with an outside CPA monthly until a new Clerk-Treasurer is hired. Mayor Vail also stated he is meeting with our Village Assessor on November 22nd to discuss six to ten properties to be appraised. In addition, Mayor Vail is meeting with our attorney each month to discuss problem properties (tax arrears, expired building permits, and the like).

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vail reiterated that Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Donahue Spier had given notice at the October meeting that she would be ending her tenure as Clerk at the end of October and would continue as Treasurer through at least November. He lauded her commitment to getting things done and

stated it was rare to find that level of dedication and care. In addition, her legal background brought another degree of perspective in our adherence to NY's municipality regulations.

Mayor Vail then praised retiring Trustee Len Emma, recounting how he and Len have worked together for several years. He noted Len has lived in the Village about fifty years and he (Mayor Vail) has lived here 25 years, so the amount of phone calls between them has been innumerable. The Mayor observed that Shoreham is a village that is like someone's living room, and much of that is because Len Emma cares about this place tremendously. Len has been a strong influence championing opportunity for residents to get together and enjoy everyone's company. Mayor Vail then promised to extend Sunday breakfasts next year!

Neil Baggett added his voice in praise saying that Len is always ready to help one of us. Neil then broke into his own version of *Happy Days Are Here Again*, adding the line "Let's sing a song of cheer for Len." The audience applauded and all rose as Mayor Vail presented a bouquet of flowers to retiring Trustee Len Emma.

Len Emma thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Village over the past twenty years. He reminisced that his "Sweetheart" had told Bill Hutchins her husband had just retired and maybe he could be helpful to Bill in the Village. Len recounted that he started out designing covers for the Shoreham Item, became the first Chair of the newly formed Design Review Board and went on to serve as Village Trustee for the past six and a half years. He revealed that not only were there innumerable phone calls with Mayor Vail, there are exactly 186 steps between their houses! Len ended his remarks saying, "It is with sadness I leave this lovely Board. To quote Peter King, 'I gave it my best shot, but it's time.'"

Mayor Vail thanked Len Emma again for his service noting when one door closes, another opens. He said that in a small town like ours, you know everyone. When Len had informed him of his retirement, Len also mentioned a possible replacement. Mayor Vail said he discussed this suggestion with the Board members, and they all agreed Ed Brickley should be asked to accept appointment to fulfill the rest of Mr. Emma's term. Mayor Vail then stated he was happy to report that Mr. Brickley said yes. He will join the Board of Trustees next month and be sworn in. Hearing this news, the meeting's attendees applauded. Ed Brickley smiled and then recalled one memorable time he had seen Len Emma in action -- Len was walking in a monsoon with Mayor Vail and Larry Kogel to check drainage. "I plan to buy an umbrella," joked Ed Brickley.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Resident and TSVA president Jean Sweet thanked the Board on behalf of the TSVA for their generous donation towards the new veteran's plaque.

Neil Baggett discussed upcoming TSVA events and the 50th Earth Day celebration planned for next Spring.

A resident asked what dates the building would close for the annual winter housekeeping duties.

A resident suggested that the problem with the sound system upstairs might be helped by adding soft draperies to the windows.

Resident Judy Buyer brought up the matter of a dead deer that needs to be removed and Joe Aretz volunteered to take care of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:35 PM

Approved

(Vail – Emma 5-0)

Next meeting scheduled December 10, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted,

Cathy Silverstein, Village Clerk's Assistant