

**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 **Tuesday, July 20, 2021** at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT:

Brian C. Vail	MAYOR
Sherry Neff	TRUSTEE
Edward Brickley	TRUSTEE
Laura Baisch	TRUSTEE (arrived at 6:50 pm)
Laura Spillane	CLERK/TREASURER
Josephine Romano	DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER
Mariann Coogan	TRUSTEE

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Judy Baker, Nancy Bates, Mike Brogden, Eric Combs, Valerie Combs, Nancy Delagi, Len Emma, Ane Marie Emma, Dawn Esser, Randy Goat, Carlo Guercia, Charlie Guercia, Mildred Guercia, Shawn Hough, Larry Kogel, Liz Larson, Barbara Laurencot, Nancy Laurencot, Mary Beatty, Paul Laurencot, David Madigan, Dawn Madigna, Kerry Mirabella, Van Naso, Kathy Simos, William Villabos, John Weiss, Dan Brickley, Ilene Brickley, Greg Gulia, Stephen Magnusson-Rosario, Lorraine Maddalena, Bob Kavanaugh, Laura Miller, Joe Falco, Ruth Kogel, Joanne Blum, George Romano.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Brian Vail opened the Regular meeting at 6:39 pm.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Vail opened the last meeting of the fiscal year with thanks to all who have dedicated a tremendous amount of time over the past year. "Thank you to Erin Lipani who works at Steve Bellone's office. During the COVID vaccine process Erin would notify us when there were openings for the vaccine and we would try to get the word out. She is a tremendous resource for us and always tries to help. Nancy Delagi has done a wonderful job with our new website and is now working on an electronic calendar for Trustees and staff. Valerie Combs for starting the summer children's programs. Although we had to go through legal and insurance clearance it worked out and we have many new families that have young children and are getting involved. Michael Brogden, who didn't hesitate to jump in on July 4<sup>th</sup> to get the sound perfect. Carl Parisi did a fantastic job organizing the Jazz orchestra performance. It was quite special. We are 90% finished with the largest project (\$3.3 million) replacing curbs, drains and repaving the roads. Thank you to Larry Kogel who has spent over 6 years on this project. Val Naso has done an incredible job on the curbs and drainage., inspecting every one. We do need residents help with drains- keeping them clear of leaves and debris is vital to having them work properly. Thank you to Liz Larson and Judy Baker for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities! I received lots of compliments on the work you and your committee did to make it a very special day. I'd like to ask that residents be

respectful- there is no reason to be abusive and yell. If you have a problem do not take it out on staff. I was in the office while one resident was yelling at Laura Spillane on the phone. This is not allowed. Josephine is working hard with Brad and George Romano. We have 3 Airbnb properties. We sometimes have to be the land of “no”. These homeowners get mad when we ask them to abide by the Laws. One has an illegal sublet and the other two are homes. All were renting for less than our 14 day short term rental policy. George Romano, Head of Code Enforcement has been spending a phenomenal amount of hours tracking down the problems. There are lots of problems at 117 Briarcliff as well. Summons will be issued. Please do not ride over the curbs and park. Over time the curbs will crumble and they have just been replaced. There is no parking in the right of ways, streets or over the curbs. John Weiss once again has done a fantastic job of setting up the beach and keeping it clean! This is his last year as Beach Commissioner and we need someone(s) to step up and volunteer to be involved with the beach next year. Thanks to Rob Minarik our Building Commissioner who has spent countless hours during the pandemic on building issues. “Seek to understand” although you may not like some of the decisions please ask questions or speak to us to see why the decisions are being made. We have new residents and our goal is to incorporate more of them to join in. They are needed, wanted and welcome. Thank you to David Madigan for rallying the troops so that more people come out to the meetings.”

#### MOTIONS:

- MOTION to approve the June 8, 2021 Minutes

*Approved.*

*(Neff – Baisch 5-0)*

- MOTION to approve the Financials:

#### **FINANCIALS:**

##### FINANCIALS / APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

#### **OPERATING FUND:**

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 6/10/2021	\$10,546.32
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 6/22/2021	1,010.38
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 6/24/2021	381.16
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 7/15/2021	54,326.48
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 7/19/2021	1,500.37
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 7/20/2021	<u>8,406.00</u>
Total= \$	76,170.71

#### **CAPITAL FUND:**

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 7/19/2021	\$5,274.00
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Total Operating & Capital \$81,444.71

June 11th Payroll & Taxes-	\$ 6,842.27
June 25th Payroll & Taxes-	\$ <u>6,513.12</u>
	\$13,355.39

