

VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM
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October 11, 2023

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Shoreham held for the Village at 80 Woodville Road, Shoreham, NY on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Thomas P. Spier	MAYOR
Laura Baisch	TRUSTEE
Edward Brickley	TRUSTEE
Mariann Coogan	TRUSTEE
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
Laura Spillane	CLERK/TREASURER
Jennifer Alexander	STEWARD/BUILDING MANAGER
Celeste DeSario	MINUTES

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Michael Brogden, Judy Buyar, Nancy Delagi, Jim DeSario, Dawn Esser, Larry and Ruth Kogel, Barbara Kullen, Laura and John Miller, Matt O'Shea

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Spier opened the Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge

Mayor Spier

Mayor Spier thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Spier thanked Mariann Coogan for agreeing to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Administrative Items: Resolutions

1. Motion to Approve the September 12, 2023 meeting Minutes and the Design Review Board September 28, 2023 Minutes

Approved: Neff/Coogan (5-0)

2. Motion to Approve the Financials/Expenditures

FINANCIALS / APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

OPERATING FUND

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board September 19, 2023	\$	4,556.58
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board September 20, 2023	\$	30,221.41 Insurance bill
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board October 3, 2023	\$	82.94
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board October 5, 2023	\$	29,029.82
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board October 10, 2023	\$	1,767.66
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board October 11, 2023	\$	<u>12,517.96</u>
Total	\$	78,176.37
September 15th Payroll & Taxes -	\$	11,519.28
September 29th Payroll & Taxes -	\$	<u>9,018.81</u>
Total payroll	\$	20,538.09

Total Operating & Capital Fund Expenditures \$ 98,714.46

Approved: Baisch/Brickley (5-0)

3. Motion to Approve the refund of \$2,065.80 to the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance for the 2022/23 JCAP Grant. The expenses came in at less than the original estimates.

Approved: Coogan/Neff (5-0)

Discussion: formation of a Grant committee.

Discussion: Mayor Spier reported that he has prepared a resolution to create a grant committee which will hopefully save the Village money on infrastructure and other projects. Trustees are in the process of looking over paperwork.

4. Motion to Approve the refund of the \$300 security deposit to Randy Goat for event on 9/30/23

Approved: Brickley/Baisch (5-0)

5. Motion to Approve the refund of the \$1,000 security deposit to Karen Yelaney for event on 10/8/23

Approved: Baisch/Neff (5-0)

6. Motion to Approve the rentals by Shoreham Country Club for following events:

Sun. 10/29 Trunk or Treat from 4-8 pm (lower level bathrooms only)	No fee- open to all
Sat. 11/25 Thanksgiving Cocktail Party from 2-8 pm	Fee of \$1,200
Sat. 12/2 Family Holiday party with Santa from 3-8 pm	No fee- open to all
Sat. 12/9 Member Holiday Party from 5pm -12am	Fee of \$1,200
Sun. 12/31 New Year's Eve Party from 8pm-1am	Fee of \$1,200

Approved: Baisch/Neff (5-0)

7. Motion to Approve the donation of a portable AED machine and all-weather storage unit for lower level/lifeguard access from TSVa.

Trustee Coogan said they will work on the logistics between now and next summer. Currently, we are researching all of the details related to this issue before moving forward.

Approved: Coogan/Brickley (5-0)

Trustee Mariann Coogan

Trustee Coogan reported on the following issues:

Court grant application 23/24 - Our Court Clerk has prepared the 2023-24 JCAP grant application. The grant applies for funding for a "split" A/C unit to protect our computer hardware in the CE and Court office as well as windows in the bathroom. Judge Desmond has signed the appropriate paperwork for submission.

Beach - By now, all residents' personal belongings should be off the beach, including watercraft and any residual items left in cubbies and the cage.

Trustee Laura Baisch:

Building

Trustee Baisch reported that the engineers are physically inspecting the building's structure to give us a more exact pricing for the replacement of the columns.

Trustee Sherry Neff

Trustee Neff reported:

Sign Repair: We are still waiting for our new street signs. When they are finished, Judy Buyar will coordinate installation and inspection. We will also be purchasing "No Hunting" signs to post in Major Hopkins Park and the Village parkland that borders Rocky Point. We have had recent reports of bow hunters being spotted in both these areas. We have posted "No Hunting" signs in the past but will be ordering signs that comply with the DEC's requirements. If anyone would like to volunteer to help install the signs, please let me know.

Trustee Coogan said if Villagers see illegal hunters, they should call 911.

Village Right of Way/Tree law: Changing the tree law will give residents both the right and the responsibility to maintain their properties to the curb.

Mayor Spier said the present Village code for the Village right of way states that the adjacent property owner does not have the right to trim any vegetation between their property and the road. The Village is exploring transferring the responsibility of keeping vegetation trimmed on the Village right of way to the adjacent property owners. We are giving people advance notice about this potential new law.

