

**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 12, 2019 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

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

Commissioners, Officials and Residents present: Joe Aretz, Yonda Ashley, Neil Baggett, Michael Brogden, Jim & Celeste DeSario, Ann-Marie Emma, Roxane Gruenheid, Larry Kogel, Dawn & David Madigan, Rick Rubin & Debbie Lohman, Cathy Silverstein, Ed Weiss, 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 reiterated the Board’s focus for the coming year enumerating the Special Projects he had discussed at the March 2nd Village Meeting. These include roadwork and paving, installation of the lift, renovation of the Village Hall (dishwashers and dance floor) and the parking lot lighting. Additionally, he added, we are concentrating on a complete community re-assessment. Our plate is full if we focus on accomplishing these projects between now and September. At that point we can discuss new undertakings.

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS: Deborah Lohman stated she believed the safety and health of residents and their environment was not being addressed by the Board. Mayor Vail asked her to please reserve her comments for the Deer Committee part of the agenda. Ms. Lohman then brought up the subject of the deer fence on her property and the summons she received of a code violation.

Celeste DeSario requested that she, with Judy Buyar and Ed Weiss, have the Board’s approval to form a committee to address exterior lighting in the Village. Their stated goal is passing exterior lighting laws to promote safety and to retain the quality of life in Shoreham Village by preserving the ability to view the night sky. Despite this goal, in keeping with the Mayor Vail’s earlier comment, the committee was directed to focus only on the educational and research component of external lighting for the next few months.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from the February 12th Board of Trustees Meeting.

Approved.

(Vail – Walker 5-0)

FINANCIALS / APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

ABSTRACT APPROVAL

2018026 - \$4,011.75 (2/21 payroll & utilites)

2018027 - \$3,857.19 (3/6 payroll & utilites)

2018028 - \$13,682.09 (Claims audited)

Approved.

(Walker – Vail 5- 0)

BUDGET AMENDMENT/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Line Item Transfers:

Increase CHIPS revenue and Decrease Appropriated Fund Balance Appropriation by \$23,386 to reflect additional CHIPS funds received in the current fiscal year.

Budget Amendment:

Increase the 2018-19 budget by \$47,480 by appropriating unreserved fund balance to fund:

Handicap access lift budget (A1620.4111) with \$45,520.49 to cover expenses that will exceed CDBG grant;

Village Hall projects (A1620.46) by \$2,000 to fund replacement commercial dishwashers in Village Hall;

Platform Tennis Court Repair (A7140.41) by \$1,000 to fund continual repairs needed on the courts.

Thus, increasing the 2018-19 budget from \$1,348,532 to \$1,396,012.

Approved.

(Vail – Neff 5-0)

Resolution to hold a hearing on the 2019 Fire Contract.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has received a proposed contract for fire protection and ambulance service from the Rocky Point Fire District for the calendar year of 2019 for the sum of \$188,444.00 including provisions for insurance, hydrant rental reimbursement and eventual enlargement of the district to include the territory of the Village,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees would like to consider the execution of the said contract, and

WHEREAS, the pursuant to New York State Law, a public hearing on the aforesaid proposed contract matter is required prior to its execution,

NOW THEREFORE it is resolved that the Village Clerk is authorized and directed to post on the Village Bulletin Board and the Village Website and to publish in the Times Beacon Record a public notice for a public hearing on the 9th day April 2019 at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall to consider the execution of a contract with the Rocky Point Fire District.

Approved.
(Walker – Neff 5-0)

RENTALS / USE OF VILLAGE HALL:

Return of \$1,000. security deposit to Joseph Aretz – ED 3/3/19
Resident Gretchen Penn – Tuesday, April 23, 2019 – Dinner party – UL - \$800.00
Resident Henry Ceruti – Saturday, December 7, 2019 – Christmas party – UL - \$2,000.
Resident Alexandra Tonetti – Saturday, September 26, 2020 – Wedding – UL - \$2,000.00
Resident Claudia Marron – Saturday, August 22, 2020 – 35 year SWR HS Reunion party – UL - \$2,000.

Approved.
(Vail – Neff 5-0)

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DEPUTY MAYOR LEN EMMA:

Roadwork Update: Public Works Commissioner Larry Kogel reported that the bond notes were issued and the funds will be available by the end of the month. The first phase of the new work (Briarcliff, Ashley and the rest of the estates area) will commence in the spring. The Village is in discussion with the Town of Brookhaven and it appears they will be doing some of the paving in coordination with other work they are doing in the community. At our next meeting with TOB this coming Friday, we will finalize exactly what we are doing since our contract with TOB from last year is still in effect. The costs are tied to oil pricing and that depends on what month the work is being done.

