

**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 AUGUST 14, 2018 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

Brian C. Vail	MAYOR
Leonard Emma	DEPUTY MAYOR
Mariann Coogan	TRUSTEE
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
(To be Appointed)	TRUSTEE
Cathy Donahue Spier	CLERK/TREASURER

Commissioners, Officials and Residents present: Barbara Daddino, Nancy Delagi, Jim & Celeste DeSario, John & Laura DeTemple, Ann-Marie Emma, John Flannery, Roxann Gruenheid, Larry Kogel, David Madigan, Diana Murphy, Cathy Silverstein, Steve Walker, John Weiss, Edward Weiss, John & Lynda Borriello, Michael Coogan, Donna & Ray Abbatiello, and John Miller.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Vail opened the Regular meeting at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Vail welcomed attendees and reviewed the agenda and projects which he stated would be the priority for the next five or six months. Mayor Vail emphasized he would be focusing on the current items on the agenda to see them through to completion. He explained that each BOT member has areas of responsibility to report on at the monthly BOT meetings. Mayor Vail reiterated his goal that all business should be discussed and completed within one hour and fifteen minutes.

MINUTES

Motion to approve 3 sets of minutes from the July 9th Regular Board meeting and the July 20th and 30th meetings.

Approved.

(Vail - Neff 4-0)

OPEN FORUM

Resident Celeste DeSario asked about the plan for safe tennis courts regarding removal of the mold. Trustee Coogan assured her it is being taken care of prior to the 94th Annual Tennis Tournament on Labor Day weekend.

Dave Madigan brought up the matter of poor cell service in the Village. He stated friends at adjacent beaches in Rocky Point have broadcast WiFi and suggested we look into that technology. Trustee Emma asked who was providing the service. Mr. Madigan did not know.

John Flannery brought up the issue of Rails to Trails. He stated he was not concerned with the bridge per se, but the trails themselves. He has pictures of tents erected on the trail and was informed by neighbors that they will have a problem with their dogs constantly barking at strangers on the trail. This area is not patrolled by the Suffolk County Police Department. Mr. Flannery brought this information to the attention of SC Legislator Sara Anker to inform her the Suffolk County Police don't patrol. They are stationary and have relief points. They will come when called, but that is reactive, not pro-active. He asked whether there is any plan to help the residents of the four or five houses on the trail. Mayor Vail stated there is currently no plan because we don't have a say in the project. It is going to bid in November, contracts will be drawn in December and work will commence in April 2019. Mayor Vail stated that it will most likely take a few years to complete and after it is built we will address the issues with legislators Jane Bonner and Sara Anker. Mayor Vail suggested that Mr. Flannery keep a log of what he observes on the trail.

Mayor Vail asked if there were any other resident comments. There were none.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Financial Report – At year end, the Village had an excess of revenues over expenses due to the receipt of grant monies for the phase II roadwork and the inability to complete some of the scheduled capital projects. Therefore, the fund balance will be substantially increased this year. That money will be appropriated for the roadwork and to complete the capital projects. At the next Board meeting Treasurer Spier will distribute a final year-end financial report.

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

OPERATING BUDGET (claims paid in advance of audit)

- 2017047 \$8,196.02 (7/12 payroll)
- 2017048 - \$8,940.71 (7/26 payroll, utilities & payroll taxes)
- 2017049 - \$31,739.49 (invoices through FYE 7/31)
- 2017050 - \$ 325.00 (re-issued check written to incorrect vendor)
- 2018001 - \$8,178.38 (8/9 payroll)
- 2018002 - \$20,528.68 (invoices 8/1 – 8/14)

Total: \$77,586.53

Approved.
(Vail - Neff 4-0)

RENTALS/USE OF VILLAGE HALL: None this month

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mayor Vail informed the attendees that the fiscal year ended July 31st and we had a surplus. An End of Year report will be given at the September meeting. Appointments will also be announced at the September meeting. Previous Mayor Ed Weiss and Clerk/Treasurer Spier are working on the final update of the Village laws. Mayor Vail is working with Building Commissioner Steve Walker on rental and accessory apartments and an update will be given in September. Mayor Vail also informed the attendees that the new refuse contract was signed and Quickway began garbage collection as of August 1st. They are working on the mechanics of distributing new garbage cans to Village residents.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR LEN EMMA:

Roadwork Update/Drainage: Public Works Commissioner Larry Kogel reported that the drainage contractor has begun work on Briarcliff Road and an additional drain has been installed by the Village oval. Commissioner Kogel will be meeting with them on August 15th to finalize the alteration of the Ashley Lane drain by resident Abata's home. A fifteen foot trench drain, a curve line with a bubbler is planned so any excess water will flow down Ashley to Woodville. The existing drain also needs to be cleaned. Commissioner Kogel reported that the Road Committee will meet to finalize curbing and he hasn't received any information yet regarding the asphalt contract. He will keep us updated regarding the budget and expenditures for these items.

Roxane Gruenheid voiced her concern regarding drainage on Tower Hill. She stated that there are three drains in need of cleaning and during rainstorms water comes down that road and flows into her property. She asked Commissioner. Kogel look into this situation as she has had water flood her garage. Commissioner Kogel will ask the engineers to analyze problem and come up with a remedy. Deputy Mayor Emma will request Brookhaven Town Highway Department clean the drain on Briarcliff Road by resident Gruenheid's home.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Commissioner Roxane Gruenheid reported that some confusion exists among residents regarding what code officers do and what police do. Our code officers are only authorized to enforce the codes of the Village of Shoreham. She stated that several residents have called code officers to report crimes in progress. She noted that our code officers are not here all the time (24-7), especially in the winter. Commissioner Gruenheid will prepare a public service announcement which will address this issue. She also discussed the low incidence of parking tickets. She has met with prosecutors and developed a new incident report form which provides more pertinent information and also allows photos and video to be attached before a court date.

