

**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 MAY 28, 2019 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

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

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Joanne Blum, Lynda Borriello, Laurie Clark, Celeste & Jim DeSario, Sal Filosa, Sr., Randy Goat, Barbara Laurencot, David Madigan, Laura Miller, and others.

OPEN MEETING

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

Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vail stated that, because of all the municipal activity in the Village, the Board scheduled this extra meeting to address any arising issues, to audit bills, and to discuss the budget.

Mayor Vail also stated that he had made a decision regarding relocating the Bud Siegel’s Beach Way sign without discussing it first with the other trustees or bringing it up at a meeting. He realized that this was in error and is re-opening the matter with the trustees. A decision regarding the sign’s placement will be made at the June Board meeting.

Mayor Vail reported that Judy Buyar will begin a review of the street signs in the Village. She will determine which ones need to be replaced and the Village will begin to replace a few each year.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS / Concerns / Communications

David Madigan discussed the history of changing what was formerly Beach Lane to Bud Siegel’s Beach Lane. He said that it was done in honor of Mr. Siegel’s 90th birthday in 2008 and a sign was cast in bronze to replicate the original Village street signs. He said that he strongly believed that the sign should not have been relocated citing the fact that Bud had been asked about it previously and stated that “he liked the sign just where it was”.

Laurie Clark stated that she liked the new placement of the sign and thinks that it looks better. She added that if the old placement was causing problems for the adjacent homeowner, then the Board should respect their feelings and relocate the sign.

Trustee Len Emma added that he went to look at the relocated sign, and he thinks it looks better in its new position.

Mayor Vail stated that the Board will work hard to come to a fair resolution regarding the sign.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

FINANCIALS / APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

ABSTRACT/INVOICE APPROVAL

OPERATING FUND

2018037 - \$3,816.99 (5/16 payroll & utilites)

2018038 - \$14,858.27 (invoices received since last Board meeting)

Almas Construction - \$27,917.00

Oceanview Landscaping - \$21,851.84

Brett Melius - \$1,791.83

TOTAL: \$66,418.94

CAPITAL FUND

0000017 - \$6,125.00 (Engineering & landscaping for Roadwork Project)

Total of Capital and Operating Fund Expenditures \$71,303.85

Approved.

(Vail – Walker 5- 0)

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendment - Treasurer Spier reported that revenues and expenditures exceeded the budget by \$20,000 and requested a resolution to amend the budget in the following manner:

Increase Budgeted Revenues

Zoning Fees (A2110) - \$1,000

Community Design review (A2189) - \$1,000

Interest and Earnings (A2401) - \$2,000

Rental of Property (A2410) - \$2,000

Building Permits (A2555) - \$14,000

Increase Budgeted Expenditures

Assessor (A1355.4) - \$4,000

Law (A1420) - \$7,000

Road Construction (A5112) - \$3,400

Landscaping (A7110.41) - \$5,600

This would increase 2018-19 budget to \$1,416,012.

Approved.
(Vail – Walker 5- 0)

Budget Adjustment – Treasurer Spier reported that due to \$31,000 in savings on certain expense lines, the fund balance appropriated to cover the cost of the north lawn landscaping project and tennis court seating project would no longer be necessary. The cost could be covered by making certain line item transfers. Treasurer Spier requested to adjust the budget as follows:

Decrease Expense Lines

Steward (A1620.4) - \$6,000
Parking Lot Lighting Project (A1620.412) - \$3,000
Security Salaries (A3120.11) - \$5,000
Snow Removal (A5142) - \$17,000

Increase or Create Expense Lines

Deputy Clerk/Intern Salary (A1410.12) -\$488.77
Supplies (A1410.42) - \$27.37
Repairs (A1620.45) - \$1,181.18
Special Projects (A1620.46) - \$353.10
Insurance/Village Officials (A1910.43) - \$196.00
Judgement and Claims (A1930) - \$221.00
Contingency (A1989) - \$2,932.42
North Lawn Landscaping Project (A7110.412) - \$21,851.84
Tennis Court Seating Project (A7140.42) - \$3,500.00
Celebrations (A7550.1) - \$225.33
Drainage (A8540.4) - \$22.99

Approved.
(Vail – Neff 5- 0)

RENTALS / USE OF VILLAGE HALL:

Return of \$500 security deposit to Kim Kuck – ED 5/19/19

Approved.
(Neff – Coogan 5 – 0)

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW/VERIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL
Motion to close regular meeting and open the meeting of the Board of Assessors.

