

**VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED
VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM HELD IN THE VILLAGE, 80 WOODVILLE ROAD,
SHOREHAM, NY ON May 11, 2021 AT 6:30 O'CLOCK PM.

PRESENT:

Brian C. Vail	MAYOR
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
Edward Brickley	TRUSTEE
Laura Baisch	TRUSTEE
Laura Spillane	CLERK/TREASURER
Josephine Romano	DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

ABSENT:

Mariann Coogan	TRUSTEE
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Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Larry Kogel, Rob Minarik, Val Naso, Donna & Ray Abbatiello, Neil Baggett, John Bates, Joanne Blum, Mike Brogden, Eric & Valerie Combs, Laura & John DeTemple, Len Emma, Sal Filosa, Greg Gulia, Brendan Henry, Sara Kallenbach, Bob Kavanaugh, Liz Larson, David & Dawn Madigan, Stephen Magnusson-Rosario, Chris Mahoney, Carl Parisi, Katalin Petreczsky, Kathy Simos, Donna & Mark Smith, Walter Stockton, Alice & Walt Vogel, John Weiss, Richard Stephens, Tom Donato, Kate Hale, Peter Braunius.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Brian Vail opened the Regular meeting at 6:33 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vail opened the meeting with a moment of silence for longtime resident Esther Waldron who passed away.

In 2018 the Mayor, Sherry Neff and Mariann Coogan pledged a list of what they wanted to accomplish if elected. The items have been accomplished and /or are still being worked on.

They include the renovation of the infrastructure and building. This has been done in phases and will continue for the next 2 – 3 years. The full renovation of all roads will cost approximately \$3,300,000 which is the most money spent since the Village was formed. Thank you to Larry Kogel for all the hours of hard work! The renovation of the Bridge was spearheaded by Ed Weiss and after burying the utility lines we are waiting for it to be finished so the top can be done and connect the rails to trails path.

The lift access to the lower level of Village Hall has been completed. Village Hall renovations have begun. We will present a more organized plan next April after we get the Engineer's report.

Thanks to Judy Buyar the parking lot lights have been completed. She did a great job!

The Administrative/finance improvements have been under way. With new accounting software new Accountants and new website in place. Thanks to Nancy Delagi, Joe Falco, Mimi Oberdorf and Laura Spillane for their efforts.

Cost reduction efforts have been underway. A new refuse contract, joining the RP Fire District, shared services with the Town of Brookhaven and Suffolk County all have seen significant savings.

The complete reassessment of Village properties is an important aspect. Since I started here 9 years ago many people have asked me to address it. Timing of the assessment was an issue. We needed to prove to the community our results before enactment. This is not easy to do. There are not too many that are happy and say "great job". Some people are upset because they have to pay more. Our Attorney has no record of a complete reassessment ever being done. It is important that we do not alienate each other. We need to deal with this as a group together. If someone is underassessed it means their neighbor is paying more. The goal is to make sure everyone is treated fairly.

Mayor Vail introduced Tom Donato & Rich Stevens from Michael Haberman Associates.

Tom Donato, Michael Haberman Associations presentation:

Mr. Donato started by thanking the Mayor and introducing his firm, Michael Haberman Associates. It was founded in 1979 and handles both commercial and residential assessments. To do a Village wide reassessment gets everyone on an even scale. There are 204 properties in the Village and all will be assessed from outside only. Photos will be taken from the right of way/road. There will be data mailers sent to each home to verify square feet, number of bedrooms, bathrooms, information about a pool, garage, kitchen, basement. If there are errors there will be contact information on the mailers to make corrections. The new assessment for 2022/23 will be based on last year's budget (2021/22). About 1/3 of the residents will be happy, 1/3 will be unhappy and 1/3 will be indifferent with the results. After it is done there will be the annual Grievance Day in April. This is an opportunity to bring evidence and it will be reviewed.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS:

John Bates introduced himself as an 82 year resident of the Village, having 12 years as the Village Clerk. He asked who picked the properties to be reassessed? Who is the Assessor? David Madigan formed the group to grieve and we won. Now the group owes almost \$10,000 and the Village should pay it or we can sue.

