

**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 MARCH 10, 2020 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

Brian C. Vail	MAYOR
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
Mariann Coogan	TRUSTEE
Laura Baisch	TRUSTEE
Edward Brickley	TRUSTEE
Cathy Donahue Spier	TREASURER
Laura Spillane	CLERK/DEPUTY TREASURER
Cathy Silverstein	CLERK’S ASSISTANT

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Judy Buyar, John Caramihas, Lee Chinalai, Jim DeSario, Anne Marie & Len Emma, Joe Falco, Larry Kogel, Erin Lipani, David Madigan, Loretta & Thomas Marcoux, Rob Minarik, John Weiss, Suffolk County Police Officer Anson and others.

OPEN MEETING

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to making his opening comments, Mayor Vail asked if there were any comments from residents.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS:

Larry Kogel brought up the “deer situation” asking whether or not the Deer Committee was still functioning. He noted that his woods are “totally decimated” with no underbrush and we are losing trees left and right. He stated that we need to do “something” and cited the recent Newsday article on culling the Fire Island deer. Mayor Vail responded saying a critical piece of the solution is having a 70% “buy-in” by residents --That’s the only way we’ll have a chance for success. We need trust, not misinformation. Mr. Kogel then asked if the Village could schedule a common meeting. Mayor Vail agreed that there has to be open discussion and observed it takes a tremendous amount of time since people have preconceived notions and we have to trust that we are all trying to get to the same place. Larry Kogel will schedule an outreach meeting. Retired

Trustee Len Emma stated that the Deer Committee Chair, Barbara Daddino, was still “Deer active.” David Madigan offered that the Shoreham Garden Club has thoroughly researched deer management programs and they could give a presentation that is intelligent, humane, and proven to work.

David Madigan mentioned that last month he raised the issue of outdoor wifi coverage similar to the system at the Tesla Science Center. He said the total hardware cost would be \$1,200. He also researched how to reattach the Francis Upham commemorative plaque to the oval. It just needs four rosettes and a special adhesive.

Jim DeSario respectfully requested the meeting’s agenda be emailed to residents a day ahead of time. Mayor Vail told Jim he could be in charge of that project. We were uncertain as to whether the Mayor was kidding or not.

Judy Buyar stated she was at the meeting on behalf of the TSVa to request Saturday, May 2nd as the annual Beach Clean-Up date. Mayor Vail responded we would add that date to the motion for building rental requests.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vail announced that the Town of Brookhaven approved the Rocky Point Fire District expansion plan to include Shoreham Village. Rails-to-Trails is moving along and we are now under pressure to finish the bridge. Assessments have been completed for this year. Parklands clean-up has been done.

Mayor Vail continued his comments saying John Weiss is keeping the beach clean and that includes run-off. Every drop of water on Village lawns can end up in the Sound. We all have to work to minimize our hilly topography since the streets here were laid out before water run-off was a consideration. Mayor Vail said he asked Roads Commissioner Larry Kogel to speak to the Board and attendees this evening about storm water management. Erin Lipani is also addressing this issue, highlighting grants and programs that may defray some of the expense.

Commissioner Kogel stated that initially recently retired Trustee Len Emma had been spearheading our project for reduction of storm water run-off. Erin Lipani has found grant programs we can participate in. For example, Suffolk County puts ¼% of its 8 ½% sales tax into water quality projects. Municipalities can apply for priority projects for that year. Last year 1.7 million dollars was awarded for different kinds of storm water projects. Shoreham would fit right into that program.

Our first step has to be an updated mapping for drainage. We can then craft it into a proposal. We have an estimate from our Village engineer regarding updating calculations for additional work on our Master Plan, Phase 1 which we should approve as soon as possible. Then the goal becomes having zero storm water run-off (aka drainage) on the beach – an impossibility without a subterranean recharge basin and reclamation of water, but we could qualify for such a project once we have the drainage data. It would have a significant impact similar to the Concerned Citizens for the Environment’s project in Northport. Maybe then we would also qualify for the

county grants matching funds program. Commissioner Kogel ended stating he believes an updated mapping for drainage is worth the investment.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Cathy Spier introduced our new Clerk and Deputy Treasurer, Laura Spillane.

Record of Resident Communications: There were a few emails from residents requesting that the recycling calendar be mailed to them and a few nice emails commenting on the blast email regarding abandoned beach chairs.

Minutes: Approval of February 11, 2020 Board meeting minutes.

Approved
(Neff - Vail 5-0)

Approval of New Banking Relationship:

By Board Member Brian Vail

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Shoreham has authorized Approval of New Banking Relationship: that, pursuant to Section 4-412(3) of the Village Law, that the following institution be and hereby are designated as depositories of all monies received by the Village Treasurer, Clerk, and Receiver of Taxes.

Names of Institution: **Bridgehampton National Bank**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Shoreham hereby authorize the following to be granted signing authorization and are designated to act on behalf of depositor and power and authority to transact business on the various accounts held by Bridgehampton National Bank for the Village of Shoreham:

BRIAN C. VAIL - Mayor
SHERRY NEFF - Trustee
LAURA SPILLANE - Treasurer
CATHERINE DONAHUE SPIER - Treasurer

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Shoreham further require that the signatures of two of the above persons will be required on all checks, one signature being of a Board Member and the other being that of a Treasurer.

