

**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 **Tuesday, December 14, 2021** at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT:

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

Commissioners, Officials, and Residents present: David Madigan, Joe Falco, Laura Miller, Larry Kogel

OPEN MEETING:

Trustee Brickley opened the Regular meeting at 7:32 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR's comments:

Trustee Brickley read a statement from Mayor Vail:

Good evening everyone:

Anthony Tohill, our attorney for over fifteen years, notified us last week that due to personal health issues, he will no longer be able to continue being our legal representative.

He is working with us to insure a smooth transition.

I have personally worked with Tony over the last nine years and he has provided invaluable guidance for our Village. He was instrumental in guiding our former mayor Ed Weiss in 2015 thru 2018 to revise all our codes, which were last updated in the early 1950's. We will miss his knowledge, but more important, his dedication and concern for our small village. Tony, I know I speak for all our trustees and certainly myself, our prayers are for a strong recovery and a healthy New Year.

In the interim, we will be approving via resolutions, the law firm of Egan & Golden to provide our day to day legal services and also approve the lawyer, Dawn Thomas, to provide legal services on future village projects. Egan & Golden will fulfill Mr. Tohill's term that ends in July 2022.

MOTIONS:

- Motion to approve the November 9, 2021 regular meeting Minutes.

Approved.

(Neff – Baisch 5-0)

FINANCIALS:

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OPERATING FUND

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board November 18,2021	\$ 1,925.51
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board December 8, 2021	\$ 31,358.66
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board December 14, 2021	<u>\$ 37,612.56</u>
Total	\$ 70,896.73

CAPITAL FUND

Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board December 9,2021	\$ 12,307.89
Unpaid Bills Audited by the Board December ,2021	<u>\$ 8,727.12</u>
Total	\$ 21,035.01

Total General Fund/Capital \$ 91,931.74

November 12th Payroll & Taxes -	\$ 17,466.52
October 29th Payroll & Taxes -	\$ 7,763.75
December 10th Payroll & Taxes-	<u>\$ 5,090.27</u>
Total payroll	\$30,320.54

Total Operating Fund Expenditures \$ **122,252.28**

Approved.

(Brickley – Neff 5-0)

- Motion to hold a Public Hearing at the January 11, 2022 meeting for a change in Local Law regarding short term rentals

Approved.

(Baisch - Neff 5-0)

- Motion to approve the updated Fee Schedule to Chapter 5A of the Village Building Code

Approved.

(Brickley – Baisch 5-0)

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATIONS OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY ANTHONY TOHILL AND APPOINTING BRIAN T. EGAN AND EGAN & GOLDEN, LLP AS VILLAGE ATTORNEY

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Incorporated Village of Shoreham, duly convened, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Village Attorney Anthony Tohill has submitted notice of resignation to the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees:

THAT, the resignation of Village Attorney Anthony Tohill is accepted, with sincere regret, and his term of office is hereby terminated;

THAT, Brian T. Egan and the firm Egan & Golden, LLP are hereby appointed Village Attorney;

THAT, the Village Attorney shall be compensated at an hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour for the performance of legal services including but not limited to:

- a. Attending meetings of the Village Board and furnishing legal advice to the Village Board during such meetings;
- b. Preparing ordinances, resolutions and local laws for consideration by the Village Board;
- c. Preparing and reviewing contracts to which the Village is a party;
- d. Reviewing competitive bidding documents and bids;
- e. Preparing legal notices relating to public hearings concerning the budget, ordinance amendments, zoning board hearings, planning board hearings and other matters;
- f. Filing and preparing required municipal reports;
- g. Furnishing legal advice to Village officers, Village Board members and members of Village boards such as Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board;
- h. Commencing litigation authorized by the Village and representing the Village in actions where the Village is a party.

THAT, the Mayor of the Village of Shoreham and the Treasurer of the Village of Shoreham are hereby authorized to take appropriate steps and to prepare and file all appropriate forms and statements in order to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

THAT, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved.

(Brickley – Neff 5-0)

- MOTION to appoint Dawn Thomas, Esquire as Attorney for special projects at the rate of \$200 per hour.

Approved.

(Brickley – Baisch 5-0)

- Motion to appoint Josephine Romano as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Cathy Donahue Spier as Deputy Registrar effective January 1, 2022.

Approved.

