

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 17, 2010

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Special Meeting at 7:30 P.M. on June 17, 2010 at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, New York to consider leasing a police vehicle – item tabled from previous nights regular meeting in order to gather additional information and deemed a priority.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig

Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini

Trustees: Yoshihiko Ito, Terri Stockburger

Village Engineer:

Village Counsel:

Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

William Banks

John Folchetti

Anthony Molé

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the Special Meeting at 7:30 PM, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

1. Lease of Police Vehicle

- a. Mayor Schoenig asks if the Trustees have received the two letters regarding the justification of the vehicle lease. Everyone affirms.
- b. Trustee Ito says there are still some concerns about the Police Department that should be addressed at some point but not tonight. Trustee Stockburger asks if Trustee Ito is going to question the DPW Superintendent's purchase and justification to the same extent when Dan Crawford proposes purchasing vehicles. Trustee Ito says that is not the issue on the table right now. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks Trustee Ito if the current Police Department Mission statement isn't adequate as the springboard for acting on continuing the mission of the police department.

Mayor Schoenig says we can revisit the mission statement if the rest of the board so desires. Deputy Mayor Piccini believes she understands that the mission statement guides all the actions of the Police Department's policies and procedures which are carried forward in day to day operations. Mayor Schoenig says the monthly reports are an example of those policies and procedures. Deputy Mayor Piccini says the police policies and procedures are a work in progress just like our employee handbook and are expected to change as experience continues to be gained.

Trustee Ito motions to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with The Cruisers Division as outlined in their estimate No. 100318A in the amount of \$8,537.94 payable annually for 4 years with an optional buyout of \$1.00 at lease-end, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd, Trustee Ito adds that the Mayor is authorized to negotiate a lower payment with possible trade-in of one of existing police vehicle, so amended,

Vote:

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| Deputy Mayor Piccini: | Yes |
| Trustee Stockburger: | Yes |
| Mayor Schoenig: | Yes |
| Trustee Ito: | Yes |
| Trustee Banks: | Absent |

Motion Carries: 4 to 0.

Mayor Schoenig motions to cancel the Special Meeting scheduled for 6-18, 2010 as it is no longer needed, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

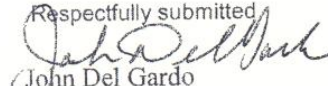
Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, Trustee Stockburger 2nd all in favor 4 to 0.

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
POLICE

From: John Del Gardo, Chief Inspector
To: Mayor James Schoenig and Board of Trustees
Date: June 17, 2010

SUBJECT: New Police Vehicle

1. On Wednesday June 16 at the regular meeting, the Village Trustees, Christine Puccini, Yoshihiko Ito and Terri Stockburger requested a memo on why the Village Police Department needs a new Police vehicle. Two of our vehicles that we have, Chevy Tahoe and the Ford K9 have excessive amount of mileage. Tahoe 107,000 miles and the K9 87,000 miles. Both of the vehicles have cost the village \$5,900 from June 09 to May 2010. The Tahoe is a 2001 was purchased used in 2007 with 65,000 miles and the K-9 vehicle with 68,000 miles. The K-9 vehicle is 11 years old and the Tahoe is 9 years old. Going forward, both these vehicles will only get older, more repairs will have to be done to keep them operational. The Chevy Impala has over 36,000 miles and the warranty has run out. The K-9 vehicle should be sold and the Tahoe should be kept as a spare and used in the winter months when needed. These vehicles are not reliable and we would be left without a Police patrol should these vehicles have to be placed out of commission. The new vehicle that we need to purchase is a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria. The dealer has this vehicle in stock. If we wait any longer, we will lose this vehicle and have to wait until October or November for the 2011 vehicles and at a higher cost.

Respectfully submitted,

John Del Gardo
Chief Inspector



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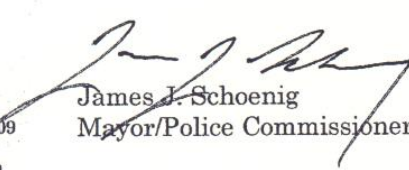
You have been asked by the Village Police Department to approve the lease for a new police car. We ask and expect the police department to protect and serve the village residents. The police cars are an essential tool for a police department to operate. Some of our current cars are past their prime for use in daily police activity. We need to have cars that this department can rely for EMERGENCY situations and routine patrols such as checking our well field, sewer plant and pump stations. Additionally, we transport prisoners, meet with the Putnam County DA and Putnam County Emergency Services, and other local agencies such as the Carmel Police and State Troopers.

Under current conditions if our older cars were to go out of service, a very likely scenario given their age and condition, the village would be left with one working police car. If that lone car were to go out of service due to an accident or mechanical breakdown the Village would have no working vehicle and that is an unacceptable situation. The village would be without cars for the above tasks and I believe we would be doing our taxpayers a disservice and be in violation of our obligation to provide effective police protection to our community.

I also believe that the village should start a capital fund for car replacement so we will be able to rotate these cars out of service when past their prime. Having vehicles that cost more to repair and spend more time in the repair shop than on the road does not make good business sense. We need reliable cars that are in service all the time. If we have to spend the money anyway let's use our head and spend the money wisely to keep the cars on the road protecting and serving our community.

The officers that we have serving this village did not ask for a raise this year and took less money for personal equipment they may need during the year because they feel very strongly about the car situation. If we are to ask the officers to protect and serve, I believe that we need to give them the equipment they need to do so.

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