

**VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM
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SHOREHAM, NEW YORK 11786**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED
VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM HELD IN THE VILLAGE, 80 WOODVILLE ROAD,
SHOREHAM, NY ON June 8, 2021 AT 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

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

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Neil Baggett, Michael Brogden, Nancy Delagi, Larry Kogel, Ruth Kogel, Liz Larson, David Madigan, Stephen Magnusson-Rosario, John Miller, Laura Miller, Rob Minarik, Val Naso, Francis Vail, Anne Marie Emma, Len Emma, Barbara Kullen

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Brian Vail opened the Regular meeting at 6:35 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

TRUSTEE EDWARD BRICKLEY:

Trustee Brickley opened the meeting speaking about Rita (Skeeter) Barnhart, who passed away last week.:

“She was a soft spoken matriarch whose life was lived rich in experiences and well lived! Her home to me was the most beautiful in the Village- filled with artifacts and memories of their travels throughout the world. She was dedicated to helping others and her passing is a huge loss to the Village. She was treasured by all and will be sorely missed.”

Trustee Brickley then led a moment of silence in Rita’s memory.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vail spoke about the Budget process. He stated that it is important to note that the Budget reflects what we accomplish in the Village. There is a level of commitment and many people put in countless hours. Part of the Mayor’s job is to recognize actions that make this happen. NY State would prefer we did not exist. Lee Frei planting flowers at the gate each year, Eric Combs getting the basketball courts opened up again are just a few examples. The group of people who chipped in to help for Skeeter Barnhart’s memorial all coming together to help.

A tremendous amount has happened in the last seven years. People decided they would increase the hours they put in to make things happen. No one has extra time. Ed Weiss spent numerous

Saturdays and Sundays to get the “rules” updated and done. The roads were not touched and Larry Kogel, Steve Walker, Len Emma & Val Naso all made this happen. Last Fall’s storm caused a major cleanup and process for reimbursement. Laura Spillane was hired to work 20 hours but put in many more and now we have hired Josephine Romano. We have hired a Building Inspector and will be doing enforcement on code and policies Village wide. Mayor Vail said he had received a letter from a homeowner of 27 years. She used a letter someone else had prepared that was full of misinformation including the change in tax rates that was inaccurate. We will hire the firm of Haberman to reassess the entire Village at the cost of \$45,000. We are trying to make sure everyone is paying their fair share of taxes and people that have not been are upset about an increase. While you can have your own opinion you cannot have your own facts. The accuracy of the information matters. The Rocky Point Fire department built a new firehouse and taxes went up. We were not able to vote on that vote but now we are part of the fire district and can vote.

MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve the May 11, 2021 Minutes

Approved.
(Vail – Brickley 5-0)

FINANCIALS:

FINANCIALS / APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

OPERATING FUND

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 5/28/2021	\$ 880.87
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 6/7/2021	<u>20,830.84</u>
Total=	\$21,711.71

May 14th Payroll & Taxes-	\$ 5,974.90
May 28th Payroll & Taxes-	\$ <u>6,160.31</u>
	\$12,135.21

Total Operating Expenditures	\$33,846.92
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- Motion to approve the Financials

Approved.
(Vail – Baisch 5-0)

PERSONNEL:

- Motion to hire Elizabeth Ward as Assistant Steward at the rate of \$20 per hour.

Approved.
(Coogan – Baisch 5-0)

- Motion to hire Erik Casper as Steward's helper at the rate of \$17.00 per hour

Approved.
(Baisch – Neff 5-0)

- Motion to increase Code Officers pay rate to \$23.00 per hour

Approved.
(Coogan – Brickley 5-0)

- Motion to approve George Romano as Head of Code Officers pay rate to \$26 per hour

Approved.
(Coogan – Brickley 5-0)

- Motion to approve the following Lifeguards for the 2021 summer season:

Lifeguards 2021

Name	2021 Length	2021 Wages
Anderson, Emma	2nd year	\$14.50
Esser, Karsten	2nd year	\$14.50
Jablonski, Craig	3rd year	\$15.00
Louser, Sara	1st year	\$14.00
Paesano, Daniel	3rd year	\$15.00
Shattes, Emmy	1st year	\$14.00
Stowell, Olivia	2nd year	\$14.50
Tuttle, Steve	Manager	\$25.00

