

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
17 JULY 2019
7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a regular meeting at 7:30 PM, on July 17, 2019 at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees; Mary Bryde, George Gaspar,
Village Police Chief: John Del Gardo
Village Engineer: Todd Atkinson
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Michelle Chiudina

Absent:

Tom Boissonnault

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Regular Meeting

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the regular meeting, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

1. Monthly Reports

- 1.1. June, 2019 Police Reports: Chief Del Gardo delivers the June Police report. Trustee Bryde asks about the sexual assault in the Village. Chief Del Gardo said the one at the MTA station was unfounded, one was a rape and was turned over to the State Police and one was sexual harassment which the Village Police arrested the person. Trustee Bryde asks about the suspicious persons in the vehicles and if the public calls those in. Chief Del Gardo responded that at four different locations in the Village there were vehicles or persons that were suspicious. Trustee Bryde asked about the fire alarms that the police responded to. Chief Del Gardo said there were six fire alarms but no major fires; one was food on the stove, a few false alarms and Bull and Barrel's alarm went off due to something in the kitchen. Deputy Mayor Piccini said that raises the question of is it not the same as a false alarm fee that is in the Village Fee Schedule because the police get called out but there was no real danger at the locations. Chief Del Gardo doesn't think so and Counsel Molé confirmed saying only after a number of false alarms in a certain amount of time. Deputy Mayor Piccini recalls that is a big topic with Putnam County to have a limit on false alarms and Chief Del Gardo said it was big in the city. Trustee Bryde asks about the missing persons in the Village. Chief Del Gardo says that one was a senior citizen with Alzheimer's, who was found in a church parking lot, the other was a female who stated she was not missing and just went for a walk. Trustee Bryde asks about the homeless condition in the Village and what the police do when they encounter a homeless person. Chief Del Gardo explains that this is an ongoing condition in the Village and mentions that there is not much to do about the homeless in the summer because there is no place for them to stay so the police have to wake those people up and ask them to move or go to a family's or a friend's house. Trustee Bryde asks about the definition of a "clothes job." Chief Del Gardo explains that this person called to ask for a police escort to retrieve his clothes from a house he used to live in but no longer is welcomed there. Trustee Gaspar asks about the bow and arrow incident in the Village. Chief Del Gardo says that this person was shooting for carp at the Morningthorpe Bridge and says that it is legal for a person to use a bow and arrow to catch fish as long as the person is not aiming the arrows at dwellings, playgrounds or streets. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the June, 2019 Police report, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Copy of the report attached to these minutes.

- 1.2. June, 2019 Code Enforcement Report – Bill Scorca delivers the Code Enforcement report for June, 2019. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the June, 2019 Code Enforcement report, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0. Copy of the report attached to these minutes.
- 1.3. June, 2019 Engineer’s Report – Todd Atkinson is away on military duty and did not deliver a report.
- 1.4. June, 2019 Planning Board Report – Rick Lowell did not submit a report for June, 2019.
- 1.5. June, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Report – Todd Gianguzzi did not submit a report for June, 2019.
2. DEP Land Use Permit approval for Tonetta Brook Headwall – Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to authorize the Mayor to sign the Land Use Permit for the Tonetta Brook Headwall along with a check, Trustee Gaspar 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
3. Proclamation for George Godfrey: tabled until August 7, 2019 due to the absence of Trustee Boissonnault.
4. Wetland restoration planning grant resolution - Mayor Schoenig motions to adopt Resolution No. 071719-1 in support of the CFA Wetlands restoration grant application for the old WWTP plant site on the corner of Park Street and Morningthorpe Avenue, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
5. Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition CFA letter of support – Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter in support of the Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition CFA application to continue restoration of Old Town Hall Theater, Trustee Gaspar 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
6. Billing Arrears (45-day post quarterly billing list) – Treasurer Hansen provides the April water and May sewer arrears of approximately \$11,000 apiece and says water will be aggressively pursued for those customers, inside and outside the Village, who are late with their April water bill when their current water bill becomes 15 days past due around the middle of August. Similarly, sewer arrears will be pursued when the 2nd bill becomes 15 days late around the middle of September. Clerk Hansen would also like to mention that these numbers are very low, historically speaking. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about the impact of the shut off notices on repeat offenders. Clerk Hansen said that for the most part, yes, but there are still some people who slipped through the cracks, receive a notice and then pay back the amount in full. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about the situation that was discussed at the previous meeting with the outside water user and Clerk Hansen says that the water did need to be shut off but only for an hour and a half at most because that person made a \$3,000 payment towards their arrears and has contracted a payment plan. The payment plan will extend about twelve months with the first payment due at the end of July and the owner is aware that if payment is not received, the water will be shut off again.
7. Correspondence sent & received for June, 2019 – Trustee Bryde asks if there was any response to the 4H Fair invitation. Deputy Clerk Chiudina says she had not received any emails pertaining to the 4H Fair. Trustee Bryde asks what the Sterling Insurance Company notice is. Clerk Hansen explains that it is a liability notice to inform the Village of the insurance renewal. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept correspondence sent and received for June, 2019, Trustee Bryde 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
8. Minutes for approval;
 - 8.1. June 19, 2019 Minutes – Trustee Bryde motions to approve the minutes for June 19, 2019, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.
9. Vouchers Payable July 17, 2019 – Deputy Mayor Piccini reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.

