

Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 20, 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 Village Hall, at 1111 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York of the 20th of October 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
Clinton Smith, Village Counsel

Absent

Stephanie Ippoliti, Village Clerk

Proclamation – School Board Recognition Week

Mayor Vescio presented a proclamation to each School District.

Board of Trustees Announcements

Trustee Waxenberg announced the Briarcliff Manor Community Coalition would be sponsoring a forum on “Cyber Bullying” on October 26th at 7:30pm at the Briarcliff Manor High School. She further stated the BMCC would hold a Village meeting on teen alcohol abuse at the Youth Center on November 1st at 7:30pm.

Village Managers Report

- The garbage receptacles for the downtown district would be received in late October or early November.
- The Sleepy Hollow Road water line project would begin on October 7th. One lane of traffic would always remain open and was scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.
- The landscaping bids for the “new” intersection and Scarborough Road were out and due back by October 28th.

- The bid for the new pumper truck went out and is due back on November 22nd.
- The basic work for the streetscape surveying project would begin next week.

Public Comments

Mr. Jay Teitelbaum of 107 Holly Place stated at the last Board meeting he read aloud a written statement. He further stated he was shocked to review the video from the meeting to find out the Board had addressed his comments after he left the meeting. He further stated he wasn't looking for an apology, but he felt the Board should respond to comments while the speaker was there or not respond at all.

Mr. Jordan Snider of 11 Todd Lane stated he had issues with the Todd Lane Bridge Project. He asked who he should contact when he had concerns. He stated he was concerned about snow removal and he wanted assurance that emergency vehicles could access his home. He further stated he was no longer receiving his mail.

Village Manager Blau stated there would be no problems with snow removal and the Village would contact the Postal Service about the mail.

Mr. Snider stated he was still waiting for a letter from the Village Attorney regarding the land swap for his mortgage company.

Mayor Vescio asked Village Counselor Smith to look into the matter.

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive discussed water rates and issues with the Board.

Ms. Cathy O'Brien of Central Drive asked for an update on the Route 9 project.

Mayor Vescio stated he recently met with Assemblyperson Sandra Galef and the Department of Transportation. He stated they would meet in mid November with the three municipalities and then sometime in January have a public information meeting for Briarcliff Manor.

Ms. O'Brien asked how the meeting would be publicized.

Mayor Vescio stated it would be posted in the newspapers, the Manor Monthly, the Village Website and on the Village Cable Channel.

Ms. Ellen Melnick of North State Road asked about the proposed changes in the Bulk Housing Law. She asked who would benefit from the changes and how many variances had been denied due to the change in the law.

Mayor Vescio stated they were not changing the intent of the law. He further stated the Board was looking to address certain shortcomings of the law.

Mr. Dan Zucchi of 161 Locust Road stated he was very proud that Mayor Vescio represented the Village. He read aloud excerpts from an editorial in the newspaper written by Ms. Melnick.

Mayor Vescio asked Village Counsel to address the issue of the Mayor owning property that was subdivided.

Village Counselor Smith stated property ownership by a Board member was certainly not unique and it shouldn't preclude anyone from serving on the Board.

Mr. Clay Tiffany of Hall Road stated he wanted answers regarding low cost housing in Briarcliff and illegal parking in Scarborough Park. He stated he was publicly defamed by Linda Mengano in another venue. He asked how she had access to sealed cases. He stated all police officers should be tested for steroids. He asked what the status of his lawsuit against the Village was.

Mayor Vescio stated personnel matters wouldn't be discussed in public. He further stated the Board was in the process of updating the Master Plan and would address the issue of low cost housing. He asked the Village Manager to look into the illegal parking at Scarborough Park and make sure cars that are illegally parked be ticketed.

Mr. Teitelbaum stated he appreciated it when people volunteer however sometimes authority is abused or not treated well.

Authorize Village Manager to Execute Agreement with NYS Department of Transportation Extending Snow and Ice Agreement on Route 9 for 2007-2008

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation to extend the Indexed Lump Sum Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement for the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Authorize Village Manager to Execute Agreement with New York State Police for Traffic and Criminal Software

Upon motion by Trustee Waxenberg, 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 an agreement with the New York State Police for participation in the Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) system.

Fire Department Membership – Kevin Hunt

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor hereby approves the membership of Kevin Hunt to the Briarcliff Hook & Ladder, Co.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Trustee Wilde, seconded by Trustee Waxenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2005 as amended. Deputy Mayor Venditti abstained.

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Wilde, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 6, 2005. Deputy Mayor Venditti abstained.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Dennett