

**VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM  
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED  
VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 80 WOODVILLE  
ROAD, SHOREHAM, NY ON NOVEMBER 7, 2016 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

Edward Weiss	MAYOR
Brian C. Vail	DEPUTY MAYOR
Leonard Emma	TRUSTEE
Rosie Connell	ABSENT
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
Cathy Donahue Spier	CLERK/ TREASURER

Commissioners present: J.Weiss, J.Flannery along with Assessor J.Pase, and residents:  
B.Kullen, E.Willen, S.Filosa, Sr., K.Simos, A.M.Emma, A.Luccio, L.Maddalena, David  
and Dawn Madigan, N.Bagget

OPEN MEETING

***Pledge of Allegiance***

Mayor Weiss opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM and stated that the meeting was being held the day before the regular meeting date due to the national election being held tomorrow. Notice was posted and published of the meeting date change.

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting  
***(Neff - Vail 4-0)***

HEARING ON PROPOSED TREE LAW

Motion to close the regular board meeting and continue the hearing on the proposed tree law.

***Approved.***  
***(Weiss – Neff 4-0)***

B.Kullen proposed that the language pertaining to the right-of- way be stated in the positive rather than the negative and submitted suggested language for this section.

David Madigan objected to the proposed law stating that it authorized too much Village involvement. He stated that he agrees with protecting large old trees, but disagrees with requiring a permit for the removal of small and medium sized trees.

E. Willen stated that the law as written is very hard to understand. Mr. Willen strongly objected to the Village prohibiting homeowners from removing trees in their yards for the purpose of creating a garden or letting more sunlight onto their property.

S. Filosa, Sr. objected to the proposed tree law stating that it is too restrictive. He stated that there is no tree law in the neighboring Village of Poquott and that the other Villages' tree laws are nowhere near as restrictive as Shoreham's proposed law.

A. Luccio stated that the law should reflect a balance between the interests of the community and the interests of the homeowners.

N. Baggett stated that the current law was adequate and no new law was needed.

Dawn Madigan stated that the proposed law would prevent clear cutting and thus protects all Village residents.

David Madigan stated that the old law could not prevent clear cutting as it allowed a certain number of trees to be removed each year and therefore, if the permissible number of trees were taken down every year, eventually the property could become completely treeless. He recommended keeping the old law and just amending it to cure that defect.

Motion to close hearing and re-open regular meeting.

***Approved.***

***(Neff - Weiss 4-0)***

Resolution to Enact Proposed Local Law Entitled Trees and Vegetation.

***Approved.***

***(Vail - Weiss 4-0)***

#### CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

Clerk Spier reported that the NYS audit is still ongoing and will include the Justice Court.

Fire Contract – Resolution to Authorize Mayor to Sign 2017 Fire Contract. The new contract has contains a .68% (\$919.85) increase making the total contract price \$135,192.18, first half payable before February 29, 2017. Otherwise, all contract terms remain the same as the prior year.

***Approved.***

***(Weiss - Vail 4-0)***

EM Flooring Invoice – Resolution to rescind prior voucher which misstated amount due and authorize payment of replacement voucher with correct amount.

***Approved.***

***(Vail - Neff 4-0)***

Snow Plowing IMA – Clerk Spier reported that she received a salt and sand IMA from the Town of Brookhaven. She will be contacting the Town regarding the snow removal IMA and drafting a letter requesting this service, if it is required.

Office Assistant - The Board approved the hiring of one or two people to assist the Clerk/Treasurer in her duties for up to nine hours per week for each such person, each such person to be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with the understanding that such employment shall be on a temporary basis.

#### ABSTRACT APPROVAL

##### OPERATING BUDGET

2016011 - \$3,599.00 (Copier and Door Projects)

2016012 - \$9,362.13 (10/20 payroll & utilities & employment taxes)

2016013 - \$3,847.07 (11/3 payroll I& utilities)

Total: \$16,808.20

***Approved.***

***(Weiss - Connell 4-0)***

2016014 - \$26,982.58 (Bills to be paid)

Total: \$26,982.58

***Approved.***

***(Weiss - Connell 4-0)***

Total: \$43,790.78

Financial Report: Treasurer Spier reported that actual revenues were in-line with budgeted revenues. On the expenses, several line-item transfers will be need to be made to cover under budgeting in the line items: conferences and training, engineering fees, office assistant, computer support, seasonal steward, police equipment, . At this time, the over-ages are not significant. However some budget adjustments will need to be made to fund specific expected expenditures in these lines during the current fiscal year. A more detailed report will be made at the next board meeting.

##### RENTALS/USE OF VILLAGE HALL/RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSITS

Return of Security Deposits – Demarco: event date 8/20/16 - \$1,000; and Forys: event date 9/24/16 - \$750 returned with \$250 retained for extra time used VH.

***Approved.***

***(Weiss - Neff 4-0)***

JUSTICE COURT AUDIT Trustee Vail audited the records of the Justice Court for the period August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016. The revenue from tickets totaled approximately \$800 for the year. A written report of the audit to follow. Trustee Vail also audited the processes of the Justice Court and reported the implementation of 2 new proce-

dures; the code officers will share one ticket book instead of issuing a book to each officer and the Court Clerk will prepare a quarterly report for the Board of Trustees indicating the tickets issued and their dispositions.

**REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE ASSESSOR** Assessor Pase reported that he is planning a total reassessment of the Village and will be working on a policy over the next month. He will report further at the next board meeting.

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mayor Weiss reported:

- that Board is looking into the status of the Towerhill Rain Garden project;
- on the status of the Ballfield Drainage Project which is progressing;
- that installation of the handicap access elevator should be able to begin in the spring as the Town has indicated that it will award \$50,000 towards the project;
- that the Circle Dr. sump drainage device has been installed and seems to be working keeping the sump dry;
- that the emergency phone was installed at the corner of Briarcliff and Woodville Rd. and the Village is looking into replacing the phone outside the lower level of the Village Hall and installing emergency phone pictographs to inform residents as to the locations of the phones;
- that the lighting project for the parking lot is in development and that the crooked signs in the Village will be fixed;
- that the Platform Tennis Court refurbishment project will take 4-5 days and the Village is awaiting the availability of the vendor to begin this project;
- that the \$200,000 grant for roadwork is about 15 months from being awarded as there are several steps that must be completed before the award, such as going through the SEQRA process and the application being brought before the State legislature for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Weiss thanked Liz Ward and Patty Stimson for all the hard work they performed while the Steward was out sick. Mayor Weiss also commended the Shoreham Country Club and SCC President Liz Larson Gursky for all of the wonderful events the Club sponsored over the past year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident J. Flannery expressed concern over the planned Rails to Trails project. He does not want the County to put a public path right behind his and four other Village resident's homes. He believes that having a public path on the Village border will create a situation that attracts criminal activity and he cited some of the problems that have arisen on the Rails to Trails path to the west of the Village between Port Jefferson and the Three Villages.

Mayor Weiss stated that the Village does not have any direct control over what the County does and urged residents to attend upcoming public hearing concerning the project and make their opinions known. Mayor Weiss also indicated that it is his understanding that the trail is not going to be built until 2018 and that he will keep the residents apprised of any developments concerning the project as they become known to him.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 9:30 PM .

**Approved.**

**(Vail – Emma 4 -0)**

Submitted,  
*Cathy Donahue Spier*  
*Village Clerk*