

Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2006
7:30 p.m.

A 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 7th of September commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present

William J. Vescio, Mayor
David Venditti, Deputy Mayor
Robert Mayer, Trustee
Elsie Smith, Trustee
Gayle Waxenberg, Trustee

Also Present

Michael Blau, Village Manager
Ingrid Richards, Assistant Village Manager
Clinton Smith, Village Attorney
Christine Dennett, Village Clerk

Presentation by Henry Jamin, Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent of Recreation Henry Jamin reviewed his department's responsibilities and the numerous programs they run.

Mr. Clay Tiffany of Hall Road asked if the Recreation Department was responsible for maintaining Scarborough Park. He stated there was broken glass and debris that needed to be cleaned up. He further stated it was the Village's only access to the Hudson River.

Ms. Elaine Heyda of 71 Tuttle Road thanked the Recreation Department for the wonderful job they did with the swim team this year.

Mayor Vescio thanked Henry and his staff for a wonderful job.

Board of Trustee Announcements

- Community Day will be on September 9th
- The next Board of Trustees meeting is changed to September 19th.
- On September 11th a candle light ceremony will be held in front of the Firehouse at 7:30pm.

Mayor Vescio reported that Classic Residence by Hyatt decided to pull out of their project in the Village.

Trustee Smith updated the public on the status of the Comprehensive Plan and the decision to dismiss a member of the committee. She announced that Keith Austin would be appointed to the committee.

Village Managers Report

- A \$35,000 grant was awarded to the Village to complete a study of Scarborough Park.
- The cleaning and lining project would soon begin on Poplar Road.

Public Comment

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive asked if the statement read by Trustee Smith was part of the Village record. He stated anybody had the right to read a letter aloud and asked if she was implying that a public letter couldn't be discussed in public.

Trustee Smith stated the manner in which the letter was done was the problem and the entire committee should have been involved.

Mr. Jay Teitelbaum of 107 Holly Place asked if it was appropriate to vilify Bill Gorlin in his absence. He stated the letter was circulated to every non trustee member of the committee and it was signed by five intelligent people.

Trustee Smith stated it was important to honor appropriate committee process and without that trust is broken down. She further stated the Comprehensive Plan should not be political.

Mr. Clay Tiffany stated Mr. Gorlin was being castigated in absentia. He further stated Keith Austin should be disqualified from the committee. He further stated it was a political move to dismiss Mr. Gorlin. He asked the Board to allow him a week to write a letter stating the reasons Keith Austin shouldn't be appointed.

Ms. Nancy Pine of Aspinwall Road stated the letter read by Trustee Smith was very interesting. She asked how what Bill Gorlin did differed from what Trustee Smith did. She stated Trustee Smith didn't consult the rest of the committee when she read her interpretations of the survey. She further stated she served on the Planning Board for ten years and there was never a gag order. She stated the Board was acting in a discriminatory manner and asked why Trustee Smith hadn't been removed from the committee. She further stated it was a very sad day for freedom of speech.

Ms. Deborah Pangle of 106 Dalmeny Road stated she was the spokesperson for a group in her neighborhood that was having issues with golf balls. She stated she wondered why the Board accepted an application for a tournament that was not even legal. She stated there was a serious safety issue and her neighborhood would suffer the most.

Mr. Bohan of 82 South State Road stated he was happy to get his power back after it being out for the past five days. He asked if there was anyway to have a more united front when dealing with Con Edison.

Mayor Vescio stated the Village staff was in contact with Con Edison by phone during the power outage. He further stated the Village was provided with inaccurate information and system problems needed to be addressed.

Mr. Tom Vincent stated he formerly lived on Ingham Road and he had a friend that lived on Tulip Road. He stated if you move into an area where a golf course is you should be aware of the potential for golf balls coming onto your property.

Ms. Jean Robbins of Tuttle Road stated the Scarborough Station had 44 steps and the Pleasantville Station had 18 steps and an elevator. She asked if there were any plans for the Scarborough Station to get an elevator.

Mayor Vescio stated an elevator would be installed as part of a renovation project scheduled to be completed in 2008.

Ms. Cathy Burkett of 130 Frame Road asked what the guidelines for hiring or firing a volunteer. She further asked what line Bill Gorlin crossed.

Trustee Smith stated he took a small portion of the committee without the benefit of having input from the entire committee and used the committee as a platform.

Ms. Elaine Heyda of 71 Tuttle Road thanked the Board for their time and stated she was very offended when people bash and discredit the Board. She further stated most residents were very confident in the job the Board does and nobody was "stacking" boards. She further stated she would never take it upon herself to represent a whole group.

Special Village Election – Notice Polling Places and Times That Polling Places Will Be Open

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is considering a proposition or propositions that the Board of Trustees may cause to be submitted to the qualified electors of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that such a referendum can best and most economically be held at a special election conducted with the next New York State general election to be held on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, New York Election Law Section 15-104(b) requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution stating the polling places in each election district and the hours during which the polls will be open at least 60 days prior to any such special election held on a date other than the Village general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIARCLIFF MANOR, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, AND STATE OF NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

A special election of the Village shall be held and conducted with the New York State general election to be held on November 7, 2006.

The polling places in each election district for that special election are:

District #15	Village Hall, 1111 Pleasantville Road
District #16	All Saints Episcopal Church, Scarborough Road
District #17	Todd School, Ingham Road
District #19	Congregational Church, South State Road
District #26	Saint Theresa's Church, Dalmeny Road
District #27	Scarborough Presbyterian Church, Route 9
District #29	Scarborough Presbyterian Church, Route 9

The polls at that special election shall open at 6:00 AM and remain open until 9:00 PM.

Mr. Nick Evanchik asked if it was proper to have a referendum for something that hadn't been defined yet.

Village Attorney Smith stated there was no referendum and the date had been set to preserve an opportunity should it be decided to be put out to vote.

Mr. Clay Tiffany stated he was a fan of having a referendum but he didn't think the vote should be rushed.

Authorize Village Manager to Execute Agreements

Village Clerk

Upon motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Mayer 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 Christine Dennett in relation to her position as Village Clerk.

Hazen and Sawyer

Upon motion by Trustee Mayer, 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 for Professional Services with Hazen and Sawyer for professional engineering services relating to an evaluation of the 16-inch transmission main.

CLASS

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

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5.G., Section 119–o (“Section 119–o”) empowers municipal corporations (defined in Article 5.G., Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages) and districts to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a corporate or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Briarcliff Manor, wishes to invest certain of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations, and/or districts pursuant to a municipal cooperation agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Briarcliff Manor, which is to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Manager this hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the Village of Briarcliff Manor.

Westchester County – Base, Mobile and Portable Radios

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 the provision of Base

Radios, Mobile Radios, Portable Radios and associated equipment for the Police Department.

Briarcliff Manor School District – Washburn Road Water Line

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement as amended with the Briarcliff Manor School District relating to the replacement of a water line on Washburn Road, at the Todd School and a connection between the two water lines.

Fire Department Membership

Upon motion by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Waxenberg, 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 Matthew Cardoso to the Scarborough Engine Company.

Minutes

Upon motion by Trustee Waxenberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Venditti, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 3, 2006 as amended.

Change of Meeting Date

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to change the regular meeting set for Thursday, September 21, 2006 to Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Venditti, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Dennett