

**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 FEBRUARY 12, 2019 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

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

Commissioners, Officials and Residents present: Joe Aretz, Neil Baggett, Michael Brogden, Judy Buyar, Daniel Byrne & Barbara Daddino, Laurie Clark, Jim & Celeste DeSario, John DeTemple, Roxane Gruenheid, Barbara Kullen, Laura Miller, Cathy Silverstein, John Weiss, and others.

OPEN MEETING

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

*Pledge of Allegiance*

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Vail joked he was making no comments in the “spirit of a quick meeting” since the weather was a freezing rain to rain mix.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS: Mayor Vail asked if there were any comments from residents. Michael Brogden asked for the disposition of December’s variance requests and Mayor Vail responded. Judy Buyar asked how long the special assessment for roads would be in effect. Mayor Vail stated for twelve years. He also reminded the attendees that a Community Information Session on Bond and Roadwork is scheduled for Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am. Neil Baggett remarked that the TSVA is staging “Old Time Radio” that same afternoon at 4:30pm and all are invited to attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

FINANCIALS / APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

2018020 - \$1,536.46 (1/10 payroll)  
2018021 - \$1,523.88 (1/10 payroll)  
2018022 - \$ 335.59 (replacement for lost payroll check)  
2018023 - \$ 4,734.36 (1/24 payroll & utilities)  
2018024 - \$3,925.46 (2/7 payroll & utilities)

2018025 - \$133,514.32 (monthly invoices including 2019 Fire District Contract)

*Approved.*  
*(Vail – Walker 4 - 0 )*

**RENTALS / USE OF VILLAGE HALL:**

- TSVA – Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – LL - Board meeting  
Resident Joseph Aretz – Sunday, March 3, 2019 – Birthday party – UL - \$2000  
Resident Joseph Misewich – Saturday, March 30, 2019 - Memorial service for Paul Vogt – UL – \$800  
Resident Guercia/Esser – Saturday, June 22, 2019 – Graduation party – LL - \$350.00  
Shoreham Country Club 2019 Additions and Changes:
- Change Friday, April 12 TGIF Jazz Night to Friday, April 5
  - Change start of Friday Deck Nights from May 24 to May 10
  - Add Saturday, July 27 – Symphony in Field (raindate Sunday, July 28)
  - Add Friday, October 4 TGIF Chili Tasting
  - Add 4 Special Indoor Deck Fridays @ \$150: March 15, April 26, October 25, November 15

*Approved.*  
*(Neff – Vail 4 - 0)*

**RENTAL POLICY**

Motion to amend Village Hall Rental Policy to include security for lower level in the amount of \$500.00 and to lower the cost of the SCC Brunch from \$1200 to \$500 if the event is over by 2:00pm

*Approved.*  
*(Coogan – Vail 4 - 0)*

RETURN OF THE TAX WARRANT: See attached.

NOTICE OF VACANT POSITIONS AT NEXT VILLAGE ELECTIONS:

Clerk Spier announced two trustee positions will be on the ballot June 18<sup>th</sup>. They are Trustee Len Emma’s seat and the seat Steve Walker was appointed to fill for an interim year when Trustee Brian Vail was elected mayor. A legal notice will be published in the Times Beacon Record.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DEPUTY MAYOR LEN EMMA:

As the Deputy Mayor was out of town, Mayor Brian Vail gave the following updates.

Roadwork Update: Mayor Vail reported that he and Treasurer Spier met with the bond underwriter last month. Bond bidding will begin/open the last week of February. Mayor Vail is encouraged because interest rates have come down.

Village residents are invited to attend a Village Hall meeting on Saturday morning, March 2, 2019 at 9:30am. Mayor Vail and the Board of Trustees will update the community on the status of the planned and completed roadwork and the sale of bonds to continue the roadwork improvement project. The remaining paving of the Estates section is tentatively scheduled to begin this April.

Parking Lot Lights: A schedule for when the electrician can start is being discussed. (The weather has to be warmer since ground will be dug up and concrete needs to be poured and set.)

Utility Blueprints: Deputy Mayor Len Emma, Trustee Steve Walker, and Public Works Commissioner Larry Kogel met with an entity to discuss purchasing software to categorize all Village utilities. The three have not yet reached a decision recommending purchase of this software.

Code Enforcement: Code Enforcement Commissioner Roxann Gruenheid reported that tracking data from 59 of the 69 reports written in 2018 shows a preliminary finding that Code Enforcement officers spent approximately 29% of their time investigating violations. Five percent of these were located at Briarcliff School, 33% at the beach or on Village property and 62% elsewhere in the Village. Actual code violations, including illegal parking, amounted to about twelve percent of the incidents investigated. The Commissioner will provide a complete report once all the data is tabulated. She again reiterated if you suspect a crime is in progress you should call the Suffolk County Police Department.

Deer Committee Progress Report: Barbara Daddino reported that Senator LaValle arranged a Regional Deer Management Meeting with the Regional Director of the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation), Carrie Meek Gallagher. All elected officials (town supervisors, legislators, and mayors) from Brookhaven Town East were invited. Four county legislators and four other town and state officials or their designees attended along with approximately sixteen mayors or their designees. Ms. Daddino represented Mayor Vail.