Mike Brogden expressed disappointment in the services that his taxes pay for. He wants all to follow the & enforce the Villages laws or don't live In the Village.

David Madigan-The residents that grieved owe half of the total amount - \$9,887 total. To hire Haberman Associates will cost \$45,000. This is taken out of the RP Fire District savings. Simply adopt the Town of Brookhaven tax roll. This will save the \$45,000.

Dawn Madigan asked why now when house values are so high?

John Bates mentioned that when the Town of Brookhaven gets involved the Village loses control.

- Residents inquired about the Grievance procedure
- TSVA wrote a letter requesting Environmental restoration be added to the five year plan budget
- Resident emailed asking why people are sitting on the deck without masks? Asked if the rules have changed?
- Nancy Kurtz wrote to say that she is objecting to the assessment increase & unable to attend the meeting
- Scott Klatsky wrote that he is against the assessment increase, against spending \$45,000 to do a full reassessment of the whole Village. He also wants legal fees reimbursed for those who were subject to a subjective assessment.
- Resident wrote about roads needing repairs- less than 6 months after repaving was completed. Also about curbing being damaged by SCWA.
- Email asking if the Village is going to maintain the area in front of 106 Briarcliff that was cleared last year? It is covered in weeds that are covering the Fire Hydrant.
- Resident Diana Posten & Mike Stocker cannot come to the meeting tonight but would like to adopt the Town of Brookhaven tax roll assessment.

MOTION to close regular meeting at 7:12 pm and open the meeting of the Board of Assessors.

Approved.
(Brickley – Vail 4-0)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village has recently engaged in a reassessment of a limited number of properties within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village has in response received a number of grievances challenging each of these proposed reassessments, and

WHEREAS, the Village has been advised that a preferable approach would be that any reassessment be community wide, and

WHEREAS, it is in the Village's interests not to maintain at this time the aforesaid proposed partial reassessment,

NOW, THEREFORE it is

RESOLVED, that, intending to restore the status quo prior to any purported reassessment, the Board of Assessment Review is hereby authorized and directed to restore forthwith each property which is the subject of a proposed partial

reassessment and is now the subject of a grievance to the assessed value maintained on the rolls of the Village prior to the aforesaid current proposed partial reassessment.

Dated: May 11, 2021

Approved.
(Brickley – Baisch 4-0)

MOTION to reduce the stated market value for John Caramihas from \$505,000 to \$475,000.

Approved.
(Vail – Neff 4-0)

MOTION to reduce the assessed value for Stella Losquadro from 12,300 to 11,300.

Approved.
(Vail – Neff 4-0)

MOTION to verify that the Board of Assessors has reviewed and verified the 2021-22 Village Tax Assessment Roll.

Approved.
(Vail – Baisch 4-0)

MOTION to close the Board of Assessors meeting at 7:15 pm and re-open the regular Board meeting

Approved.
(Baisch – Vail 4-0)

MOTION to approve Local Law #2 of 2021 to override the property tax cap for the 2021/22 fiscal year:

Local Law No. 2 of the year 2021

Village of Shoreham, County of Suffolk, State of New York

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Shoreham to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing August 1, 2021 that requires a real property tax levy that may be excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Shoreham, County of Suffolk, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing August 1, 2021 that requires a real property tax levy that may be in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Approved.
(Brickley – Vail 4-0)

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Trustee Baisch thanked Rob Minarik again for all of his hours and hard work. The new hot water heater was installed and brings us closer to reopening the building. She also spoke about resuming social gatherings on a one by one basis. The Shoreham Country Club has applied for the events for the summer.

MOTION to approve the SCC event dates as follows:

July 10, 2021 – Family Beach party
July 17, 2021- Movie Night
August 7, 2021- Beach Bonfire
August 14, 2021 – Movie Night
August 15, 2021- Rock skipping contest

Approved.
(Neff – Vail 4-0)

MOTION to approve the SCC June 26, 2021 outdoor Orchestra concert on Joe's Field (raindate June 27th).

