

Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
December 1, 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 1st of December 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

Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 220, Zoning

Upon motion by Trustee Waxenberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Venditti, the Board voted unanimously to open the public hearing.

Mr. David Steinmetz the Attorney for the applicant explained the proposed amendment to the Board and the Public.

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive asked if there would be land available for recreational use.

Mayor Vescio asked Mr. Steinmetz to have their traffic consultant provide additional traffic data to the Planning Board. He stated the previous applicant discussed an opportunity to build a field for recreational use.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public hearing to December 15, 2005.

Public Hearing – Amendment to Special Use Permit, Classic Residence by Hyatt (Kings College Property)

Mayor Vescio stated the public notice had incorrect information and it would be re-noticed.

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Wilde, the Board voted unanimously to open the public hearing.

Mr. William Null of Cuddy & Feder explained the proposed amendments to the Special Use Permit.

Mr. Clay Tiffany of Hall Road asked if the tennis courts and gym still existed. He stated Lodge Pool had other reasons besides aesthetics.

Upon motion by Trustee Wilde, seconded by Trustee Waxenberg, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public hearing to December 15, 2005.

Board of Trustees Announcements

Mayor Vescio announced:

- The Holiday Sing would be at Law Memorial Park on December 18, 2005
- A Neighborhood Meeting for the “Tree Streets” would be on December 7, 2005 at the Youth Center at 7:30pm
- He encouraged parents to educate their young drivers on safe driving practices in winter conditions.
- He asked residents to clean fireplaces for safe use.
- He asked residents to check smoke detectors and replace old batteries.

Deputy Mayor Venditti announced:

- The Master Plan questionnaire deadline was extended to December 7, 2005.
- A Special Election would be held on December 6, 2005 to amend the Fire Service Award Program.
- 11 miles had been completed in the water re-lining project.
- The back-up water supply was scheduled to be online in mid-February.
- The final touches were being completed on the Bulk Law. Public Hearings would be scheduled in January.
- The library was operating under a variance issued by the State and its renewal was recently denied. The matter was tabled until February.
- The Scarborough Station Parking Study was completed and available for public view.
- The trail study contract was being reviewed by Cherbuliez Munz.

Village Managers Report

Village Manager Blau reported.

- Con Edison secured the pole that was leaning on Pine Road. The pole was scheduled to be replaced.
- The percentage of the general fund budget used for the police was 23%.
- The Village was well below the constitutional margin regarding borrowing.

Open Discussion

Mr. Evanchik stated the original date to be online for emergency water was January. He asked what the reason was for the delay.

Mayor Vescio stated the pump modifications took longer to get engineered.

Mrs. Margot Berger of 2 Elizabeth Court asked what the variance denial for the library meant in practical terms.

Mayor Vescio stated it meant the library wouldn't be part of the Westchester Library System but the Board intended for the library to remain part of the system. He further stated the intention was to expand the library at the current site.

Mr. Tiffany stated both Mayor Vescio and Deputy Mayor Venditti should recuse themselves from voting on the Bulk Law. He further stated the Police Department should be reevaluated as far as necessity.

Public Comments

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive discussed the undesignated general fund reserve.

Mrs. Ranno of 57 Balsam Road thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication. She stated election time was fast approaching and asked Trustee's Wilde and Waxenberg's intent on running.

Trustee Wilde stated he hadn't come to a determination yet.

Trustee Waxenberg stated she would be running in March.

Mr. Clay Tiffany of Hall Road discussed the Police Department. He asked for a civil hearing for Officer Tartaglione.

Mr. Robert Little of Scarborough Circle echoed the remarks of selfless dedication. He commended Trustee Waxenberg for running. He stated the Village's lease with the post office at Scarborough Station would expire in 2007. He suggested the Village open early negotiations and stated he would like the building to be a historical landmark. He further stated the Hudson River Walk, if approved, would connect Briarcliff all the way to Croton on Hudson. He encouraged all citizens to push for the walk.

Fire Department Membership – James O'Donnell

Upon motion by Trustee Waxenberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Venditti, 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 James O'Donnell to the Briarcliff Manor Hook & Ladder, Company.

Appointment to Ethics Board

Mr. Tiffany stated his displeasure with the appointee.

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 appoints Stuart Halper to the Ethics Board to fill the unexpired term of Kurt Ranno to expire April 1, 2010.

Mayor Vescio thanked Mr. Halper for volunteering.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Trustee Wilde, seconded by Trustee Waxenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 17, 2005 as amended.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Trustee Waxenberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Venditti, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Dennett