

**VILLAGE OF SHOREHAM  
BOX 389  
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 **Tuesday, August 10, 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
Brad Hammond	BUILDING INSPECTOR
Mariann Coogan	TRUSTEE

**ABSENT:**

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: Nancy Bates, Nancy Delagi, Anne Marie Emma, Len Emma, Dr. Joe Falco, Larry Kogel, Barbara Laurencot, Nancy Laurencot, Liz Larson, David Madigan, Stephen Magnusson-Rosario, Rob Minarik, Carl Parisi, Peter Petreczky, John Weiss, Lorraine Maddalena, Ed Weiss and Dawn Esser.

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Brian Vail opened the Regular meeting at 6:32 pm.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

**MOTIONS:**

- Motion to approve the July 20, 2021 regular meeting Minutes.

***Approved.***

***(Neff – Vail 4-0)***

- Motion to approve the July 20, 2021 Organizational meeting Minutes.

***Approved.***

***(Brickley – Baisch 4-0)***

**FINANCIALS:**

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**OPERATING FUND:**

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 7/31/2021	\$22,381.35
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 7/31/2021	2,065.00

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 8/9/2021		<u>10,718.03</u>
Total=	\$	35,164.38

**CAPITAL FUND:**

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board 7/31/2021	\$2,486.00
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Total Operating & Capital \$37,650.38

July 9th Payroll & Taxes-	\$ 11,862.55
July 23th Payroll & Taxes-	\$ <u>12,959.78</u>
	\$ 24,822.33

Total Expenditures \$ 62,472.71

- Motion to approve the Financials  
*Approved.*  
(Neff – Baisch 4-0)
- Motion to approve the transfer of \$28,612.49 CHIPS income (A3501) from the General Fund bank account to the Capital fund bank account for roadwork reimbursement.

*Approved.*  
(Brickley – Vail 4-0)

- Motion appointing James McElhone, Esq.. Village Prosecutor: Resolved, that effective immediately James McElhone, Esq. is appointed Village Prosecutor to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Board of Trustees at an hourly rate of \$300.00 with payment subject to submission of an invoice reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

*Approved.*  
(Brickley – Vail 4-0)

- RESOLUTION appointing Wayne Bruyn, Esq.:  
WHEREAS the Zoning Board of Appeals has received and will now process the application of Richard Y. Rubin and Deborah Lohman for an area variance to enable a deer fence, and  
WHEREAS the Village Attorney will be unable to attend any ZBA meeting within the date to be scheduled, and  
WHEREAS the Board of Trustees desires to provide for legal guidance to the ZBA as circumstances warrant,  
NOW THEREFORE it is  
RESOLVED Wayne Bruyn, Esq. is hereby engaged to serve as counsel to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Rubin/Lohman application with all services at the rate of \$200.00 per hour subject to submission and approval of a voucher pursuant to Village Law § 5-524.

*Approved.*  
(Vail – Brickley 4-0)

- Motion to appoint Brian Mahoney as a member of the Design Review Board.

*Approved.*

*(Brickley – Vail 3-0) (Neff- abstain)*

- Motion to approve the following Budget Transfers:

From A1010 Conferences to A1010 Legal Notices \$400.00

From A1010. Conferences to AA1210 Mayoral Expenses \$525.00

From A3120.4 Auto Gas/Repairs to A3120.41 Comm/Fire/Alarm \$2,000.00

From A3410.42 Fire Hydrant rental to A3120.41 Comm/Fire/Alarm \$900.00

From A1410.12 Deputy Clerk Salary to A1355.4 Assessor \$10,00

*Approved.*

*(Vail – Baisch 4-0)*

- Motion to approve the application by Shoreham Country Club to use the lower level lawn for a cocktail party on September 4, 2021.

*Approved.*

*(Neff – Baisch 4-0)*

Presentation by Building Inspector Brad Hammond:

It is recommended that the Board consider ordering remediation of the blighted dwelling/dangerous condition located at the above referenced property. Attached is an inspection report from July 30, 2021, indicating the abandoned dwelling & subject parcel qualifies as a “blighted property” pursuant to Chapter 19 of the Code of Village of Shoreham, as the cumulative total of deficient factors equals 240 points, far in excess of the 100 points that qualifies it as blight. This parcel has become a source of repeated violations of the property maintenance code, necessitating Village response from the Building Department and Code Enforcement, as well as from the Suffolk County Police Department, in that it has become an attractive nuisance for individuals to break and enter.

It is believed to currently be a bank owned property, controlled by a property maintenance company. Although the property maintenance company has positively responded to cited violations, the remediation efforts thus far have been slow or inadequate to abate the violations. In addition to being a worrisome nuisance for immediate neighbors and residents of the Village, it is concerning that individuals continuing to break into the abandoned building(s)/structure(s) may cause harm to themselves or others.

Should the Village wish to move forward with the remediation provisions as provide under Chapter 19, a written notice must be authorized by the Board and hearing scheduled with the property owner(s) and/or representatives so an agreed upon scope and schedule of remediation may be set.

Discussion of this matter is humbly suggested at the next available Board of Trustees meeting or work session.

Further discussion included questions about the options and timeline. Mr. Hammond explained that violations have been issued and getting the Management company to come out to meet with us and see the property for themselves could be a lengthy process. We have documented violations and it shows a history of repeated vandalism. The suggestion to hold a special hearing was discussed.

MOTION to schedule a remediation hearing after serving notice to property owner at 117 Briarcliff Rd. as per Chapter 19.