9.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$29,861.15
9.2. C –	REFUSE & GARBAGE	20,126.55
9.3. EN -	ENGINEERING FEES ESCROW	360.00
9.4. F -	WATER FUND	14,133.15
9.5. G -	SEWER FUND	65,687.87
9.6. H63 -	TONETTA BROOK MARVIN AVE. HEADWALL	290.08
9.7. TA -	TRUST & AGENCY	7,515.86
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Total Vouchers Payable		\$137,974.66

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve vouchers payable as written, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

10. Other Business

- 10.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini would like to discuss the unregistered cars without plates on private property. Clerk Hansen says that if the car is there for more than thirty days it is handled by Code Enforcement. Mr. Scorca says he should be notified of any issues of properties that have cars without plates and they are considered junk and must be remediated within the 30 days of the Code Enforcement officers notifying that person. Deputy Mayor Piccini

would like to discuss the solicitors going door to door sales that do not have a Village Peddler's permit. The Board agrees that the police should be called outside normal business hours and the Village Office should be notified during normal business hours. Deputy Mayor Piccini would also like to discuss what can be done about the weeds where curb meets the street. Clerk Hansen says that homeowners and landlords are responsible for the weeds on the sidewalks but he will notify Mr. Consentino to have someone remediate the weeds that are between the sidewalk curbs and the streets. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about the upkeep for the welcome sign for the Village of Brewster at the MTA station as it is overgrown and hard to read and Mayor Schoenig says that it is MTA property and he will contact the maintenance crew to trim back the greenery on the sign. Deputy Mayor Piccini mentions that on Facebook she has seen people discussing the idea of having landscapers volunteer to clean up the smaller green spaces around Towns and Villages in exchange to post a sign to advertise their business and is concerned the resulting signage will get out of hand. Mayor Schoenig says that the Village cannot allow those businesses to put up advertising. Deputy Mayor Piccini also mentions that the next issue of Village Matters is October 1st and questions whether the Board should shift the quarterly publication date again and asks the Board members to think about it for a future discussion.

10.2. Trustee Gaspar would like to mention the missing "No Parking Here to Corner" on Michael Neuner Road and would like to discuss with Mr. Consentino to replace the sign.

10.3. Trustee Bryde said she and Trustee Boissonnault attended the Little League parade and the trophy ceremony on June 22nd and would like to mention that the team sponsored privately by the members of the Village Board came in first place again this year. Trustee Bryde also mentions that the Firemen's Day Parade is next week on July 25th beginning at 7:00 pm. Trustee Bryde asks if there is a day scheduled for the sexual harassment training yet, which is needed for her in order to take off from her job and Clerk Hansen says no, not yet.

10.4. Deputy Mayor Piccini raises the question of the "No Stop" on the uphill side of Michael Neuner. Trustee Gaspar agrees and Deputy Mayor Piccini asks for a "3-way Stop" sign to be added under the other stop signs at that intersection and will ask Mr. Consentino to order it.

11. New Business

11.1. Trustee Gaspar requests that the hedges at the corner of Michael Neuner and Prospect should be cut back significantly because the hedges block the view of cars coming up Michael Neuner. Trustee Gaspar also asks what the schedule is for the storm sewer grates to be fixed, specifically at the gas station by Michael Neuner and the other is across the street from the Stark Plaza. Clerk Hansen, Mayor Schoenig, Counsel Molé and Trustee Gaspar discuss the rules about what catch basin will be fixed by DOT depending on when they were installed or repaired by the DOT. Clerk Hansen says that there have been some catch basins repaired on North Main Street and because the Village has such a small DPW crew, if the repairs are to be done in a timely fashion, the Village will have to subcontract the work. Trustee Gaspar asks about the time line for the road repairs in the Village. Mayor Schoenig explain that Mr. Consentino is waiting for a final estimate and the work will be completed before school starts.

