

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
08 NOVEMBER 2017  
7:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Public Hearing at 7:30 PM followed by a regular meeting at 7:31 PM on November 8, 2017 at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig  
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini  
Trustees:, Tom Boissonnault,  
Village Engineer:  
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé  
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Mary Bryde, Erin Meagher  
Todd Atkinson

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the Public Hearing, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.

**Public Hearing**

For the purpose of obtaining public input in regard to amending Village Code Chapter 263-17: Prohibited uses (proposed local law 5 of 2017) ...prohibiting Roosters, restricting Hens.

No public comment.

Mayor Schoenig motions to close the Public Hearing, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the Regular Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.

**Regular Meeting**

1. DPW Report – Dan Crawford delivers the November DPW report. The booster pump problem in the pump house continued to cause trouble that remained undiagnosed despite several experts of differing disciplines evaluating various components. After reversing wiring the problem resolved itself though no explanation exists as to why that would have solved the problem. The cause remains unknown as the wiring is back the way it was originally. Hydrant flushing is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid problems over the holidays or during freezing winter temperatures. There is no obvious need for a hydrant flush but we are doing this as a precaution. We should still consider installing another hydrant along the run from the pump house to Peaceable Hill Road where the current hydrant is inoperative. The new DPW hire is working out very well. Due to my impending retirement, I have informed all agencies that I will no longer be the contact after November 28<sup>th</sup> and Domenic Consentino is the new contact. Mayor Schoenig asks if Domenic is aware of the change in contacts. Mr. Crawford says he is. The next subject is the new truck bid and the differences in the bids being price and equipment delivered. Robert Green was the lowest bid that met all the specifications.

Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the DPW report for November, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.

1.1. New 2018 Truck award – Mayor Schoenig says we received four bids. Mayor Schoenig motions to award the bid for the 2018 new truck with plow and sander to the lowest responsive bidder as specified and according to the bid to in the amount of \$76,173.00 for delivery no later than May 11, 2017, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.

1.2. Mayor Schoenig says when he joined the Board of Trustees he had no idea what the DPW did in this Village. During the past fourteen years he has developed an appreciation for everything the DPW and especially Dan Crawford does to keep this Village in great condition year-round especially given the limited resources at our disposal. Mayor Schoenig goes on to say he has the utmost respect for Mr. Crawford and his crew for the way they take care of this Village. You are not going to be an easy person to replace. You are dedicated and today that quality is harder and harder to find. On a personal note and on behalf of the entire Village I want to thank you for everything you have done for this Village.

2. Special Exception Use Permit - El Pueblo Cabaret – discussion – Michael Sirignano, ESQ and Nelson Colon appeared on behalf of Caché Restaurant and Lounge dba El Pueblo for the Cabaret Special Exception Use Permit application. Mayor Schoenig asks about ownership and the validity of the lease as the bills we send get returned unpaid. Mr. Sirignano says ownership hasn't changed and the rent is paid to a Trust Fund. Counsel Molé says if the applicant is willing to take the risk of being shut down by the landlord at any time then it is okay with the Village. Fire safety and insurance are still incomplete and will need to be in compliance before a permit is issued. Mayor Schoenig motions to set a public hearing for a Special Exception Use Permit – Cabaret for Caché Restaurant & Lounge dba El Pueblo for November 29, 2017 at 7:30 PM, at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509 for a Special Exception Use Permit is hereby referred to the Planning Board for a report to be returned to the Board of Trustees as quickly after their November 21, 2017 meeting as time permits and in time for the November 29<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing as scheduled if possible. In addition Clerk is instructed to submit a request for a 239-M to Putnam County, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.
  3. Special Exception Use Permit - Verizon Cell Tower – David Frye is appearing for the applicant – Counsel Molé says a public hearing is not required as the height of the building is not affected but this can still be referred to the Planning Board for review. Mayor Schoenig motions to refer to Planning Board and 239-M to Putnam County, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.
  4. Financial Report Year to Date - Treasurer Hansen says the revenues and expenses are running true to plan with two exceptions: Our workers compensation is running high. I have a request for reclassification of Dan Crawford's job as he does office work not labor and that will move forward to save us some money and return a credit for a couple of previous years. And there will likely be a 20% dividend check before the end of the year which will reduce the overall cost of Workers Comp. Hopefully that will be enough to offset the expected overage. The DEP land use permits and parking revenue share, which was about 3 years in arrears, was paid a larger amount than budgeted to try and catch up on the arrears. The tax portion of those payments is \$32,596 over budget. The Property & Casualty Insurance premium was lower than budgeted this year which saves about \$12,000 The Retirement budget is \$95,000 and the current forecast (actual invoice will be out later this month) is \$89,000 leaving the potential for \$6,000 savings. Combined these savings could be roughly \$18,000 plus the \$40,000 in contingency for a total of \$58,000
  5. Veteran Honor Roll nominee – Mayor Schoenig will call Senator Murphy's office and find out if we still have enough time to nominate someone for the honor. Mayor Schoenig motions to nominate Denis Castelli for the honor posthumously, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.
  6. Village office personnel – Clerk Hansen says he is pursuing a succession planning schema for Village Clerk and Treasurer so the Village can move forward seamlessly when it comes time for retirement or another transition and it seems the best way that it could move forward is through Civil Service which would provide the requisite skill level and a degree a job security apart from an appointed position. However that same person could hold the appointed position in addition to the Civil Service position. Deputy Mayor Piccini agrees that we need to be talking about succession planning. Mayor Schoenig says that he and Clerk Hansen have been discussing this for several months and this seems to be a good course of action to take. Counsel Molé will draft a resolution establishing a Senior Account Clerk for consideration at the November 29, 2017 meeting.
  7. Local Law 5 – Prohibiting Roosters, Restricting Hens – Mayor Schoenig motions to adopt Local Law 5 of 2017 prohibiting roosters and restricting hens as delineated in 263=17-Prohibited uses as amended, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.
  8. Minutes for approval;
    - 8.1. October 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes – Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to approve the October 18, 2017 minutes, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.
  9. Vouchers Payable – Trustee Bryde reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.
 

9.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$ 49,777.49
9.2. C –	REFUSE & GARBAGE	521.48
9.3. EN -	ENGINEERING FEES ESCROW	1,005.00
9.4. F -	WATER FUND	187,426.77
9.5. G -	SEWER FUND	122,348.64
9.6. TA -	TRUST & AGENCY	2,690.95
Total Vouchers Payable		\$ 363,770.33
- Mayor Schoenig motions to approve vouchers payable as written, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.

10. Other Business

- 10.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini – Village Matters Newspaper is still outstanding and we need to get material together to meet our target date of publication by December 1, 2017. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to give Clerk Hansen the authority for publication based on the consensus of the Board, Mayor Schoenig 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.
- 10.2. Mayor Schoenig says the Empire State Trail is being fast tracked because Governor Cuomo wants it completed by 2020.
11. New Business – no new business.
12. Public Comment
  - 12.1. Rick Stockburger says a problem we have run into with parking enforcement is the sidewalk overhang is not quantifiable and it causes repeated debate in court.
13. Mayor Schoenig motions to go into executive session, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.
14. Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session resume the regular meeting and adjourn, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 3 to 0.