Approved.
(Coogan – Brickley 5-0)

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- Motion to approve the rental of the following:
Nancy Knapp- lower level lawn 6/25/2021 for \$350 fee

Approved.
(Neff – Baisch 5-0)

- Motion to approve the refund of \$500 to Henry & Chris Ceruti for a cancelled party due to COVID-19

Approved.
(Vail – Brickley 5-0)

- Motion to approve the cleaning contract with S & S Cleaning Services

Approved.
(Baisch – Brickley 5-0)

- Motion to approve the contract for \$43 per linear foot for curbing at an approximate cost of \$280,693.80 with Laser Industries for the Phase III curbing work

Approved.
(Vail – Brickley 5-0)

- RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees is aware of a need for examination of the real property assessments for purposes of real estate taxation, in particular the need for a fair and uniform approach consistent with New York State Office of Real Property Services guidelines, and

WHEREAS Michael Haberman Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal to perform these professional services,

NOW THEREFORE it is

RESOLVED the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the May 21, 2021 proposal of Michael Haberman Associates, Inc., and it is further

RESOLVED the Clerk/Treasurer is authorized and directed to timely issue checks in accord with the payment schedule in said proposal, and it is further

RESOLVED the Clerk shall forward a copy of the proposal as executed to Thomas Donato.

Approved.
(Vail – Brickley 5-0)

- Motion to approve the 2021/22 effective Tax rate of \$424.17 per 1000 of assessed value as follows:

Base tax	\$299.00
Phase I Roads	\$56.50
Phase II Roads	\$50.50
Phase III Roads	\$18.17

Approved.
(Vail – Brickley 5-0)

- Motion to approve the next phase of 10 street signs for up to \$20,000 from Wedel Signs

Approved.
(Neff – Brickley 5-0)

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Trustee Baisch introduced Do. Joe Falco, our Health Commissioner to speak about the COVID-19 update.

Dr. Joe Falco reported that NY is doing good with its low numbers. The case rate on Long Island is down 98% from the peak. The rate is as low as it ever was. The positivity rate is down 95% and the hospitalization rate is down 96%. This is in part seasonal and also due to vaccinations. In the US 56% of the population has had at least one dose of the vaccine and 49% have been fully vaccinated. The Village has done very well- no new cases in the last 6 months. We would like to encourage people to get vaccinated- it is highly effective with very low rate of complications. COVID is still active. The State is loosening up more restrictions. For now we are still requiring masks inside Village Hall.

Trustee Baisch reported that Patty Stimson, our Steward and building cleaner, has resigned her positions. We have rehired Liz Ward to do part-time work. Also Erik Casper who has been here 5 years will help out. He just graduated college and we are happy to have him back. We will start with the Club events and do outdoor events and then inside as restrictions loosen up. The kitchen fire suppression system was inspected and will be fixed and safe. We just finished the Engineers report for the heat, ventilation and air conditioning. We have a closed loop system and need to

bring in fresh air. The building needs a good cleaning the cleaning company is coming in on Saturday to shampoo all the carpets and clean everything to get it ready for good use. We are looking for a new Steward- someone with a food service/catering background. If anyone knows someone please get in touch with me.

Trustee Baisch mentioned that there has been an incident with a kayak and 2 small children. Everyone needs to wear a life jacket! Check the weather and the tides before going out on the water.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Trustee Coogan reported that most of the work is done on the platform tennis courts, but not completed. Reilly Green Mountain needs to install perimeter boards- there is a gap on either length of the South courts. They will be scheduled to come back and finish that. We will hold off paying them until the job is complete.

The beach will open on Saturday, June 26th. There is a change in storage this year- only paddleboards will go in the cage- not kayaks. Thank you to John Weiss for building a new kayak storage rack and for all you do to get the beach ready. A new raft has been ordered to replace the old one.

Thank you to Eric Combs and Sean Hall who helped setup the basketball hoops and signs and get it back in action.