12. Public Comment

12.1. Rick Stockburger asks if parking in Tri-State is allowed for MTA commuters during the Fire Department Inspection Parade and who will be noticing those people in the LAZ parking lot along North Main Street so those people don't get blocked in. Mayor Schoenig says that the Fire Department should be putting up notifications to those who need to park in the Tri-State Lot and in the LAZ lots and those people should not be ticketed on that day. Rick Stockburger says Merritt and Oak is another place with overgrown shrubs and should be trimmed back as well.

12.2. Joseph Larca, asks about the parking laws on Allview Avenue because when people who park on the side of the road, which is allowed, it causes those people coming up Allview to cross over the double yellow line. Mr. Larca also asks about the necessity of the Stop Sign at the corner of Meadow Lane and Allview Avenue. Counsel Molé suggests that a study should be made to see if the stop sign is necessary or not. Mayor Schoenig asks that the Village Board be given time to discuss the Stop Sign and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

12.3. Town of Southeast Councilman John Lord asks about the paving job that was being discussed and which roads this would affect. The Board lists that names of the roads which include North Main Street, Prospect Street, Eastview Avenue, Hoyt Street, Marvin Avenue, Wells Street, Center Street, and Oak Street. Mr. Lord also asks

about the bike path and its jurisdiction in the Village. Mayor Schoenig says that the Bike Path goes through the Village of Brewster but is policed by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and not the Village Police Department.

13. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Gaspar 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

JUNE 2019 MONTHLY REPORT



POLICE CHIEF
John Del Gardo

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

To: Mayor James Schoenig - Board of Trustees

FROM: Police Chief John Del Gardo

JUNE 2019

911 CALLS	108	VEHICLE REPAIRS		\$448.94
WALK IN COMPLAINTS	9	VEHICLE MILEAGE		4997
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	117	VEHICLE FUEL		710
FOOT PATROL				
Main Street:	43	PEO STOCKBURGER	Tickets	1
Residential:	41		Hours	3
M.T.A Station:	75			
TOTAL HOURS	159			
Court Hours - Village	36	(Security Detail)2 Officers		
Court Hours - S.E.	88	(Security Detail)2 Officers		
TICKETS				
Uniform Traffic Tickets:	305			
Parking Tickets:	75			
Local Ordinance	5			
TOTAL TICKETS	385			
ARRESTS				
CRIM MIS ARREST -PRESTAMO	1			
CRIM MIS ARREST - WILLISCH	1			
512 ARREST - QUINONES	1			
512 ARREST - QUINONES	1			
512 ARREST - QUINONES	1			
HARASSMENT ARREST-SAMPLE	1			
TRESPASS ARREST- MICHEL	1			
512 ARREST - CASTRO	1			
TOTAL ARRESTS	8			

911 DISPATCHED CALLS – 108 CALLS

AIDED – 17
EDP - 3
VEHICLE ACCIDENT – 3
SEXUAL ASSAULT - 3
DWI - 1
DISPUTE - 9
DISORDERLY/INTOX PERSONS - 11
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE - 4
ASSIST PCSO/SP - 2
FIRE ALARM - 6
911 HANGUP - 4
MISSING PERSON - 2
TRESPASS - 2
HARASSMENT - 7
CREDIT CARD FRAUD - 1
WELFARE CHECK - 6
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - 2
HOMELESS CONDITION - 5
FOUND DOG - 1
OPEN MANHOLE - 1
PERSON WITH BOW AND ARROW - 1
PARKING CONDITION - 5
DOWN WIRES - 1
LOCKOUT - 2
FOUND PROPERTY - 1
LOST PROPERTY - 1
NOISE COMPLAINT - 6
CLOTHES JOB - 1

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER POLICE

SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

JUNE 2019

SPEEDS - 129

STOP SIGN - 63

CELL PHONE - 20

RED LIGHT - 17

SEATBELT - 17

DISOBEY SIGN - 9

UNSAFE BACKING - 2

ONE WAY - 1

511 ARREST - 4

TOTAL - 262

JUNE, 2019 Code Enforcement Report



VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
50 MAIN STREET
BREWSTER, NY 10509
(845) 279-3760

JUNE, 2019 SUMMARY REPORT

		Year to Date
A.1560 SAFETY INSPECTION =	\$1,585.00	\$1,585.00
A.2555 BUILDING FEES =	3,920.00	\$3,920.00
A.2590 PROPERTY REG =	1,650.00	1,650.00
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TOTAL FOR JUNE =	\$7,155.00	\$7,155.00
PERMITS:	5	
VIOLATIONS:	5	
TOTAL COs, CCs:	1	
INSPECTIONS	7	
PROPERTY REG OPEN	68	

June Reports not provided at this meeting:

Engineering

Planning Board

Zoning Board of Appeals