Total Expenditures \$ 94,800.10  
**Approved.**

*(Vail – Coogan 5-0)*

PERSONNEL:

- MOTION to hire Nicholas Brocco as Code Officer at the rate of \$23 per hour  
**Approved.**

*(Vail – Coogan 5-0)*

- MOTION to approve the following pay rates for Code Officers:

George Romano, Head of Code Officers \$30.00  
 Rich Yarusso, Code Officer \$26.00  
 Chris Vaughn, Code Officer \$25.00

**Approved.**

*(Bickley – Vail 5-0)*

- MOTION to approve the Parkline Asphalt Maintenance Inc. purchase order in the amount of \$3,960.00 plus \$75 per yard disposal to clean out drainage pools.

**Approved.**

*(Vail – Brickley 5-0)*

- MOTION to amend the approved the 2021/22 effective Tax rate from \$424.17 to \$421.50 per 1000 of assessed value as follows:

Base tax	\$295.50 (was \$299)
Phase I Roads	\$56.50
Phase II Roads	\$50.50
Phase III Roads	\$18.17

**Approved.**

*(Vail – Brickley 5-0)*

- MOTION to approve the following Budget Transfers:

From A1325.12 Assistant Clerk Salary to A1325.40 Accountant Qtrly review \$3050.00  
 From A1325.12 Assistant Clerk Salary to A1410.43 Computer Support \$3250.00  
 From A1989.10 Building Inspector to A1325.10 Treasurer Salary \$4,000  
 From A5142 Snow Removal to A7110.412 Landscaping Projects \$9,500.00  
 From A3410.42 Fire Hydrant rental to A7110.412 Landscaping Projects \$2,500.00  
 From A3410.42 Fire Hydrant rental to A7110.411 Flower Pots/Garden \$2,500.00  
 From A7140.41 Platform Tennis Maint to A7140.422 Tennis Clay Setup \$1,400.00

From A1620.411 Seasonal Steward Cost to A1325.10 Treasurer Salary \$5,000.00

*Approved.*  
(Vail – Brickley 5-0)

## **REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:**

Trustee Baisch introduced Dr. Joe Falco, our Health Commissioner to speak about the COVID-19 update. Dr. Falco reported that we are seeing an uptick in the new Delta variant in unvaccinated people. It is up about four fold in the last month. There are also breakthrough COVID cases in vaccinated people- as in the Olympic athletes. We are trying to overcome vaccine hesitancy. There may be a vaccine approved later this year for children. There is no change in guidance as of now. The risk outdoors is very low. There is no easy quick fix- it's a marathon. The cases will rise and fall until the pandemic is controlled throughout the world.

Trustee Baisch reported that currently the building is closed. The silver lining of the pandemic was that systems in the building are being updated and fixed during this time. The hot water system project has been completed. The fire suppression system had not been inspected in years and should be done annually. This should be cleaned within the next two weeks. The outlets outdoors were inspected and the electrician spent over 7 hours trying to find a problem with the electrical panel. There is water infiltration into the panel. The water is seeping in and the panel must be replaced after we find and fix the leak. This is time consuming and costly. We are trying to get the building reopened as quickly and thoroughly as we can. Rob Minarik and Rich Schuler have spent an enormous amount of time to get things up to code. We have significant safety issues in the building that are being addressed.

### **REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:**

Trustee Coogan reports that the platform tennis court perimeter boards still need to be installed. Reilly Green Mountain has still not been back to install them. They are not responding to our calls and have not been paid for their work. They will not be paid until the project is complete. Thank you to Joe McLaughlin for his assistance in trying to find a plumber to install the blowers under the platform deck. However, the plumber did not respond to our requests for help. The hard court tennis courts are in a state of disrepair with lots of cracks that raise safety issues. We are beginning the long term process of getting bids for resurfacing or replacing the courts. A future plan includes adding a pickleball court.

The storm on July 8<sup>th</sup> knocked the lifeguard stand on its side- we are lucky it didn't wash it away at high tide. Thank you to John Weiss for getting the beach back in shape and getting the raft out and back into the water. If there are residents that got a space on the kayak rack but do not want it- please let us know so someone else can use it.

### **REPORT FROM TRUSTEE ED BRICKLEY:**

Trustee Brickley spoke about the road project and how the curbing and drainage is also a big part of the Stormwater management. The water quality is affected by what we don't allow to wash off the roads and into the catch basins.

