

# VILLAGE OF BREWSTER

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 18, 2009

### Minutes

#### REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster is holding a Regular Meeting on March 18, 2009 at Village Hall, 208 Main Street, Brewster, New York. The meeting is called to order at **7:30 P.M.** by Mayor Schoenig.

#### Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig  
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini  
Trustees: Yoshihiko Ito, Terri Stockburger  
Village Engineer: John Folchetti  
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,  
Clerk & Temporary Treasurer: Peter Hansen

#### Absent:

William Banks

#### Pledge to flag.

- 1) Monthly reports
  - a) Planning Board
    - i) Chairman Kulo delivered his monthly report for February activity. Deputy Mayor Piccini motioned to accept the report, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4 - 0
  - b) Code
    - i) Director Code Enforcement Serino delivered his monthly report for February activity. Deputy Mayor Piccini motioned to accept the report, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4 - 0
  - c) Engineer
    - i) Village Engineer Folchetti delivered his monthly report for February activity. Mayor Schoenig motioned to accept the report, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4 - 0
    - ii) Mr. Folchetti requested authorization to write a letter to NYS DEC regarding Retrofit requirements. Trustee Stockburger motions to adopt resolution No. 031809-1 authorizing the Village Engineer to submit a letter to DEC regarding the retrofit requirements, Mayor Schoenig seconds, motion carries 4 - 0
  - d) Police
    - i) Alex Mancone delivered his monthly report for February activity. Deputy Mayor Piccini motioned to accept the report, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4 - 0
- 2) Methodist Church – request for permission to beautify street at Borden Bridge. Ms. Jackie Boissonnault spoke regarding the church’s desire to plant flowers along Main St. adjacent to Borden Bridge. The DOT will not allow them to place planters on the bridge itself but they could still beautify the grass next to the sidewalk West of Borden Bridge adjacent to the Village Hall parking lot. Ms. Boissonnault also noted that the sign at the Metro North station was dirty and in need of sprucing up. The Board had no objections to the planting and maintenance of flowers in said location but noted the Metro North sign is not under Village control. Clerk Hansen said he would contact Metro North and ask them to police the area.
- 3) Earth Day selection and plans - Saturday April 18 or 25th – need to set a date and appoint a coordinator.
  - a) Mayor Schoenig wants to coordinate with Town of Southeast and will continue trying to reach Supervisor Rights to set a date. No action taken.
- 4) Tax Contract – authorization to sign with County to send out Tax Bills

- i) Trustee Stockburger motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Tax Contract with Putnam County, Deputy Mayor Piccini seconds, motion carries 4 – 0

5) Police & Fire Retirement Plan - Tabled

6) Honor Roll stone wall

- i) Trustee Stockburger motioned to accept the proposed drawing, waive site plan and permit application requirements and fees for the Veteran’s Honor Roll proposed new stone wall. Mayor Schoenig seconds, motion carries 4 – 0

7) Special Counsel Resolution for Oddey matter

- a) Mayor Schoenig motioned to adopt Resolution No. 031809-2 authorizing Special Counsel representing the Village in the Oddey matter. Trustee Stockburger seconds. Motion carries 4 - 0

8) Vouchers Payable

- a) Total of \$79,496.02 + 2,762.00 = \$82,258.02 consisting of

i) H10 –	\$13,999.89	
ii) H90 -	2,247.68	
iii) T -	163.20	
iv) G –	25,866.54	828.60
v) F –	8,142.53	828.60
vi) A –	<u>29,076.18</u>	<u>1,104.80</u>

TOTAL BY BATCH \$79,496.02 \$2,762.00

- b) Mayor Schoenig motions to approve vouchers payable, Deputy Mayor Piccini seconds, motion carries 4 - 0

9) Other Business

- a) Deputy Mayor Piccini provided a brief Comcast update, no license agreement as yet.
  - i) Verizon FIOS is dependent on acceptance of the Comcast License by the Public Service Commission.
- b) Code modifications, sign ordinance, and other code changes that have accumulated during the year will be provided by Jack Gress at our next meeting.

10) New Business

- a) Mayor Schoenig said there were people living outdoors behind Eagle Eye Thrift Store which is owned by Putnam Community Hospital. The Hospital will not prosecute the offenders and the police can not remove them without the Hospital’s participation. Laurie Manning spoke up and said there was an easy fix by erecting a fence that would block access.
- b) Mayor Schoenig said that a letter was sent to the State Comptroller’s office requesting a determination on cost allocations 4-6 weeks ago. We are waiting for a response.
- c) Mark Anderson asked about budget estimates and was told we are working on it.
- d) Mayor Schoenig motions to appoint three Officers in Charge of the Police Department as we have changed the organization structure. The Mayor proposes
  - i) Carmine Drogo for Street Patrols
  - ii) Blaise Oddo for Weekends
  - iii) John Delgado for Administration
 Deputy Mayor Piccini seconds, motion carries 4-0
- e) Mayor Schoenig acknowledges the contribution of Alex Mancone in bringing this department along to this point. His efforts are greatly appreciated and he deserves a hearty thank you. The audience responded with a strong round of applause.

- f) The Clerk asked for board guidance on a \$260,000 serial bond as to whether the bond should be for a 10 year term or a 30 year term. Discussion ensued regarding the costs versus benefits of the varying term. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to set the Serial Bond term for 26 years, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4-0

11) Public Comment

- a) Mark Anderson mentioned that our insurance costs should come down because everyone is hungry for business. The Clerk and Budget Officer will revisit the insurance plans and costs and shop around.
- b) Denis Castelli asked that a file cabinet with Village historical information be stored at the Southeast Museum. Trustee Stockburger motions to establish that procedure at no cost to the village, Deputy Mayor Piccini seconds, motion carries 4 - 0

12) Executive Session Mayor Schoenig motions to go into executive session to discuss Legal and Personnel issues, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4 - 0

- a) Personnel
- b) Legal

13) Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4 - 0

14) Adjourn - Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Stockburger seconds, motion carries 4 – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter B. Hansen

Village Clerk