(Neff – Baisch 5-0)

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE LAURA BAISCH:

Trustee Baisch asked Dr. Joe Falco to give the Covid update. Dr. Falco explained that the Covid positive numbers are over 6% at this time. The best way to stay healthy is get vaccinated or booster shot, wear masks and social distancing. He recommends keeping Village Hall closed until maybe February/March after the Holiday surge comes down.

Trustee Baisch gave the building update stating that handyman Rich Schuler continues to address multiple projects both inside and outside the building. There is a lengthy punch list he is working on. The engineering firm H2M will be doing the building condition survey soon to assess the time frame for projects going forward. We have had to make an emergency repair to the roof. Statewide Roofing was able to quickly fix the northwest corner.

- Motion to approve the emergency roof repair by Statewide Roofing in the amount of \$2,840.00

Approved.

(Brickley– Baisch 5-0)

Rob Minarik has also worked to get a proposal for the electrical panel water problem. We have a proposal from All Service Electric to fix the leakage.

- Motion to approve All Service Electric for electric pole repairs in the amount of \$1,526.96

Approved.

(Neff – Baisch 5-0)

Building Commissioner Rob Minarik is working to improve the efficiency of the lighting in the building. He spoke to a representative from PSEG and rebates may be available if we change the lower level lighting to LEDs. This is in the early stages but will be researched further.

Trustee Baisch also said that the ice machine upstairs is not working and needs to be replaced. Mariann & Mike Coogan have suggested recommendations but there is little available at this time.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE ED BRICKLEY:

Trustee Brickley thanked Commissioner Larry Kogel for his oversight and work on multiple projects in the Village. Commissioner Kogel reported that the work being done by SCWA on Upham and Suffolk Down is ongoing. The water main has been replaced there but the connections to individual homes needs to be completed. After that is done SCWA will mill and overlay the roads in the spring. He also stated that there was some damage to cobblestones and curbing that will be repaired. Using our current road opening permit has protected the Village to make sure the roads are repaired properly.

The emergency drain repair on Gridley Road that is crumbling will hopefully be started this week. Commissioner Kogel also spoke about the Phase III/IV work to be finished in the Slopes.

- MOTION to approve the revised proposal from LK Mclean for engineering work for the drains and Phase iii/IV project in the amount of \$26,340.00

Approved.

(Neff – Brickley 5-0)

Trustee Brickley spoke about the drainage in the Village and explained that the idea is to keep the water from dumping onto the beach. The changes that have been made have greatly improved the quality of our beach and will continue to do so.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHERRY NEFF:

Trustee Neff thanked Judy Buyar for overseeing the removal of the old street signs and the installation of the new signs. There are seven new street signs that will be replaced this week. Trustee Neff also thanked Parks Commissioner Mahoney for arranging the plantings in front of the sump on Circle Drive and Woodville Road.

David Madigan spoke about a new possibility to improve wifi and cell service. He has spoken to Interlibs Partners, a company based in Stony Brook that has done this type of work at Stony Brook University, St. Joseph's College and others. They company was recommended by resident Matt Stadler who works at BNL. They are proposing to provide Seaband service which utilizes the utility poles. Resident Marc Alessi is looking into whether there is any Federal money available for a project like this. The Village may have to pay something- costs are not clear yet. This will be researched further and updates will be made. Trustee Neff thanked David.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE MARIANN COOGAN:

Trustee Coogan stated that the winter hours are in effect for Code Enforcement. Code will be working Thursday-Sunday from 3 pm to 8 pm.

Residents comments:

Resident on Tower Hill Road reported that a 12' aluminum boat was stolen out of their yard on the night of December 9/10. The trailer and small engine that were next to it were not taken. Police have been notified.

David Madigan asked if there was any progress on hiring a Steward? Trustee Baisch said that she met with someone who he recommended and was waiting to hear back from her.

Larry Kogel thanked the Village residents for their generous donations to the North Shore Youth Council. Over \$1,000 was raised and will help over 40 children.

Dr. Joe Falco sent good wishes to Tony Tohill. He stated that Tony was good to work with, so helpful with getting the Village laws in order and we wish him well.

David Madigan asked about the Bud Siegel sign being moved and Trustee Neff responded that it is still in the discussion phase.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm.

Approved.

(Neff – Coogan 5-0)

Next BOT meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm, in person, inside Village Hall. Masks are required.

Submitted,

Laura Spillane, Village Clerk