Val Naso reported that he measured the drains and found the ones with the most waste (leaves, silt). After multiple quotes we wound up with Parkline and they were very helpful. They originally thought they could clean out 6-7 per day but wound up doing 11 the first day. The worst drains were the ones that get the most water. They are leaching pools- we needed to penetrate the bottom to allow them to flow. 22 drains were done- we may do more in the fall or next spring. One pool was filled with sand from a construction project on Thompson Rd. The silt fence was missing, the contractor did not follow proper guidelines.

Larry Kogel stated that the curbing on Circle and Dickerson will be completed in 1-2 more days. Next year it will be finished and the following year the paving will be done. We are doing this over a 3 year period to take advantage of State funding to offset the cost. We may also get a grant to help pay for some of the project. We will continue to try to reduce the amount of stormwater that runs down to the beach, Inspectors say we are one of the best beaches they see. We have substantially reduced the amount of water level runoff. We have a 5-10 year plan with the Budget. CHIPS money is available each year and we have had \$60,000 returned to us this way. Trustee Brickley will become the point person for dealing with questions or concerns. Call or email the office and he will get back to you.

Trustee Brickley added a thank you to Erin Lipani who sent an email about new grants for "Water quality protection & recovery". We will see if we can get an application in to try to get some of this available funding. Len Emma is helping with this project.

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Trustee Neff explained that the next batch of 9 street signs ordered are ready to be installed. Wedel will install them after the curbing work is done. Thank you Judy Buyar who also took on the project of inspecting and grading every sign in the Village. She has graded them to prioritize replacing them. Lots of signs need to be cleaned and Judy will do that but we can use some help. Volunteers needed! We can prolong the life of many signs if we seal the edges, touch up the letters, etc.

The big Norway Maple by the dumpster is not in good health. The Locust trees by the tennis courts have extensive roots that are damaging the tennis courts and have to come down. The landscaping by the recharge basins has not been done yet- we need deer resistant plants and this will be done in the fall. Thank you to our Parks Commissioner Brian Mahoney who has spent endless hours for close to 20 years working on our trees and landscaping for our Village. Nancy Delagi is starting an electronic calendar for all Village events, Code officers schedules, etc. so that Trustees and staff can access it.

#### REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL:

Mayor Vail spoke about the new lock on the beach ramp. "The beach ramp is Municipal property and the Trustees are responsible for managing it just like Village Hall. We take an oath to uphold the Villages laws as best we can. We have legal and insurance issues we have to address and need to follow Village/Municipal rules. There have been people driving trucks on the beach and it causes an unsafe situation. Although people may not like the decision it is a process and we are trying to manage it. We need to see what makes sense and we hear that you want to be able to use the road. The key is available through the lifeguards, John Weiss, Admin office and Code Enforcement. Beachfront owners do not have the right to access the beach any more than any other Village resident". When asked why this was put into place Mayor Vail replied that people have been parking in the Fire Lane and driving on the beach whenever they want. "We must match the NYS law and our current Code is not matching it. It needs to be updated".

**Residents comments:**

Emails/letters:

Resident very upset about Airbnbs in the Village. Would like them shut down immediately.

Resident asked that residents be reminded that there is no parking on the grass in front, side or back yards. They cited Chapter 18, "Parking and storage of vehicles and boats on plots (LL No. 7 of 2016).

In person:

Stephen Magnusson Rosario stated he is new to the community but would like to help deal with the issues and see what we can live with. We need to try to move forward and get a group together and make a recommendation to the Board to solve this as a community.

Nancy Laurencot agreed with Steve. She is willing to help in any way and will help people bring things up and down from the beach. She feels very offended at the new lock as someone who uses that access. She also asked about the Airbnb rentals and wanted to know the status. Mayor Vail explained that each Airbnb rental unit has been issued a summons to appear in court in August. We must follow the legal process and juggle what the legal issue with what the community wants.

Randy Goat asked about the no parking signs at Major Hopkins Park. Ed Brickley explained that the two commercial properties there were given guest passes and this was put into place after hunters were parking in that lot and hunting in the park. This was the driving force in trying to control access.

David Madigan said that he is working with Steve Magnusson Rosario and Marc Alessi to try to get wifi throughout the Village. There are 3 companies they are working with and if one of them agrees to handle it the providers pay the fees.

Motion to open the regular meeting at 8:38 pm.

***Approved.***

***(Neff – Baisch 5-0)***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm.

***Approved.***

***(Neff – Baisch 5-0)***

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm, in person, outdoors at Village Hall unless there is inclement weather, then via Zoom.

Submitted,

*Laura Spillane, Village Clerk*