Therefor Let the Above be Resolved and further, that this resolution be effective immediately.

Seconded by Board Member Edward Brickley

Passed: 5 – 0

Brian Vail – Yay
Sherry Neff – Yay
Mariann Coogan – Yay
Laura Baisch – Yay
Edward Brickley – Yay

Financial Report:

Expenditures - Treasurer Spier reported that expenditures were mostly in line with budget, but noted that the snow plowing budget line will have a surplus while the landscaping and beach lines will have overages due to some extra clean-up work and the hiring of a beach supervisor.

Revenues – Treasurer Spier reported that she received the \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Town for the Handicap access lift. She also reported she received the Altice/cablevision franchise fee and it was 25% less than what was budgeted for and 25% less than last year's fee. That payment and the \$11,396 underpayment of the PSEG payment in lieu of taxes will create a shortfall in the Village revenues. The shortfall will be corrected by the receipt of the grant money from the Town which had not been included in the budget as it was unknown which fiscal year the money would be received.

Audit of Claims and Approval of Payroll Expenditures:

Operating Fund

2019019 – \$2,485.08 payment of utilities
Feb. 20th payroll and taxes – \$6,405.98
March 5th payroll and taxes – \$5,053.64
2019020 – bills received since last board meeting \$39,468.54

Capital Fund

Louis McLean and Associates - \$300.

Approved
(Brickley - Neff 5-0)

Treasurer Spier gave an update on the monies still owed to Almas Construction for the final work done on the handicap access lift, but noted that she had not yet received an invoice from them or a performance bond.

Treasurer Spier gave an update on Village refuse services stating that Quickway, who went out of business, transferred Village collection to Winters Bros. who had been collecting for the past

month. Treasurer Spier has been contacted by Winters Bros. who requested a meeting with her. Treasurer Spier will report back to the Board after the meeting.

Return of Tax Warrant: Treasurer Spier returned the 2019-2020 Tax Warrant to the Board reporting that of the \$858,252.64 due, the Village has received \$810,063.00 as of February 28, 2020. The outstanding tax payments are the underpayment by PSEG, and 3 residential properties.

Update: 2020 Village Election: The June election will be for the positions of Mayor and two Trustees (positions currently held by Sherry Neff and Mariann Coogan).

Rentals/Use of Village Hall:

Resident Gretchen Penn – Saturday, March 21, 2020 – LL – 7 to 11pm for movie/birthday party - \$350.00

Resident Sara Kallenbach – Saturday, July 25, 2020 – UL – Engagement party (dinner) & shower - \$2,000.00

TSVA “Big Beach Clean” – Saturday, May 2, 2020; raindate Sunday, May 3, 2020

Approved
Vail-Neff (5-0)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District Update: Trustee Neff held up the March 6, 2020 Newsday article with the headline: *Village to Join Fire District*. “The hard part is behind us,” she said, noting that Shoreham Village will officially be part of the Rocky Point Fire District as of January 1, 2021. From August 1 through December 31, 2020 the Village will continue paying the Rocky Point Fire District for fire protection as we have for the last several years. With the 2021 new year, as residents of the Fire District we will be able to vote on the RPFDD’s budget in the annual fire district elections.

IT Update: Trustee Neff stated we have signed a maintenance agreement with Etopia, the IT company we have been using for the past few years, since our insurance company now mandates we have cyber-security coverage. It will cost an additional \$6,000 annually. Etopia included the Windows 10 update in our agreement.

Landscaping (Road Signs): Trustee Neff said we are gearing up for spring landscaping. We still have some tree work remaining. Judy Buyar has started organizing on our Street Sign Project. Judy has been busy counting signs and investigating possible vendors. We are so pleased she is working on this. Thank you, Judy!

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Paddle Court Update: Trustee Coogan reported that we received the written report and cost estimate for the blowers at the platform tennis courts that were evaluated last month. The blowers need to be replaced and the cost for each one is approximately \$500. We still have approximately \$9,000 in donation money contributed last year from residents and friends so the installation and construction costs (approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000) will all be covered. Trustee Coogan said that she contacted a company about how to shield the spread of light emitted from platform tennis.

Basketball Court Update: Trustee Coogan said Overtime Electric was contracted to repair the wires.

Tennis Courts Update: Trustee Coogan stated we received a proposal from Gold Coast for the annual reconditioning of the tennis courts and we are on their calendar.

Beach Update: Trustee Coogan announced we have hired Steve Tuttle again as Head Lifeguard at the same rate he was paid last year. This year his duties will also include helping John Weiss with beach set-up, etc. The deadline for removing abandoned beach chairs from the cubby is this coming Friday. Unclaimed chairs will be discarded. We also need to have the Beach Umbrella Shed door rehung. We are planning for our code enforcement officers to be on duty seven days a week starting in July. Last year we had coverage every day except Tuesday, with double shifts Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We want to keep the downstairs bathrooms open when the beach is open. The lifeguards can unlock the access door when they arrive and code enforcement can lock up in the evening. The bathrooms should be accessible until at least 9:00 at night.

