

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 1, 2009

Adopted Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED & REGULAR MEETING

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig

Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini

Trustees: William Banks, Yoshihiko Ito, Terri Stockburger

Village Engineer: John Folchetti

Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,

Clerk & Temporary Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Pledge to flag.

1) Continue Public Hearing on prohibiting skateboarding within the village

Mayor Schoenig motions to continue the public hearing on prohibition of skateboarding within the village. Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 5 to 0

- a) Joe Lambert reiterates his opposition to this law and has found a source of grant funding to help develop a skateboarding venue. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks if Mr. Lambert has scouted locations within the village. Mr. Lambert says he has; Markel, Wells, and Electrozone Field – all owned by the Town of Southeast. Ms. Piccini asks if the village will be able to turn any grant money received over to the town. Mr. Lambert does not know. Town Supervisor Mike Rights spoke about having the Town board participate in the application and location process and perhaps using the joint Brewster Southeast Revitalization Committee as a vehicle for accomplishing this task. Trustee Stockburger asked if DEP land could be used. Village Engineer John Folchetti said that DEP does not allow permanent structures on their land. Mr. Folchetti did offer to help write the grant application. Mayor Schoenig asked if Mr. Lambert could provide a copy of the grant application. Mr. Lambert said he would. Mr. Rights asked if the Board would like him to put the subject on the Town agenda. Mayor Schoenig said absolutely.
- b) There being no further comment from the Public Mayor Schoenig motions to close the public hearing, Trustee Banks 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the regular meeting, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

2) Approval of Minutes: June 17, 2009

- a) Trustee Ito motions to approve the June 17 minutes as written, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd. All in favor 5 to 0.

3) Correspondence Sent-Received

- a) Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to accept Correspondence sent/received, Trustee Banks 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

4) JCAP Grant Application

- a) Trustee Piccini motions to apply for JCAP grant, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

5) Publication of Sewer Debt Exclusion

- a) Treasurer Hansen informed the board that the village filed a sewer debt exclusion with the state comptrollers office on June 29th and will publish the same in the official paper on July 7th 2009.

6) Founders Day, Oct. 4, 2009

On a motion by Trustee Stockburger the duly constituted Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster Declares Founders Day is celebrated on October 4, 2009 and

The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes

1. The Department of Public Works to incur overtime for pre and post celebration tasks
2. The Police Department to provide safety and security for the event
3. Closing Main Street with posting of prior notification
4. Meter covering and suspension of parking enforcement
5. Waiving vendor permits for Founders Day authorized vendors
6. Setting up a Village of Brewster table display
7. Tours of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Seconded by Mayor Schoenig Ayes 5 Nays___ Abstain___ Absent ___

7) Vouchers Payable

a) Total of \$ 156,690.43 for batch 1051 consisting of

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| i) A – | \$11,534.10 |
| ii) F – | 8,131.05 |
| iii) G – | 36,753.28 |
| iv) H05 - | 272.00 |
| v) H10 - | 100,000.00 |

b) Total of \$ 15,047.39 for batch 1095 consisting of

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| i) F – | \$6,383.17 |
| ii) G – | 8,664.22 |

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve vouchers payable batch 1095 and 1051, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 5 to 0

8) Other Business

a) Institute for Environmental Stewardship (IES)

- i) Trustee Ito asked if Mr. John Degnan could provide a general idea of the possible approaches he has in mind. Mr. Degnan replied that energy related initiatives to reduce consumption by the village government and the general population to lower our carbon footprint. Mr. Degnan expects to achieve dramatic reductions through individual contributions that when aggregated amount to a sizable impact. Mr. Degnan plans to do this through partnerships with other agencies, program incentives, and education of the general populace. The Board requested Mr. Degnan set up activities related to IES on Founders Day.
- ii) Mayor Schoenig motions to adopt resolution No. 070109-1 as written, Trustee Banks 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

RESOLUTION No. 070109-1

The following resolution resolved by the duly constituted Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster, New York on a motion by Mayor Schoenig, and seconded by Trustee Banks as follows:

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the VOB acknowledges the critical link between education and sustainability, the Government of the Village of Brewster must take a proactive part in public information and educational outreach to citizens of the village and its environs on the subject of conservation and sustainability for both our man-made and natural environments, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees recognizes that educating the public on the subject of sustainability is consistent with the VOB Master Plan adopted in 2004, and with its role as a steward of the Croton Watershed; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees recognizes that educating all stakeholders is one of the most important tasks we have as a society, and that creating a curriculum

which addresses sustainability is desirable and consistent with State and Federal Mandates and the Master Plan; and

