

Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
January 19, 2006  
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 19<sup>th</sup> of January 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

**Continuation of Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 220, Zoning**

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

Mr. David Steinmetz of Zarin and Steinmetz presented on behalf of Diamond Properties.

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive asked about the possibility of sports fields. He stated the potential sports field may have an impact on traffic.

Mayor Vescio stated the ball fields and a traffic signal would be addressed under the special use permit. He encouraged the applicant to consider contributing towards the cost of a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Briarcliff Road and Pleasantville Road.

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

Mayor Vescio asked Village Manager Blau to start looking into a study of the intersection of Old Briarcliff Road and Pleasantville Road.

Village Manager Blau stated the Village would work with the County.

Mr. Steinmetz stated the applicant would do a study in conjunction with the County as well.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith the Board voted unanimously to amend section 3 of the proposed local law.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby declare that the amendment to the Code of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, Chapter 220, Zoning, Section 5, Planned Office Building and Laboratory B District, Section 6, Special Use Permit and the Schedule Limiting the Use of Buildings and Land will not have an significant adverse impact on the environment and authorizes the issuance of a negative declaration.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Code of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, Chapter 220, Zoning, Section 5, Planned Office Building and Laboratory B District, Section 6, Special Use Permit and the Schedule Limiting the Use of Buildings and Land is hereby amended.

### **Board of Trustees Announcements**

Mayor Vescio reported.

- The Board was seeking volunteers for the Land Trustee Committee.
- There had been two neighborhood meetings to date with three more scheduled. The next meeting would be January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Center and any resident from any neighborhood could attend any meeting.
- The Westchester Land Trust will present to the Board at the second Board of Trustees meeting in March.
- The design agreement with Lothrop Associates for the Library would be executed later in the meeting. It would take 10 weeks for the preparation of the final design after reviewed by the Village.
- A meeting would take place in February with the Westchester Library System to extend the permit to keep the Library open.
- The ramp on 9a south to the Taconic would be bid on March 9, 2006.

## **Village Managers Report**

Village Manager Blau reported.

- The engineering study on Sleepy Hollow Road and Aspinwall Road had been completed.
- The budget process was underway. The department heads submitted their budgets by January 13<sup>th</sup> and individual department budget meetings began January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- A company was found to transport the donated fire truck and police vehicles.

## **Public Comments**

Ms. Lorraine Campo of 744 Sleepy Hollow Road stated she was upset about her street being renamed Shine Place. She appealed to the Board to reconsider naming her street. She felt it created a dangerous situation for emergency services personnel finding her home and it would also be confusing for deliveries.

Deputy Mayor Venditti stated it was never the intent of the Board to upset anyone.

Ms. Erin Gathren of 738 Sleepy Hollow Road stated she had a problem with the way they found out their street had a new name. She further stated in the future a better way would be to address them ahead of time. She stated they'd like the road to be called Sleepy Hollow Place.

Mayor Vescio asked Village Manager Blau to find out what was involved in changing the name to Sleepy Hollow Place.

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive asked about statements Trustee Waxenberg made about the Sleepy Hollow water connection. He asked if the terms of the agreement had been changed. He stated the Delaware Aquaduct was brought up a few meetings ago and he asked whether or not the Board was making arrangements to have it as a backup water supply.

Mayor Vescio explained the 3 separate agreements.

Mr. Evanchik asked about the cement lining. He questioned the magnitude of improvement and asked that the Board make sure it was the right path to choose before continuing.

Mr. Clay Tiffany of Hall Road stated he had more witnesses who saw Police Officer Tartaglione lifting weights. He asked why Police Officer DePalo was allowed to resign instead of being fired. He asked what it took to fire somebody in Briarcliff. He stated a DPW worker was caught stealing gas and should have been arrested. He further stated a college student told him he was mistreated by a BMPD Officer. He further stated that he was assaulted the night of the People's Caucus Question and Answer meeting.

Mayor Vescio stated the Board would not discuss personnel matters in public.

### **Election Resolution**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the annual Election for all Village of Briarcliff Manor districts, will be held in the Village Hall in the Village of Briarcliff Manor on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. during which time the polls will be open.

### **Authorize Village Manager to Execute Agreements**

#### **Westchester County – Mobile Radios and Control Stations**

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 Westchester County for the provision of Base Radios, Mobile Radios, Portable Radios and associated equipment.

#### **Lothrop Associates LLP - Architectural Services**

Mr. Evanchik stated he questioned the legitimacy of entering into an agreement with Lothrop Associates.

Mr. Tiffany stated the current location of the library isn't centrally located.

Trustee Waxenberg stated the consensus from the Neighborhood Meetings was to keep the library in its current location.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, 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 Lothrop Associates LLP of Valhalla, New York for

architectural services for the renovation and expansion of the Briarcliff Manor Public Library.

### **Westchester County – Stop DWI Program**

Ms. Margo Berger of 2 Elizabeth Court asked if the expenses of this program had been evaluated and how often it would be used.

Village Manger Blau stated the Police Department currently didn't have the staffing level.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, 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 Westchester County for participation in the Stop DWI Program for 2006.

### **North East Westchester Special Recreation, Inc.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an interagency agreement with North East Westchester Special Recreation, Inc. for the provision of a therapeutic recreation program for residents with disabilities.

### **Schedule Public Hearing – Amendment to Chapter 220, Zoning, Building and Lot Coverage**

Mayor Vescio stated that upon the scheduling of the Public Hearing the draft document it would be available for public review.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for March 2, 2006 to hear and discuss an amendment to Chapter 220, Zoning, Section 2, Definitions, Section 220:A5, Schedule Limiting the Use of Buildings and Land and the Location, Arrangement, Bulk and Size of Buildings. These provisions were part of Local Law commonly called the Bulk Housing Law.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Trustee Waxenberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Venditti, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 5, 2006 as amended.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Dennett