***Approved.***  
***(Brickley – Baisch 4-0)***

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Trustee Baisch introduced Dr. Joe Falco, our Health Commissioner. Dr. Joe Falco updated the Trustees and guests on the latest on COVID-19. “The Delta variant is extremely infectious and spreads easily. The COVID rates have had a tenfold increase since July 4<sup>th</sup>. The CDC is recommending that Long Islanders wear masks indoors. Anyone entering Village Hall should be wearing a mask. School children should be wearing masks. Children under 12 have not yet been able to get the vaccine and the best way to prevent it is to wear a mask. We will be dealing with additional variants even after the Delta variant.” Dr. Falco also recommended that all should get the vaccine- it is relatively safe with few side effects.

Dr. Falco then spoke about the West Nile virus that is being transmitted by mosquitos locally. It is best not to be outdoors between dusk and dawn. Also cover up and use insect repellent. Dump any standing water.

Trustee Baisch spoke about the use of Village Hall. “Covid is complicating the use. The Board will work with SCC, TSVA and Dr. Joe Falco to determine how to move forward in the fall. In the beginning we had guidance and mandating but now we do not. We will have a meeting to try to work it out.”

Josephine Romano is handing the building calendar for rentals and use inside and outside. A master calendar is being created and will be shared with the Board. As we increase the use of the building we are in need of a Steward. Liz Ward has been great but cannot do all of the hours. Erik Kasper has been a big help but is looking for a fulltime job as a college graduate. Any suggestions are appreciated.

Building repairs have been ongoing. Special thanks to Rob Minarik who puts in so much time. We are moving forward to get the kitchen systems cleaned and updated. We have had tremendous issues with the alarm system and think we have it solved. There is a big problem with the electrical system. Water is leaking into the electric box and shorting it out. We are working on replacing the box after we solve the issue with the leak.

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE ED BRICKLEY:

Trustee Brickley reported that the current phase of the curbing work on Circle Dr and the Slopes area is almost completed. Larry Kogel has been working on it for years and Val Naso is now helping him.

Larry Kogel reported that the curbing part is completed for this year. The only left to be done is the street sweeping which should be done in the next week or so. He explained that when the budgeting is done for large projects like these there is always an added contingency for changes added.

Trustee Brickley spoke about Erin Lipani, a Village resident that works for Suffolk County. She has notified us of a new grant for water quality protection & restoration. The Village has been in touch with LK McLean, our engineering company, to help us to come up with a grant proposal. It is about protecting the environment and the waters at the beach.

Len Emma remarked “on behalf of the people on Circle Drive & the slopes kudos to the Board and Larry Kogel and Val Naso. The curbing job is great- Laser did a great job and the curbs look beautiful.

#### REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Trustee Neff asked Dr. Joe Falco to speak about the new Village history website.

Dr. Falco gave the web address for the new history website- [www.Shorehamvillagehistory.org](http://www.Shorehamvillagehistory.org). Due to Mimi Oberdorf’s efforts the site has the history and traditions of the Village. There are lots of old pictures and a video section. Trustee Neff thanked Joe and Mimi for all their efforts and time.

Trustee Neff then thanked the volunteers (especially Yonda) who take care of the sundial garden, saying it looks fantastic. She also thanked Nancy Delagi for setting up the shared calendar that Josephine and Laura will share with the Trustees and Mayor.

Park Commissioner Brian Mahoney has drawn up the plans for the beach shower and renovated plantings in front of Village Hall- she thanked him for all his time and effort! He also had S&S Landscaping remove some invasive mile-a-minute weed that was taking off in the parkland. In addition, S&S has added large stones in the same area to fill in the eroded areas.

In closing Trustee Neff thanked Kerry Mirabella for volunteering to help Judy Buyar with the sign cleaning. Judy has done a fantastic job with the new signs- 9 more were just installed. Judy has offered to continue to be in charge of village signs.

#### REPORT FROM MAYOR BRIAN VAIL:

Mayor Vail spoke about the email sent out to all residents with 3 options on the boat ramp. The feedback will help to implement a new policy.

The bridge railings have been picked out and we are waiting for Altice to finish burying their lines to move forward. Tom Donato from Haberman Associates will make a presentation at the September meeting. His company has been organizing the section/block and lot numbers to match the Town and County.

#### Residents comments:

Steve Magnusson-Rosario spoke about the group formed to give feedback on the boat ramp. He stated that they should have a document ready in the next 2 weeks to submit to the Board. He also offered to look into the DEC and environmental funds that may be available.

Larry Kogel implored the Board to revisit the deer fencing issue.” Because there is no culling the deer population keeps growing and the destruction on property is unbelievable. Please pass a deer fence regulation that allows residents to protect their property”. Mayor Vail mentioned that there is a Zoning Board hearing coming up about a deer fence.

Barbara Laurencot said that pickleball had been mentioned at the last meeting and that in NJ there is a lawsuit due to noise from pickleball courts.

Laura Miller sent an email to the Board:

Before I head out to enjoy a few hours of kayaking in our beautiful LI Sound and before tonight's Village Board meeting, I want to send a note of appreciation. I know that occasionally board meetings can be contentious and that *sometimes* we Shorehamites take our issues - some important, some not so much so – very seriously and are reluctant to recognize the Board's efforts on our behalf. Even so, many of us are glad that we are able to live in a place where the goal of our elected trustees is to keep us safe and happy. It's not easy for you, but I'm glad we have you doing your best for us!

Best,  
Laura Miller

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm.

***Approved.***  
***(Neff – Baisch 5-0)***

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm, in person, outdoors at Village Hall unless there is inclement weather, then via Zoom.

Submitted,

*Laura Spillane, Village Clerk*