Approved.
(Baisch – Neff 4-0)

Trustee Baisch reports that the raft we have used in the past is no longer repairable. Eric Combs has been working with John Weiss and found a suitable replacement.

MOTION to approve up to \$6,300.00 for the purchase of a new beach raft.

Approved.
(Neff – Brickley 4-0)

The Ansul systems in both kitchens have been inspected and both are out of service. After receiving multiple bids for repairs we are trying to get this done in a timely fashion.

Ansul System - Fire suppression system:

MOTION to repair and hydrotest the Upper level system cylinder, recharge the system, including a valve rebuild. Cost not to exceed \$600.00. Work to be completed by Elite Action Fire.

Approved.
(Brickley – Baisch 4-0)

MOTION to upgrade the system to a Protex 2000 System in the Lower level to meet current codes. Total Cost Not to exceed \$5,000.00. Work to be completed by Elite Action Fire.

Approved.
(Baisch – Neff 4-0)

Kitchen Exhaust Hoods It is recommended that the kitchen exhaust hoods be cleaned twice a year under normal use.

MOTION to expend not more than \$2,100.00 annually to have Cunningham Air Duct and Chimney Services clean the upstairs and downstairs kitchen hoods twice a year, to be scheduled contingent with use of the facilities.

Approved.
(Baisch – Brickley 4-0)

Trustee Baisch introduced Dr. Joe Falco explained that although the positivity rate in our area is down to 1.3% and better than last Winter it is not as low as last Summer. About half of Suffolk County has had a vaccine. The FDA approved vaccines for 12-15 year olds and by September younger children may be approved. It is possible to start resuming activities in the Village as long as it is done carefully and follows all guidelines.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE ED BRICKLEY:

Trustee Brickley reported that the FEMA reimbursement for Tropical Storm Isaias should be coming in any day. We are expecting about \$65,000 to be sent. Thank you again to Cathy Spier for all the work put in to file the application.

Larry Kogel is handling the drainage and curbing on Circle Drive. He reported that the drainage will start any day and at times the North and South sides may be closed during construction. He asked to get the outdoor outlets working in the lawn area.

Larry is proposing to digitize all information in the Village. This would include all Building records, drainage, appraised values, etc. He would like to work with Nancy Delagi on this.

Val Naso reported that the PSEG tree work is completed. He also completed measuring the drains and cleaning the tops to remove debris. He is working on getting 3 quotes to clean the drains internally.

Trustee Brickley spoke to say he is a 50 year resident of the Village and it is a beautiful special place. It does cost money to maintain it but encouraged all to think about how great and wonderful a place it is.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Trustee Neff reported that TSVA has volunteered to repair the bulletin boards in the Village. This is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS / CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

MOTION to approve Minutes from the March 9, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

Approved.
(Neff – Brickley 4-0)

FINANCIALS:

FINANCIALS / APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

OPERATING FUND

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 5/7/2021	\$19,736.35
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 5/10/2021	555.00
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 5/11/2021	<u>9,529.60</u>
Total=	\$29,820.95

April 30th Payroll & Taxes-	<u>\$ 5,970.72</u>
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Total Operating Expenditures	\$35,791.67
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Approved.
(Neff – Brickley 4-0)

MOTION to approve the hiring of Daniel O’Connell as an additional Code Officer at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Approved.
(Neff – Brickley 4-0)

MOTION to approve Village Hall rentals for the following:

Laura West- Lower level lawn August 1, 2021 for a \$200.00 fee
Brian Vail- Upper level September 24, 2022 for a \$2,000.00 fee

Approved.
(Neff – Baisch 4-0)

MOTION to approve the refund of \$1,000.00 to Claudia Marron for a cancelled party due to COVID-19.

Approved.
(Neff – Baisch 4-0)

MOTION to appoint Bob Sweet as Planning Board chair and Chris Mahoney as Planning Board member.

(Neff –Brickley 4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 7:48 pm

Approved.
(Vail – Brickley 4-0)

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm, in person, outdoors at Village Hall unless there is inclement weather, then via Zoom.

Submitted,

Laura Spillane, Village Clerk