Approved.
(Vail – Walker 5-0)

Assessor Barnes reported through Clerk Spier that he received 4 residential grievances this year, 9 Circle Dr., 5 Oliver Rd., 6 Beatty Rd and 113 Briarcliff Rd.

Clerk Spier reported that Assessor Barnes recommended: the 9 Circle Dr. grievance be denied as it was currently correctly and fairly assessed; the 5 Oliver Rd. grievance be granted and reduced to 7,700; the 6 Beatty Rd. grievance be granted and reduced to 9,300 and, the 113 Briarcliff Rd. grievance be denied and the assessment remain the same.

The Board reviewed the tax roll, the grievances, the assessor's recommendations and made the following decision: the Board accepted the Assessor's recommendations as to 6 Circle Dr. and 113 Briarcliff Rd. and denied these grievances. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Assessor regarding 5 Oliver Rd. in part and reduced the property's assessed value by 8% to 8,330 instead of the requested 15% citing that the square footage and other information relied upon by the assessor was inaccurate. The Board did not accept the Assessor's recommendation regarding 6 Beatty Rd. as it contradicted the recent appraisal of the subject property and that at the time of the recommendation, the Assessor was not aware of the total square footage. The grievance was denied.

Approved.

(Vail – Walker 5 -0)

The Board of Assessors reviewed and verified the 2019-2020 Village Tax Assessment Roll.

Approved.

(Vail – Neff 5 -0)

Motion to close meeting of the Board of Assessors and re-open regular meeting.

Approved.

(Walker – Coogan 5 -0)

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DEPUTY MAYOR LEN EMMA:

Roadwork Update: Trustee Emma reported that the drainage work was complete, and the curbing on Briarcliff Rd. was currently in progress. Paving will take place in the fall.

Utility Pole: A utility pole on Circle Dr. was struck by a motor vehicle and is listing. Trustee Emma reported that he has learned that the pole is owned by Verizon. Verizon will be contacted to repair it. Resident Goat stated that there were also leaning poles by his home and in the back of resident Aretz's property. Commissioner Riley will be informed so that Verizon may be notified.

Exterior Lighting: Trustee Emma reported that Judy Buyar, who was not able to attend this meeting, was tasked with studying the lighting on the exterior of the Village Hall.

Commissioner DeSario stated that he and Judy were looking at the motion sensors on the lights on the upper deck as residents have complained about them being too bright. Mayor Vail stated that the lighting study should focus on what lighting we have and why. We should consider what lighting might be necessary for safety and security, for events, and for aesthetic architectural reasons. Trustee Emma deferred any discussion of parking lot light timers until Judy Buyar is present.

Code Enforcement: Trustee Emma reported that Commissioner Gruenheid was gathering data on the type of calls that are made to the Code Office.

Mayor Vail thanked Commissioner Kogel, Trustee Emma and the Road Committee for all the hard work they have done on the road and drainage project.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District/Fire Department: Clerk Spier reported that the office of Assemblyman Palumbo contacted the Village requesting materials necessary for the home rule request which she provided.

New Street Signs: Judy Buyar will be involved in the project to replace damaged street signs. She will determine which signs need to be replaced and a few street signs will be replaced every year.

North Lawn Project: Trustee Neff reported that this project is complete.

Installation of Irrigation Moisture Detectors: Trustee Neff reported that the detectors have been installed.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Beach: New beach rule signs and lifeguard off-duty signs will be installed on the beach this summer. Steven Tuttle, the lifeguard supervisor, is hiring lifeguards and making the schedule for this summer. Trustee Coogan thanked Commissioner Weiss and Tom Spier for repairing the beach grills for the summer. Trustee Coogan reported that the Village landscaper cleared the bottom of Bud Seigel's Beach Lane of vegetation and debris, thus making it much safer to use. She also thanked the Shoreham Country Club for donating the cost of one of the two new beach picnic tables.

Recreation: Trustee Coogan reported that the tennis court seating project has been completed. She stated that it turned out to be a bigger job than originally anticipated. When the contractor ripped up the seating, it was discovered that the foundation was sinking and the deck and retaining wall would need to be rebuilt. The seats and deck need to be cured and will be stained next summer.