We are asking everyone to please comply with all safety protocols as we move into summer.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE ED BRICKLEY:

Trustee Brickley reported that the FEMA reimbursement for Tropical Storm Isaias was received. We received \$65,000 from the Federal government and \$11,000 from NY State. We got this back very quickly and received about 87% of the money we spent. Special thank you to Cathy Spier who did most of the work, Brian Mahoney, Sherry Neff and Laura Spillane for managing it, S&S Landscaping who not only did the work but photographed it as they did it for the reimbursement. Laura Spillane contacted St. Anselm's church about having all of the wood chips donated there and saved us a ton of money and time that would have been spent going to the dump.

Our MS-4 Stormwater reporting meeting is being held at this time. Annually we must fill out the MS-4 as required by the State. This years covers 3/9/2020 to 3/9/2021 for the construction and management of storm water than runs into our Sound. Trustee Brickley observed the storm drains and 2 sumps and found that every bit of water south of the sump funneled into the sump and drains tunnels north to the sumps.

We need to continue to do community education and TSVA activities like cleanups and billboards, etc. Thank you to Larry Kogel and John Weiss for their help with this. It is a very important issue with 14% of debris on roads winding up in the LI Sound. Our current and previous MS-4 reports are available on our website. Thank you to Nancy Delagi who maintains that. If you look in Quickfind you will see Stormwater reports for both prior years and current. Curbing is part of the storm drains too.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR MS-4:

John Weiss stated that the water rushes down Suffolk Down (Town road). Trustee Brickley replied that Dan Losquadro from the Town of Brookhaven will pay for some of the curbing near

Circle Drive North and we are getting a price to clean the catch basins inside. There are one on Suffolk Down and 2 on Briarcliff Rd that we will ask Dan Losquadro for help on.

Michael Brogden stated that there is a storm drain on Woodville and he put back the square grate that popped out twice. Square grates can fall in. It keeps happening.

Larry Kogel stated that drainage repair work is being done on Circle Drive north and south. The curbing work will be done on Circle and Dickerson. The curbing work will be on one side of the road at a time.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Trustee Neff reported that the first new street sign has been put in place at Ashley and Woodville. This one was a test. Nine more should be delivered and installed by the end of July. We will then order the next ten. We will retrofit some of the signs with a metal cuff to prolong the life. She then thanked Judy Buyar who is looking at other signs in the Village that need replacement or cleaning. Special thank you to Nancy Delagi for help with the new website.

REPORT FROM MAYOR VAIL:

July 4th festivities will replicated what we had normally done before the pandemic. Judy Baker and Sherry Neff are coordinating volunteers. We have a lot of new young families this year. July 3rd will be children's activities. Please be sure to have young children spaced apart. The parade and Band will be spaced. Refreshments will be served and spread apart. Joe Falco will review the plans and give the final approval.

RESIDENT COMMENTS:

Michael Brogden stated that he does not feel that the local laws are being enforced. Neighbors cutting trees and landscaping early morning hours and non-Village residents using the amenities is a problem. Code Enforcement needs to enforce the rules. He would like to see the policies printed and given out to residents to have at home. Michael also stated that he has volunteered in the past to help out and is still willing to do that.

David Madigan spoke about the potential reassessment. Stating that it was a shock and after consulting legal counsel some of the reassessed homeowners decided to hire a firm to grieve the increases. David also stated that he is working with Marc Alessi and Stephen Magnusson-Rosario on trying to get Crown castle cell towers to help with wifi and cell service in the Village. This process is slow going.

Stephen Magnusson-Rosario introduced himself and said he is new to the community. He is offering to give a Coast guard Safety tutorial to anyone in the Village. This can be decided at a later date.

Commissioner Joe Falco stated that the NY State clean indoor air act 2003 states that entrances to buildings need to be smoke free 50' from the entrance. The entire deck area must be smoke free to comply.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 7:51 pm

Approved.
(Coogan – Vail 4-0)

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm, in person, outdoors at Village Hall unless there is inclement weather, then via Zoom.

Submitted,

Laura Spillane, Village Clerk