Parking Lot Lights: With respect to the parking lot lighting, the Board approved this work last year. Our contractor submitted his insurance last night and is ready to begin installing the poles and then the additional parking lot lights. Installation will start dependent on the weather remaining mild.

Deer Committee Progress Report: The Deer Committee’s final report will be submitted to the Board at the next Executive Meeting on March 14th. Deputy Len Emma reported he will be meeting with the Town of Brookhaven, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilwoman Jane Bonner and environmental experts. This is an important step since the Town has so much land under its control.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Fire District/Fire Department: Trustee Sherry Neff reported that both entities are on board in extending the boundaries of the fire district, but it will take some time. Our attorney, Anthony Tohill, is working on the necessary documents. In the interim, we need fire protection while we are working on joining the district and as noted earlier. A hearing will be held to consider the proposed 2019 Fire and Emergency Service contract next month.

Garden Club: Yonda Ashley gave a brief presentation of the garden club's new mission statement. The mission of the Shoreham Village Garden Club is to promote, educate and disseminate information about sustainable stewardship to preserve, enrich, beautify and protect the environment in order to provide the best possible living area and enjoyment for its residents and wildlife. She stated that "Our community project will be the weeding of the Herb Garden". The Board recognizes the Shoreham Village Garden Club as the only garden club entity in the Village.

Landscaping RFP: Trustee Neff reported that Requests for Proposal packets were mailed to interested parties last Friday.

Landscaping Projects: Parks Commissioner Brian Mahoney is in the process of obtaining prices to raise the north lawn. A wooden railing will be installed to code to match the one going down to the beach. Mayor Vail noted that the TSVA has purchased new flower barrels and they are currently being stored in the garage for painting (which is why the Code Officer's vehicle is in the parking lot). Roxane Gruenheid suggested the new barrels be raised off the ground, perhaps by bricks, to help them last longer. Since the garden club has volunteered to help with the herb garden weeding, that will lower some of the expense incurred by Long Meadow, the company that weeds the gardens and replaces the barrel and decorative plantings.

IT – Security Monitor: We are considering installation of a security monitor in the Village Clerk's Office. As this is primarily a security consideration, Trustee Len Emma and Commissioner Roxane Gruenheid will be making a recommendation after examining the issue.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Beach: Trustee Coogan reported that she is working with John Weiss to replace some of the beach signage before the season starts. John Weiss is taking inventory to replace buoys, beach roping, etc. and has been in touch with Mad Matter regarding the new beach mat order. Mayor Vail reminded him to order a beach grill as well. Trustee Coogan has obtained a list of improvements from Commissioner Weiss and the intent is that these items will be addressed this summer.

Village Hall: Commissioner Jim DeSario reported that additional electrical work is needed to replace a breaker in the kitchen because the new dishwasher trips the old breaker when used multiple times. The smaller dishwasher behind the bar is fully functional. Trustee Coogan commented that the dance floor was refinished beautifully. She noted that there is some concern about the gaps in the butcher block on the bar even though five coats were used on it. The contractor suggested we see how it holds up for the year. If there appears to be a problem it can be addressed with an epoxy. Trustee Coogan is planning for additional renovations next year when the carpeting and curtains may be replaced

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE STEPHEN WALKER

Building Department:

- Old Unclosed Permits and Re-Assessments: Trustee Walker reported we have closed half the old permits and there are about twenty old permits still open (permits issued years ago that have no expiration dates). Jim Pase is doing appraisals on those properties. It is an ongoing process and we hope to have the remaining old files closed out by the end of summer.
- Update Handicapped Lift Installation: We have a meeting scheduled tomorrow, March 13th, with the manufacture of the lift. They needed an extra three weeks to make the lift to our specifications. Work should be starting on its installation about the first week of April. It will take approximately six weeks from start to finish, so we are looking at the middle of May for its completion. Trustee Walker added that Barbara Kullen had jokingly asked for the first lift ticket so when the lift is ready he promised to give her the first ride!

REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL

- Bridge Update: Former Mayor Ed Weiss is meeting with the engineer regarding areas to re-mortar. After that the contractor can give us a precise bid.
- 2nd Bond Update: The interest on the \$850,000. Bond is 2.94 percent. The bond funds are being kept in a second checking account for road improvements and to pay back some of our reserve fund expended on the 2018 fall/winter portion of the roadwork .

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Neil Baggett reminded everyone of TSVA's program "Invisible Threads – The Story of Telefunken" presented by film director Joseph Sikorski on Saturday, March 23. The time has been changed from 7pm to 2pm in the afternoon. It is the true story of a WWI German transatlantic radio transmitting station located in Sayville.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:20 PM

Approved.

(Vail – Coogan 5-0)

Submitted,

Cathy Donahue Spier

Village Clerk