Deer Committee: Barbara Daddino, Chair of the Deer Committee reported that Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker invited them to her office to speak to the DEC. The DEC policy is you can hunt on your own land with a Nuisance License and you have to be 500 feet away from your neighbor's property unless you have their permission. During the meeting they discussed hunts, culling, and sterilization and recognized that each solution has certain problems. Sarah Anker invited the Village Deer Committee to speak with the head of the Agricultural Council of Long Island and a representative from Governor Cuomo's office at an end of September. Ms. Anker advised the deer problem has to be brought to the governor's attention because he is the only one has oversight over the DEC

and who can direct the DEC to take action. The Deer Committee will create a survey to email to Shoreham residents about their deer concerns and solution preferences.

House Rental Registration: Building Commissioner Steve Walker reported he had received applications for three permits and a separate database has been set up to track housing rentals.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District/Fire Department: Trustee Neff reported that our contract increased 16.1% from last year because of the bond for the new firehouse. Former Mayor Ed Weiss, Deputy Mayor Len Emma and Trustee Neff met with the Fire Department Board of Trustees in July to request a reduction. To date, there has been no response to that request. The Village Board intends to pursue the passage of legislation allowing the Village to become part of Fire District, therefore giving Village residents the ability to vote on Fire Department budget matters. Trustee Neff, Deputy Clerk Adrienne Kessel and Village resident Barbara Kullen are working on this project and hope to have it in place by the end of the fiscal year

Landscaping Contract: Trustee Neff announced that bids would be opened tomorrow.

Landscaping Projects: The project for this fall is to level the lawn north of the Village Hall and erect a fence at the retaining wall for safety reasons.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Ongoing Paddle Tennis Improvements: Trustee Coogan reported that all the paddle tennis improvements were completed except for the painting. The door on the hut was replaced because the old one was rotted at the bottom due to leaking water and the T-11 boards were also replaced.

Playground Improvements: The picnic tables were repaired or replaced in the playground area.

Tennis Court Improvements: We have contracted with Gold Coast Tennis to pressure wash the courts and repair and seal the cracks. The work will be completed before the SWR annual tennis tournament. The total cost is \$5,600 which will come out of the capital budget and Gold Coast has requested that they be paid \$1,500 when one-third of the work was completed.

Authority to expend \$5,600 of capital funds to repair hard tennis court and authorize treasurer to issue check for \$1,500 when 1/3 of the work has been completed.

Approved.

(Coogan - Neff 4-0)

Larry Kogel reported that the Water Authority has addressed their part of the problem of water coming onto the hard tennis courts and Trustee Coogan stated the surrounding sprinkler heads have been redirected so that its spray does not come on to the courts.

Village Hall Improvements: Village Hall projects include replacing the upper level dishwasher, refinishing the dance floor and wood trim around the bar, and evaluating the wear and tear on the carpet to determine whether it needs replacement. These improvements will commence in early 2019.

Mayor Vail asks Village Hall Commissioner Jim DeSario to meet with the Aesthetics Committee regarding the carpet.

Court Grant: We will be applying for a court grant to replace lower level doors and windows.

REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL

Bridge: Mayor Ed Weiss reported that once the exact cost of restoration is determined, and an agreement is reached with the contractor, the Village will move forward. Additionally, although the aesthetics of the bridge railing are still being negotiated, it has been agreed to paint the railing *Shoreham Green*. Once work commences, Woodville Road will have to be closed for approximately 4-6 weeks.

Parking Lot Lights: Ed Weiss reported that we are waiting for a part that should come this week and we are getting other bids.

Handicapped Lift: Steve Walker reported that Bob Steele has all the documents and they have been submitted to the Town for approval. The Town will contribute \$50,000 and we have \$15,000 from the Court Grant. An alteration to the Village Hall entrance sidewalk will be made to comply with ADA requirements.

Assessment: Deputy Clerk Kessel is working on the assessment database to record, among other data, the square footage of every house.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

David Madigan questioned the ticketing process for parking tickets and asked what happens if a non-resident just throws the ticket away. Commissioner Gruenheid explained that unpaid written tickets are reported to the state DMV. Vehicles cannot be re-registered if there are outstanding parking tickets. The DMV will issue appropriate citations.

Larry Kogel reminded residents that home alarm systems should be permitted (registered) with the Suffolk County Police Department. The fee for a 2-year permit is \$50. There is more information on our website under Building Department.

Beach Commissioner John Weiss expressed his concern that kids were not paying attention to the posted rules and that parents were lax about watching their children on the raft. He believes it's a hazard waiting to happen. Mayor Vail stated we will send out a PSA by email to remind folks to keep vigilant at the beach.

John DeTemple noted there are a number of branches heaped in a pile on Circle Drive and questioned who is responsible for removing them and whether the resident should be fined since it is a safety issue. Mayor Vail asked Deputy Mayor Emma to discuss the matter with Code Commissioner Gruenheid.

Clerk/Treasurer Spier announced that the new garbage company picks up on the same days as our former one did, but a little earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:45 PM

Approved.

(Vail - Neff 4 - 0)

Submitted,

Cathy Donahue Spier

Village Clerk