Electrical Repairs: Commissioner DeSario reported that the Village Hall air conditioner stopped working last week and an electrician was called. The electrician reported that the fire alarm relay switch that automatically shuts off power to the air conditioner and stage outlets is malfunctioning and a new one must be ordered and installed.

Motion to authorize repair, the expenditure to order and install fire alarm relay switch not to exceed \$1,500.

Approved.

(Neff – Walker 5-0)

Painting – Village Hall and Gazebo: Trustee Coogan will obtain estimates for the cost to paint portions of the Village Hall affected by the construction of the handicap access lift and to paint the gazebo. She will report at the next meeting.

Justice Court Grant: Trustee Coogan reported that the grant funds received for the handicap access lift have now been expended, thus allowing the Village to apply for a grant in the upcoming year.

Five Year Improvement Plan Committee: Trustee Coogan reported that the formation of this committee is currently in progress.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE STEPHEN WALKER

Building Department; Open permits – Trustee Stephen Walker reported that only 8 old permits are still open, the rest have been closed-out and certificates of occupancy issued. Trustee Walker also reported that there are 4 homes in the Village with violations. Two homeowners have received summonses which are pending in court, one violation has been resolved, and the fourth violation will be issued a court summons.

Handicapped Lift Installation in Progress: Trustee Walker reported that the swing door on the lift entrance had to be switched to the other side to facilitate easier opening. The lift should arrive Friday. After installation the exterior doors will be painted.

REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL:

Bridge Update: Mayor Vail reported that the contractor reviewed the engineers report regarding the extent of repair needed for the re-pointing of the bridge. The total cost with re-pointing, fencing, paving and landscaping should be about \$130,000. The Village will meet with the County to determine what share of this the County will take responsibility for. The donors have agreed to fund the remaining amount. When the work takes place, the bridge, and consequently a portion of Woodville Rd., will be closed for approximately 5 weeks. The Town has agreed to provide traffic control measures during the closure.

Laurie Clark asked whether the Village was concerned about the cost to maintain the bridge after acquisition. The Board indicated that the masonry work will last for decades and that the only maintenance costs would be the landscaping and the removal of graffiti. The Board indicated that during the repair, the bridge will be treated with a substance that will make graffiti easier to remove and that the plan for the landscaping is to use plant material that requires little or no maintenance.

Budget Process 2019/2020: Mayor Vail reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 budget and provided the hand-outs available at the May 14th Board meeting. He indicated that there will be 2 road assessment lines on the 2019/20 bill, one for each bond. The general tax line will be reduced by the amount of the second bond payment, so this second assessment does not represent an increase in taxes. Overall, the taxes will go up between 1 and 2 % to cover part of the 17 % increase in the Fire and Emergency Services Contract, the balance of the increased contract cost will be funded by the reserves.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Laurie Clark stated that when Mayor Vail presented the road assessment during a meeting last year, he stated that this would be a temporary assessment which would allow the Village to complete its roadwork project and that the Village would not seek another bond. Then the Village obtained another bond. She stated that she felt that neither she nor the other residents had an adequate opportunity to be heard regarding the decision to obtain a second bond. Mayor Vail stated that during the curbing work done last fall, residents objected to piece meal curbing and requested complete curbing which changed the scope and the cost of the work. Complete curbing required additional funds and the Board adopted a resolution in December to seek a bond to finance the work. Mayor Vail also stated that doing work 'piecemeal' on an annual budget of \$80,000, as it was done in the past, was neither cost effective nor enough to accomplish the work that as had been done. He stated that the decision to expand the road project and seek a bond was discussed at numerous meetings and the community was given adequate opportunity to be heard on the matter.

Steven Blum asked why there was a dumpster in the front yard of 15 Dickerson Dr. Trustee Walker responded that the owner has applied for a building permit and once it is issued the owner will be permitted to have a dumpster on the premises.

A resident inquired as to whether the Briarcliff School has been advertised for sale. Mayor Vail stated that in March the School District informed him that the agreement with the real estate broker had not been finalized. Mayor Vail will contact the School District to obtain an update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 9:12 PM

Approved.

(Vail - Emma 5 - 0)

Submitted,

Cathy Donahue Spier, Village Clerk