Whereas, the Institute for Environmental Stewardship, a not-for-profit organization qualified to assist the Village of Brewster creating an educational outreach program on the subject of sustainability has volunteered to interact with the Village government and the general public, other governments, institutes of higher education, potential funding sources and local school districts in order to assist the Village in meeting its obligation to actualize such a program

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster, New York, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster hereby appoints the Institute for Environmental Stewardship as an official representative of the government of the Village of Brewster to interact with the general public, other governments, institutes of higher education and any qualified party, on behalf of the Village government in the creation of a suitable program for planning, projects and educating citizens and students in the subject of sustainability.

Dated: 7-1-09

Brewster, New York

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

- iii) John Folchetti praises Jack Gress and Denis Castelli for the outstanding work they did on the Veterans Honor Roll. The audience and board responded with a strong round of applause.
 - iv) Mr. Folchetti brought up the SAFETEA-LU Sidewalks Project and reminded the board that we needed to move on this to continue the funding avenue. Clerk Hansen asked the board to establish a capital project for this endeavor and authorize the mayor to sign the contract with J.R. Folchetti & Associates. Funding still had to be worked out but the first step needed to be the establishment of a project.
 - (1) Trustee Stockburger motioned to establish a capital project for SAFETEA-LU Sidewalks, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
 - (2) Trustee Ito motions to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with JRFA Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.
 - v) Clerk Hansen reminded the Board that a bid spec had to be prepared and sent out for a new Refuse contract and time is getting shorter. Counsel Molé will forward a prepared bid spec for review promptly.
 - vi) Clerk Hansen advised the board of the potential for routine sewer jetting to eliminate grease build up in the sewer lines until such time as we can be assured that effluent is passed through a grease trap in the most likely points of largest producers of grease. The Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer are working together to make sure this happens.
 - vii) Trustee Ito asked about the Finance Committee that was created a couple of years ago and asked that we restart our efforts to apply oversight on financials.
- 9) New Business
- a) Mayor Schoenig asked that the Clerk publish a notice for a joint meeting between the Town of Southeast and the Village of Brewster for July 30th at 7:00 P.M. at 67 Main Street Brewster NY 10509
 - b) Mayor Schoenig asked Supervisor Rights to look into allowing village residents to park in the gold lot overnight during winter parking rules to help alleviate the burden on residents when parking is banned on Main St. This will also provide a

revenue stream to the Town of Southeast. Mr. Rights thought it was a good idea and agreed to pursue it with the rest of the Town Board.

- c) Trustee Stockburger questioned if there was a law on the books regarding the general public sifting through trash cans after they are put out for pick-up. Counsel Molé said there was no law he was aware of that prohibits such activity.

10) Public Comment

- a) Denis Castelli mentions to the board that there are two black locust trees that were at the train station clock island and removed that are still alive and available for planting at a location of their choice. The board generally agreed that the best place would be at the East Branch Pump Station on the east side of Rte. 22. Mr. Castelli and Mr. Gress said they would proceed with that intention.
- b) Thomas Bell of 6 Michael Neuner complained of intolerable traffic conditions on Michael Neuner and particularly in his own driveway due to the Williams Gas Station line of cars and those that make 3 point turns in the middle of the block and block traffic as they are across the travel lanes until they can get in line. Mayor Schoenig said he would follow up with the police enforcement of vehicle and traffic law.
- c) Tyler Murello asked if there was any progress on the DEP contract negotiations. Mayor Schoenig indicated that we are getting closer to a signed agreement.
- d) Joe Lambert complained about trash cans being left out at the corner of Prospect and Westview Ct. Mr. Murello responded that the situation is being addressed and there should be no more problems like that.
- e) Supervisor Rights asked about the status of barriers at 850 Rte. 22, Mayor Schoenig said the village was in discussion with the owner about whether temporary or permanent structures were to be put in place and that a decision on one or both would be forthcoming.

11) Executive Session

Mayor Schoenig motions to go into executive session to discuss personnel, legal and contractual issues. Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

12) Adjourn

Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn the regular meeting, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.