

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 5<sup>th</sup> of October commencing at 7:30 p.m.

**Present**

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

**Also Present**

Ingrid Richards, Assistant Village Manager  
Clinton Smith, Village Attorney

**Absent**

David Venditti, Deputy Mayor  
Michael Blau, Village Manager  
Christine Dennett, Village Clerk

Mayor Vescio stated Trump removed themselves from the agenda and he read aloud a letter written to the Board from them.

**Village Managers Report**

Assistant Village Manager Richards reported.

- A questionnaire regarding Hazard Mitigation was circulated to the public.
- Two informational meetings regarding the Library would be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fire Department.
- Sleepy Hollow Road was reopened.
- The cleaning and lining project on Poplar and Dalmeny Roads was completed.

**Board of Trustees Announcements**

- The Briarcliff Manor Community Coalition would have a guest speaker on October 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss substance abuse prevention.
- A long term strategic planning survey was mailed out to the public by the Briarcliff Manor School District.

## **Public Comments**

Ms. Dawn Orza of 35 Tulip Road asked if Trump would apply to hold a tournament in 2008. She further stated Trump was playing games with the Village. She urged the Board to consider Mr. Trump's history with the Village.

Mayor Vescio stated no plans had been discussed for a tournament in 2008 to date.

Mr. Nick Evanchik of 119 Alder Drive stated there were problems with the Village's cable television channel. He further stated there was a lot of static and it seemed the hours the meetings were shown were changed.

Mayor Vescio stated it would be more beneficial to the public to have set hours for the meetings to be broadcasted.

Ms. Nancy Pine of Aspinwall Road stated she was going to discuss Bill Gorlin's dismissal from the Comprehensive Plan Committee. She further stated Trustee Smith expressed her opinion and freedom of speech should apply to all. She stated the Board owed Bill Gorlin an apology and the accusations against him were unfounded and defamatory and it was never too late to own up to a mistake.

Mr. Clay Tiffany of Hall Road stated he was almost struck by police car 12 the prior day when he was down at the river swimming. He asked why Police Officer Tartaglione was still being paid his full salary.

## **Award of Bid; 4 x 4 Light Duty Truck with Service Body**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the bid for the purchase of a 4 x 4 Light Duty Truck with Service Body (VM-0617) is hereby awarded to Willow Motors Sales Corp., Port Chester, New York per their bid of \$35,847.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract associated with the purchase of the 4 x 4 Light Duty Truck with Service Body with Willow Motors Sales Corp.

## **Schedule Public Hearing; Amendment to Zoning Map**

Ms. Nancy Pine stated she was very concerned about this. She further stated if the property was rezoned it would change the results of the comprehensive plan

survey and the Board should wait to take action until after the Comprehensive Plan was adopted.

Mr. Clay Tiffany stated the property should not be rezoned.

Mr. Jerry Morrissy stated he would like to see property owned by the Village utilized better and suggested it be discussed.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for October 19, 2006 to hear and discuss an amendment to Chapter 220, Zoning, Section 3, Districts and Maps, Subsection B, Map to change the zoning district of a particular parcel of land.

### **Undergrounding of Con Ed Power Lines**

Mr. Nick Evanchik asked the Board to consider adding to the resolution that Con Edison do a better job of properly maintaining and trimming the trees.

Mr. Clay Tiffany stated it wouldn't be easy to put the lines underground and the maintenance of the trees shouldn't solely be Con Edison's responsibility.

Mayor Vescio stated it was illegal for the Village to trim trees near wires for safety reasons.

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

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2006 thousands of residents throughout Westchester County were left without power as a result of a storm; and

WHEREAS, many residents were out of power for more than four days; and

WHEREAS, this is not the first time this year that Con Edison customers have been without power after a storm, with some residents being without power in 2006 five or six separate times; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County residents have no confidence that they will have electricity, heat or air conditioning after a storm; and

WHEREAS, the time has come for Con Edison and other utility companies in the region to seriously study the possibility of placing power lines underground; and

WHEREAS, placing power lines underground might reduce the possibility of power outages since falling trees and branches that have come down often are the cause these outages; and

WHEREAS, a study should be conducted to determine the feasibility of undergrounding the electric wires and the study should explore phasing in this undergrounding over a period of time; and

WHEREAS, assuming that climate change will result in increasingly volatile weather, meaning more damaging storms, the cost of responding to storms will continue to increase and the benefit - cost analysis of undergrounding becomes more favorable; and

WHEREAS, there are other benefits to this approach, including but not limited to: saving trees, decreasing certain types of maintenance expenses, decreasing insurance premiums and fewer business losses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor does hereby call upon Con Edison to conduct a study of the feasibility/costs of placing power lines underground.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Vice President of Con Edison, Electric Operations; to the Public Service Commission and to the members of the Westchester County delegation to the New York State Legislature.

**Authorize Submission of Grant Application, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Trails**

Mr. Clay Tiffany asked where the money would be used and he thought it was elitist and ridiculous to use money that could be better spent in other communities.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Manager of the Village of Briarcliff Manor is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of the Recreational Trails Program, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Village of Briarcliff Manor for the creation of the Village Center Trail and, if appropriate, a conservation easement to the deed of the assisted property.

**Sidewalk Sale – Merchants Association**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby grant permission to the Briarcliff Manor Merchant's Association to conduct a sidewalk sale on Friday, October 27 from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to the close of business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees does hereby waive the requirement to obtain a sidewalk vending permit to place tables and items for sale on the sidewalk.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Waxenberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 21, 2006 as amended.

### **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Trustee Mayer, seconded by Trustee Waxenberg, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Dennett