

Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2005
7:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, New York was held in the Village of Briarcliff Manor Municipal Building, at 1111 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York of the 5th of May commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present

William J. Vescio, Mayor
David Venditti, Deputy Mayor
Elsie Smith, Trustee
Donald Wilde, Trustee
Gayle Waxenberg, Trustee

Also Present

Michael Blau, Village Manager
Ingrid Richards, Assistant Village Manager
Stephanie Ippoliti, Village Clerk
Clinton Smith, Village Counsel

Presentation by Beautification Committee – Streetscape Concepts for Central Business District

Mrs. Betsy Mitchell of the Beautification Committee presented to the Board short-term and long-term concepts for the Central Business District. She stated the short-term changes should be finished to coincide with the completion of the new intersection project. She further stated the long-term goals would be completed over the next year to coincide with the sidewalk replacement project. She stated the goal of the Committee was to give the Village more continuity and a quaint atmosphere.

Trustee Wilde asked what the approximate costs would be for these projects.

Mrs. Mitchell stated she had no prices. She further stated the concepts were a wish list of the Committee. She further stated the Committee would like to see the pin oak trees pruned professionally as part of the short-term goals.

Trustee Smith commended the Beautification Committee for their hard work.

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive asked about the “New Business District” on the eastside of Route 9A.

Mayor Vescio stated the new Master Plan which would incorporate previous studies into one comprehensive plan for the Village, along with the other three goals would be presented at the May 19th Board of Trustees Meeting.

Mr. Clay Tiffany stated the entrance of the Village is in the Chilmark Area. He further stated he felt no trees should be removed. Safety should be considered before aesthetics regarding lampposts.

Village Manager's Report

- Village Manager Blau reported that the New York Leak Detection Company had begun checking for water leaks due to the unaccounted water. He further reported the annual water report was completed and would be sent to the County. He stated the loss was 23%.

Deputy Mayor Venditti asked how the loss compared to other communities.

Village Counsel Clinton Smith stated the rate was higher than merely leaks included all unbilled water.

Mr. Nick Evanchik stated in a past study the United Water Company had a water leakage rate of 3-5%.

- Village Manager Blau stated the Department of Transportation would soon be meeting with Ossining, Mt. Pleasant and Briarcliff Manor to discuss the conversion of Route 9 to four to three lanes.

Mr. Clay Tiffany asked the Village Manager to make the public aware of all lawsuits the Village was involved in.

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Little of Savescarborough.com asked what the status of the Jacquemart Parking Study was. He further asked how the public would be noticed of the Route 9 meeting and whether the Village had considered a canoe launch, Kayaking or other water crafts at Scarborough Park.

Mayor Vescio stated the next Manager's Report would include parking and the development of Scarborough Park.

Mr. Clay Tiffany submitted paperwork to the Board at 8:45pm for their review. He stated his displeasure with the Police Department.

Authorize Village Manager to Execute Cooperation Agreement with Westchester County, Community Development Block Grant

Village Manager Blau stated there would be a public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Clay Tiffany asked how Briarcliff qualified for the grant.

Village Manager Blau stated the Village qualified by a survey process to see if certain projects would benefit low or moderate-income seniors.

Upon motion by Trustee Wilde, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States is authorized, under Title I of the Housing and community Development Act of 1974 as amended, and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to make grants to states and other units of general local government to finance Community Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 99-h of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York grants to any municipal corporation the power, either individually or jointly with one or more municipal corporations, to apply for, accept and expend funds made available by the federal government, either directly or through the State, pursuant to the provisions of any Federal law which is not inconsistent with the statutes or constitution of this State, in order to administer, conduct or participate with the Federal government in programs relating to the general welfare of the inhabitants of such municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and any "Eligible Activities" thereunder are not inconsistent with the statutes or Constitution of this State; and

WHEREAS, a number of municipalities have requested Westchester's participation, and the County of Westchester has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest that it make application for Community Development Block Grant funds and HOME funds as an Urban County; and

WHEREAS, participation by the County of Westchester as an Urban County in the Community Development Program requires that the Village of Briarcliff Manor and the County of Westchester cooperate in undertaking, or assisting in undertaking, essential community development and housing activities, specifically those activities authorized by statutes enacted pursuant to Article 18 of the New York State Constitution.

WHEREAS, this Board deems it to be in the public interest for the Village of Briarcliff Manor to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Westchester for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the Village of Briarcliff Manor and the County of Westchester for the purposes of undertaking a Community Development Program pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended.

Authorize Village Manager to Execute Amended Stipulation Agreement with New York State Department of Health

Mayor Vescio stated the agreement was part of the process to procure the new source of potable water.

Village Manager Blau stated that he had been working with Lynn Weing of Wormser, Kiely, Galef and Jacobs since July of 2004 to ensure the best agreement. He further stated monthly reports had been sent to the Department of Health.

Mr. Nick Evanchik stated the Village's water was unsafe and discolored and it should be the Village's number one priority.

Mr. Clay Tiffany asked whom to report water discoloration to.

Village Manager Blau stated to report the problem to the Department of Public Works Water Department.

Mayor Vescio stated the Water Department checks the water at the source daily for contaminants according to Health Department regulations.

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Venditti, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute a revised Stipulation with the New York State Department of Health relating to compliance with the Surface Water Treatment Rule.

Award of Bus Bid

Village Manager Blau stated three bids had been received from Royal Coach Lines Inc., Briarcliff Bus Company and the Ardsley Bus Company. He further stated Superintendent of Recreation Henry Jamin had checked their references. He recommended the bid be awarded to the Royal Coach Lines Inc.

Mayor Vescio noted the bid was less than had been budgeted for.

Mr. Clay Tiffany commended the Village for implementing the bus bid.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Waxenberg the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the bid for the furnishing of Bus Transportation Services for various programs operated by the Recreation and Parks Department (VM-0501) is hereby awarded to Royal Coach Lines, Inc. of Thornwood, New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract associated with the furnishing of Bus Transportation Services for the Recreation and Parks Department.

Budget Amendment, Community Development Block Grant Funds

Village Manager Blau stated the amendment reflected the grant had been received.

Upon motion by Trustee Waxenberg, seconded by Trustee Wilde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 is hereby amended as follows:

- Increase Capital – Federal Aid Grants (H0101.4097) by \$58,913.77
- Increase Sidewalk Replacement – School Road to Route 9A (H8989.201.05472) by \$58,913.77

Board Comments

Trustee Waxenberg reminded the public that on May 10, 2005 at 7:30pm the Community Coalition would meet to promote safe decisions during prom season.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Wilde, the Board unanimously voted to close the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Dennett