

Shoreham Village Newsletter

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Board Items

(Meetings of February 14, March 13, March 22, April 10, May 8, May 15, and May 22, 2012.)

Budget Preparations The Board reviewed the draft budget for the budget year August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2013. The budget highlights are:

1) A \$11,977 increase in the tax levy is necessary. The tax rate will increase 1.9% of assessed value, below the State tax cap of 2%. This amounts to a \$60 increase on the average Village home and is less than the 2.7% rate of inflation. The increase is due to the increasing costs of underfunded road maintenance, general maintenance, landscaping, and State-mandated storm water projects. In addition snow removal will become the Village's responsibility on January 1st and recovery of some hurricane costs is prudent. This is the fourth tax rate increase in 12 years.

2) Both revenues and expenses are expected to increase by \$11,977 with this budget. The total budget of the Village will be \$727,685 of which 88% is derived from property taxes, PILOTs and garbage fees.

3) The refuse rate will remain the same. The Board considered the draft budget and scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, June 12, 2012 to present the budget to residents. Changes may be made at this hearing.

Village Election The annual election of the Incorporated Village of Shoreham will be held in the Village Hall from noon until 9 PM on Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

Positions open and candidates running are:

Mayor	Roger Pijacki
Trustees (2yrs)	Joseph Falco
	Carol Willen

Trustees Rosemary Connell and Edward Weiss have one year remaining on their terms.

Absentee ballots and additional information may be obtained from the Village Clerk by calling 821-0680.

Code Enforcement Commissioner Flannery arranged a meeting with SCPD Cope Officers and our Village Security for Village residents after recent break-ins all along the North Shore area. The police suggested that homeowners always lock doors when leaving and secure their homes with deadbolts and alarms.

Parks Pots and Petals relocated its business and will not be doing the Village Hall Plantings. The Village Board thanked them for their excellent service for many years. The bid for this work was awarded to Longmeadow Landscape.

Hurricane Reimbursement Deputy Clerk Spier reported that NY State had reimbursed the Village \$12,000 for its share of clean-up expenses.

Moratorium on Subdivisions The Board approved a six month moratorium on subdivisions while Village codes are being revised and updated. It will be enacted after the appropriate public hearing on June 12.

Roads Commissioner Kogel reported that the work to control runoff on Tagliabue Road had been completed. Work on the next phase should begin in June.

Village Hall After meeting with LIPA, Commissioner Scrimenti recommended and the Board approved that the light bulbs be replaced in the upper level, creating a substantial savings in the electric bill. There is a \$40 rebate on each \$50 light bulb.

Snow Removal The Town of Brookhaven informed the Village that it will cease snow removal in Villages on January 1, 2013. Residents should see a reduction in Town taxes, but an increase in Village taxes as a result. Officially, this is known as a transfer of services. The Village has yet to learn what snow removal costs will be.

Revised Village Laws Upon the advice of the Village Attorney, the Village Board is currently undertaking an update of all ordinances to comply with NYS guidelines. Currently Traffic and Parking, Open Fires, and Fireworks are about ready for a Public Hearing, as is a Moratorium on Subdivisions.

Newsletter by E-Mail The Board is considering using e-mail to distribute the Shoreham Village Newsletter. This would result in a cost saving and would permit more rapid communication with Village residents. **Please notify the Village Clerk if you wish to continue to receive a mailing. If you have not given the Clerk your e-mail address, please do so.**

Village Hall Rentals The Board approved Village Hall rentals for March 3, March 17, March 22, March 24, April 28, May 13, June 2, June 22, June 23, July 14, September 28, October 6, 2012 and May 24, 2013.

The Board is revisiting the rental structure and fees for the Village Hall. It voted to limit caterer sponsored rentals to non-peak times, excluding them from May 31 through September 31. Already booked dates will be honored.

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Beach Commissioner Weiss has ordered a new Rave raft as repair costs were not economical. He was able to sell the old raft.

Fire Contract The Board approved the extension of the existing contract with the Rocky Point Fire Department for two years at the existing fee.

Centennial Committee A logo for the Village will be created by an artist who did one for our sister community of Mountain Lakes. Costs will be recovered through the sale of Centennial items

Notices

Beach Chair Storage Rack Lottery There are 22 beach chair racks available for summer use. If you are interested in obtaining one, there will be a lottery on June 15th. Please leave your name with the Village Clerk at 821-0680 or by email at Shoreham5@aol.com to participate in the lottery. Notifications will be made following the lottery.

Garbage Residents are reminded to avoid placing refuse for collection out days before it is to be removed and to bring in their cans shortly after collection.

Shoreham Art Fair There will be a Shoreham Art Fair August 25, 2012 from 4 to 7 PM to kick off the year-long celebration of our Village's centennial, 1913-2013. Please share your drawings, paintings, photographs or other artwork with your fellow Village residents in the Shoreham Village Hall. We are especially interested in, although not limited to, works depicting Shoreham as it is now, or as it was in years past. The loan of easels would be appreciated. Contact Judy Oliver de Salgado, Lee Frei or Sally Bates Larson.

OPEN HOUSE

For All Village Residents

Sundays on the Deck

Available from 9 AM to 12 PM (Coffee and Bagels)

March 4 – TBA

Evenings On the Deck

Available from 6 to 9 PM (Coffee and Cake)

Wednesdays: June 20 – September 5

Fridays: May 25 – September 28

Food & Beverages compliments of Shoreham Country Club

Note: changes to schedule will be posted

Security Can be reached at 665-5963

Village Hall Steward Colleen Piscak 849-6479 (new no.)

New Village Hall Office Hours Check Bulletin Boards starting June 25th.

Next Village Board Meeting

And

Budget and Subdivision Moratorium Hearings

Tuesday June 12, 7:30 PM

Work sessions will be posted on Village Bulletin Boards