Beach Signage: Trustee Coogan reported that Trustees Sherry Neff & Laura Baisch have volunteered to walk the beach with her to note what signage needs to be replaced or added.

Beach Commissioner John Weiss brought up a few more beach concerns. The bottom of Beach Road needs repair. Trustee Coogan spoke to Mayor Vail and he in turn deferred to Roads Commissioner Larry Kogel. Mr. Kogel said there are two options: (1) to change the incline of the road would require its extension further towards the water or (2) reconstructing the ramp to start further to the south. This would be a major expense and would have to be investigated thoroughly. Placing stone at the bottom of the ramp would wash away in future storms. John Weiss responded that it is too steep to walk.

Mr. Weiss then brought up the outdoor shower that was removed in order to install the lift. He questioned whether it would be put back in the same place or would need to be relocated. We stated that there is concern with water penetration by the lift and the shower will be moved with an appropriate location determined by Trustees Baisch and Neff.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Handicap Lift Update: Trustee Laura Baisch reported that we are 99% finished and just awaiting the final walk-through.

Heating System Update: Trustee Baisch reported that Rob Minarik (VH Building Commissioner) met with Tim Ross of HN Ross Plumbing & Heating and is looking into alternate systems. We are waiting for two proposals from Mr. Ross, one for oil fired and the other for propane.

Trustee Baisch thanked Loretta Marcoux for organizing last weekend's nicely attended paddle tennis court event to teach new players the game.

Trustee Baisch thanked John Caramihas for helping Steward Patty Stimson get the Brun coffeemaker repaired. The motherboard needed to be replaced and reprogrammed and that cost about \$46 instead of the \$500 replacement cost, so in effect he saved the Village five hundred dollars!

CoronaVirus Update: Trustee Baisch invited Public Health Commissioner Dr. Joe Falco to speak again at this month's BoT meeting. Dr. Falco is the Chief Medical Officer at Brookhaven National Labs (BNL). Dr. Falco stated he is not a virologist, but a month ago this virus was a travel medicine issue and now it's a community spread issue. Public health experts initially tried to contain the virus, but now it is a matter of mitigation to slow the spread. One of the important items to note is the age profile. It seems to affect those over 60, 70, and 80 years old the hardest. Dr. Falco recommends we stay away from cruises, crowded airplanes, crowds of any sort. We need to practice frequent hand-washing and stock up on necessary groceries and medications in case there is a break in the supply train. Caregivers should set up back-up plans in case either party gets the virus. Stay away from people who are sick – and wearing a mask will not help keep these germs out. You only need to wear a mask to protect others you come in contact with should you catch this virus.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE EDWARD BRICKLEY:

Gate Update: Trustee Brickley reported we now have a maintenance agreement with Alpha Entry should we have any more problems with the gate. It stopped working when the gate's safety loop was somehow torn up, possibly during the repaving of the parking lot.

Outdoor Sprinklers Update: Trustee Brickley reminded attendees that last year we had a problem with one of the sprinklers leaking into the building's basement storage area near the electrical panels. This year he plans to spend a day with the sprinkler crew to learn how the system is checked and maintained. We won't turn the system on until we need it for spring plantings.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Judy Buyar asked that the next time work is being done at the basketball court can someone adjust the lights because two of them are pointing directly up at the sky.

Suffolk County Police Officer Anson reminded attendees that the annual Rocky Point St. Patrick's Day Parade is this coming weekend and Route 25A will be closed from Rocky Point to Mt. Sinai between 11am and 3pm. As the parade moves west to east, the road will open up. Officer Anson also gave out flyers for a free car seat inspection event to be held at the Farmingville Fire Department. He explained that he had taken the NYS 40 hour required instruction for car seat safety and that child car seats should be inspected because they do have expiration dates. Car seats should be chosen by the weight, not the age, of the child, and should be kept rear-facing as long as possible. After the child has outgrown a car seat, you can use a booster seat with the car's safety seat belt across the child's chest.

Joe Falco thanked Trustee Sherry Neff for recognizing his wife, Mimi Oberdorf, for the initial impetus to petition to become part of the Rocky Point Fire District.

David Madigan questioned residents' tax obligation for the fire district annexation and asked what the fiscal plan is for when the \$200,000 annual fire protection cost is no longer in the budget. Mayor Vail responded that we will become part of the district January 1, 2021. Since our fiscal year begins August 1, this year we will be paying for five months under the old contract. The following year, we will no longer have that line in the budget. Residents will see a reduction in fire protection cost and the overall budget will probably only go up one to three percent. The annual cost for fire protection is about \$1,000 per homeowner. We have sufficient assets to maintain our capital structure. Our goal is maintaining systems, not replacing them.

MAYOR'S CONCLUDING REMARK'S: Mayor Vail thanked everyone for coming. He stated that at the April meeting we will be discussing the budget, Longmeadow upkeep, and the drainage proposal. With that, he wished all a Good Night.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:50 PM

Approved
Neff-Coogan (5-0)

Next meeting scheduled Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted,
Cathy Silverstein, Village Clerk's Assistant