Trustee Ed Brickley

Grant Committee:

Trustee Brickley thanked Mayor Spier for his hours of work and his considerable expertise in drafting a Mission Statement and resolution creating a structure and goals for a Village Grant committee. There would be no less than four members on the committee. One member could be a Village Trustee, one member would be from the Village Finance Committee, and one member may be the NYS Climate Smart Community Coordinator. We hope to adopt the resolution and create the committee in the near future.

Coastal Erosion management program meeting:

On September 26th, John Gursky and Trustee Brickley met with three representatives of the NYS DEC in what is known as a community assistance visit. They reviewed historical data as well as suggestions for the future. In the past 50 years, we have lost about 50% of our beach. Before the seawalls along the top of the bluff were built, the bluffs were receding at the rate of about two feet per year. We expect that beach erosion will continue and the DEC recommends that we limit construction near the waterfront. John Gursky's contributions to the meeting were invaluable.

Fire Hydrant:

Trustee Brickley has been in touch with the RPF and have provided them with a map showing the positions of the closest fire hydrants to Hillcrest. We also marked two options for the location of the supposed new fire hydrant. We are waiting for a response from the RPF commissioners. The SCWA owns the hydrants and rents them to the Fire Department.

Mayor Tom Spier

HUNTING:

Mayor Spier contacted the DEC Law Enforcement Branch to discuss illegal hunting in the Village. If you see someone illegally hunting, call: **844-332-3267 ext. 5, ext. 1**, which is the DEC Law Enforcement branch.

NYCOM training in Lake Placid:

Mayor Spier, Jennifer Alexander (Village Steward/Building Manager), and Josephine Romano (Deputy Clerk) went to NYCOM Training in Lake Placid for 4 days in September. NYCOM will give village administrators unfettered access if we have questions concerning various aspects of municipal laws, governmental operations, governmental accounting, and multiyear planning.

Beach Clean-up:

Mayor Spier thanked Maurizio Milana for cleaning up the debris on the path leading to the beach.

Cell Phone Service:

We are working on code to allow providers to come into the Village and place devices to boost cellphone service on six existing telephone poles. Multiple carriers can put their devices on these poles as well.

Bridge:

We are contemplating not taking ownership/possession of the Bridge as many of the factors which favored same have been resolved. The wires hanging from the telephone poles have been moved, an aesthetically pleasing fence has been placed on top of the bridge, and Dan Losquadro, Town of Brookhaven Superintendent of Highways has taken an interest in the Bridge and recently had it cleaned and some surrounding vegetation removed. Dan has indicated additional bridge structure cleaning and dirt and vegetation removal will occur before year-end. In essence, the Town of Brookhaven is completing tasks which we, as a Village, wished to accomplish pertaining to the Bridge. The fact that the Rails to Trails program has incorporated the Bridge into its system negates and pressing concern that the Bridge may be removed. Continued Town of Brookhaven ownership of the Bridge will prevent the Village from incurring additional liability, responsibility and cost. The Village may consider donating a Historical Marker pertaining to the Bridge.

Residents' Comments/Concerns

Larry Kogel: commented that Dan Losquadro is a politician who lives in the local area and is aware of our needs concerning the Bridge but we have had other Superintendents of Highways who changed procedures and cost us more money. If someone new, from out of the area, becomes Superintendent of Highways, we cannot count on this new person to help us. If there was an official agreement between the Town and the Village, it would protect the Village in the future.

Larry Kogel: The Right of Way and change in code was suggested by the previous Village Attorney who informed us that we could not obligate homeowners to take care of the Village Right of Way.

Barbara Kullen: We frequently lose our Wi-Fi service in our area. Our provider is Verizon.

A Resident stated that many people have problems with Optimum, and since they installed fiber optics our problems have quadrupled. We have not had internet or phone service for the past two days, and our TV buffers, has no sound, and freezes. The service could not get much worse.

Trustee Neff: After Hurricane Isaias, we lost electricity for close to two weeks and we were without phone, internet or TV for close to one month. We called Councilwoman's Jane Bonner's office and the next day everything was fixed.

Trustee Brickley: We had been having issues with our phone service for months. The repair crew was not showing up because they would call us and no one answered the phone which was the very reason we were asking them to come over in the first place.

Michael Brogden: In March or April of 2023, I reported a problem with the drains. It was attended to immediately. The red cone is still at the site- is the job complete?

For the last 7 years, I have run the sound system at the July 4th ceremonies. This year the Village paid a company to run the system. The system owned by the Village is sufficient: the problem is with the VOLUME. We do not need a new sound system.

Clerk Spillane: Last year I was told that people complained they could not hear so we were going to upgrade the equipment. This company gave us a good price and used their own sound system. This was a one-time deal.

Mayor Spier: Michael, would you mind checking the equipment and letting us know if you think it is sufficient?

Barbara Kullen: Can the Village tape the July 4th Ceremony and the Mayor's speech so that it will help me to put together the annual write up of the day? Maybe it could be put on YouTube for those out of town?

Motion to close the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Approved: Coogan/Baisch (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Celeste DeSario
Minutes

Next Meeting WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.