The attendees discussed what deer containment methods are being employed and how we can better coordinate our efforts throughout the region. The major result of that meeting is that Senator LaValle's office is spearheading the initiative for a cohesive and coordinated regional deer management plan. His office will function as a clearinghouse coordinating efforts at various levels of government and working along with Director Gallagher and the DEC. New York State now fully appreciates the urgency of the problem and accepts that they must assume the role of active leadership in resolving deer overabundance regionally. In conclusion, the mission of the Deer Committee is accomplished.

Mayor Vail then thanked Barbara Daddino stating he appreciated the commitment of time and effort she gave to this endeavor and its positive outcome.

Neil Baggett took a moment to plug the upcoming TSVA lecture on Tick-borne Diseases scheduled for 3:30pm Saturday afternoon, April 6, 2019.

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District/Fire Department: Trustee Neff reported that the meeting she and Mayor Vail had to discuss the fire contract with the fire commissioners on January 22nd was a productive one. We are still moving ahead regarding boundaries, but “at a snail’s pace.” We are hoping they will extend the fire district boundaries to include Shoreham Village because that will give us a voice in future fire district decisions. The decision will be made at the upcoming Rocky Point Fire Department vote on the second Wednesday in February (Feb. 13). In addition, we are reviewing current fire hydrant placements.

#### Landscaping Projects:

- Plans for a new lawn & railing installation on north side of Village Hall – approval expected by March.
- Status of landscaping vendor contracts – We are preparing new bid packages that we hope to have ready by early March.

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

#### Recreation:

- The shed for tennis court equipment is completed but needs painting. Perhaps some village residents will volunteer.
- The lights for the paddle tennis court have been repaired – again. It is an ongoing issue but very costly to switch to LED lighting.
- We are requesting estimates for painting the tennis courts.
- We are requesting estimates for rebuilding the tennis seating area. It is a safety issue since the seats are rotting out and the railing is literally falling down. These will be repaired or replaced once spring weather is here.

#### Village Hall Interior Improvements:

- Commissioner Jim DeSario reported that the two new dishwashers were installed. The cost for installation was 6% more than anticipated (\$606.62). Additionally, he proposed we spend \$250.00 to have an underwriter certify that the electrical work has been done to code. Trustee Stephen Walker explained that it is a state inspection and we should certainly have it done. He also reiterated that necessary purchases/expenses under \$500 do not need to be voted upon.

- Commissioner DeSario also stated he had spoken to Jason Boudreau who painted the interior of the Village Hall this past year. Jason gave a \$700 quote to paint the Village Clerk's office and said it could be completed over a weekend. It was suggested there is a lot of paint leftover from Jason's prior painting project that could be repurposed for the Village Hall which is currently painted sandy beige and ghastly purple.
- Commissioner DeSario also mentioned that the staff in the Village Clerk's office are frequently working alone and should have some kind of security system such as a panic button or cameras on the entrance door to see who is coming in.

Re-Apply for Court Grant: Since the ADA lift should be completed this spring, we can re-apply for another court grant in July.

## REPORT FROM TRUSTEE STEPHEN WALKER

### Building Department:

- New Building Commissioner: Trustee Walker reported that he and the new Commissioner Joe Aretz had met with the staff at the Village Clerk's office to discuss phasing-in of responsibilities. The Clerk's office will review all of the building/rental application submission documents to be certain the package is complete before it is submitted to the Building Commissioner. In addition, Trustee Walker and Commissioner Aretz met with Building Inspector Joe Arico regarding a house rental permit.
- Status of House Rental Applications & Permits: Two more permit have been issued, two rental applications are still open and there are no new ones.
- Status of Building Permits/Applications: There are approximately 22 older files remain with no expiration dates. Notices will be going out to those residents advising them of the 120-day grace period to close out the open permits before the homes are re-assessed. There are two DRB hearings scheduled, one for the renovation of 15 Dickerson Drive and one for the demolition of the house at 9 Thompson Street.

Resident Barbara Kullen questioned if there is any code regarding demolishing old houses. Trustee Walker responded that homeowners have a right to demolish their homes, further adding that Shoreham Village does not have a historic district. John Weiss remembers when the house in question was built – in the 1960's – and emphatically stated that that is Not Old!

- Update Handicapped Lift Installation: Submission of the shop drawings began today. The upstairs door in the Village Hall (by the bar) will be coming out and the inside will be sheet-rocked. A 6 x 8 foot area on the outside will be used for construction and there will be no effect on the use of the deck while the work is being done.

## REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL

- Bridge Update: Mayor Vail, former Mayor Ed Weiss and Village attorney Anthony Tohill met with the engineer and contractor to review what is needed. “We’re getting close,” Mayor Vail stated. Resident M. Brogden inquired about the problem of graffiti, suggesting it is easier to clean off after sand blasting. Ed Weiss responded, “We are working on it.”
- 2nd Bond Update: - The bond will be submitted for Bid Price in mid-February. A Community Information Session on the Bond and Road Work is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 9:30am at the Village Hall. It will also include a summary of projects we are working on through the year.

#### RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS

John Weiss mentioned that one of the beach runners needs to be replaced and asked that it be ordered. The cost is \$935.00. Clerk Spier called for a motion.

*Approved.*  
(Vail – Walker 4 - 0)

Laurie Clark brought up the new policy for a second septic container for the overflow, asking if anyone was familiar with it. Mayor Vail said it is more prevalently used on the South Shore due to their low water-table and seepage of sewage into the Bay. Commissioner Aretz says it only applies to new construction. The older system is grandfathered in.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:45 PM

*Approved.*  
(Neff – Vail 4 - 0 )

Submitted,  
Cathy Donahue Spier  
Village Clerk