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Village of Bellport

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2024 6:00 pm Public Hearing on Tentative Budget

Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm Board Meeting

This meeting was held in the Community Center

## A G E N D A

This meeting is open to the public in the Community Center, located at Bell Street. It is an in-person meeting and will be streamed on Zoom.

On a motion by Trustee Rohrmeier, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget was opened at 6:02 pm.

Mayor Veitch led the Pledge of Allegiance & Village Clerk called the roll. Trustee Steve Mackin and Trustee Mike Young were absent.

Opening remarks by Mayor Maureen Veitch

Mayor Veitch welcomed those present and turned the meeting over to Darcia Palmer, Treasurer to review the Tentative Budget.

Treasurer Palmer broke the presentation into 5 sections:

- General Fund Current Fiscal Year 2023-24 Overview
- FY 2024-25 Tentative Budget -General Fund Expenses & Revenues by Departments & Debt Service
- Real Property Taxes – What is the Property Tax Cap, Property Tax Levy Trends, Tax Cap Calculation & Tax Bill Examples
- 5 Year Capital Plan
- Enterprise Fund Tentative Budget Overview

Treasurer Palmer reviewed each section for the Board. After the presentation, the Board had a few questions that Treasurer Palmer answered. Mayor Veitch praised Darcia for the precise, organized and easily understood budget presentation. The Board members expressed their thanks to Darcia.

A copy of the presentation is available at Village Hall for the public.

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On a motion by Trustee Rohrmeier, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, and unanimously carried, the Board closed the presentation of the Tentative Budget.

On a motion by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Rohrmeier, and unanimously carried, the Board Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm

Mayor Maureen Veitch presented a proclamation celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pattersquash Gunners Association to President Frank Miller and members. President Miller explained that the Pattersquash Gunners Association is a dedicated group that focuses on friendships and mentoring. He commented that the picture that was presented to the Village was painted by Steve Stanford and is titled red suspenders. A picture was taken of the members and they thanked the Village for the proclamation.

Mayor Veitch updated the Board and attendees on the following Capital Projects:

The 2.8 million grant from HUD which is a 75/25% split with the Village should be in place in the near future. The grant will provide safety at the marina and Ho Hum beach. VHB is the engineering firm that will manage the project and provide a timeline with critical dates. A meeting is set with VHB, Mayor Veitch, Marylou Bono, Peter Sarich, and Katie Mehrkens on Friday to discuss and summarize the project.

The Village is waiting for the second reimbursement from FEMA for Superstorm Sandy in 2012 in the amount of \$711,000 of which the Village will receive \$660,000. Upon receipt of the grant a third submission will be submitted.

The engineering firm GHI for Howell's creek flooding (east side of the golf course) is waiting for securing permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEC.

The flooding on Browns Lane/Shore Road was minimal this weekend in part due to the installed drains. After completion of the project a rain garden will be created to help with any additional flooding.

The solar panels at Ho Hum beach are 30 years old and require new panels. Peter Sarich working with the DEC is securing the proper permits for replacement of these panels. The Village is actively working on the financing of the solar panels.

The Village's work crew will be finishing the gutters and leaders at Village Hall and siding is being priced.

### Trustee Updates

- a. Steve Mackin – DPW, Kids Camp, Bellport Fire Department, South Country Ambulance, Suffolk County Police Department
- b. Nathan Rohrmeier – Code Enforcement/Road Safety, Waterfront (HUD), Golf and Tennis, Grill Room

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Trustee Rohrmeier stated that the code enforcement speed signs have been erected for the summer season.

He updated those present that Peter's on the Green will be open March 26<sup>th</sup> and the golf course will open April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- c. Lorraine Kuehn – Communication/Website, Business District, Senior Program, Vouchers, Special Project Arbor Day  
Trustee Kuehn reported that the donation for the Senior Program will be used for non-exercise programs such as Gateway tickets.  
The Arbor Day celebration will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Kreamer Street School. The Bellport Garden Club has donated packets of seeds to be handed out at the celebration for each student.
- d. Michael Young – Zoning Board of Appeals, Architectural Review Board, Beautification Committee, Planning Board, Historical Preservation, Yacht Club/Sailing Foundation

Open To Public:

Tom Schultz questioned the outcome of cross walk signs brought up at the last Board meeting. South Country Road is a county road and they have jurisdiction over signs. Mayor Veitch will follow up.

Dr. Michael Ferrigno complimented Darcia Palmer for the great job presenting the Tentative Budget. Dr. Ferrigno stated he has attended 20 years of budgets and this presentation was the best.

Status of the 2024 – 2025 Budget and Schedule

- Monday, April 8, 2024 Budget Vote – 6:00 pm – Public Hearing and Budget Vote in the Community Center

Resolutions:

**Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn - Second Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier**

Resolution: **42** Accepted the General Fund Checking Abstract Report #1, Consisting of 69 vendors totaling: \$171,875.14.

**Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn - Second Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier**

Resolution: **43** Accepted the Enterprise Fund Checking Abstract Report #2, consisting of vendors 22 totaling: \$112,503.72.

**Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn - Second Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier**

Resolution: **44** Accepted the Brown's Lane Report #3 consisting of vendor 4 totaling: \$12,805.65.

**Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn - Second Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier**

Resolution: **45** Approved the Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024.

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**Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn - Second Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier**

Resolution: **46** Approved the request by Duane Wall to be reimbursed for his 2024 season boat slip which he surrendered, in the amount of \$1,314.00.

**Motion: Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier- Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **47** The Board voted to change the term of office for Trustees and Mayor from two to four years (permissive referendum) (3/25/2024).

**Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn - Second Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier**

Resolution: **48** Accepted the resignation from Kyle Geraghty AEO DPW effective March 28, 2024 (3/25/2024).

Special Events:

**Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **49** Approved Bellport Chamber of Commerce to hold Easter Crazy Hat Parade Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. South Country Road from Fire house to the gazebo by Community Center (3/25/2024).

**Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **50** Approved Bellport Environment Committee (Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society co-sponsor) to use the Community Center May 25, 2024 from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm for Doug Tallamy Talk on Environmental Education (3/25/2024).

**Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **51** Approved Kreamer Street Elementary School to use the picnic area at the dock on the following days:

Monday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten	Rain Date: June 11 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade two (2)	Rain Date: June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Friday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Grade one (1)	Rain Date: June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade three (3)	Rain Date: June 21 <sup>st</sup>

P.T.A. would like to barbeque at the picnic are on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> during the third-grade trip to bay (3/25/2024).

**Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **52** Approved the Bellport Baseball Booster Club to use the Community Center June 6, 2024 from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm. (3/25/2024).

**Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **53** Approved Blood Drive/New York Blood Center to hold a Blood Drive at the Bellport Community Center on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm (3/25/2024).

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### **Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **54** Approved the Safe Haven Adoption Event on May 11, 2024 (rain date June 1, 2024) from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Cross street of Bellport Lane & Bell Street where gazebo is to the right of Porters (3/25/2024).

### **Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **55** Approved the following requests for Bellport Chamber of Commerce:

May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Memorial Day Weekend/Sidewalk Shopping

August 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Last Licks of Summer/Labor Day Weekend

October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Discover Bellport/Columbus Weekend

October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Halloween Parade

November 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (soup contest from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

- Small Business Saturday and Soup Contest

December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm Holiday Stroll (3/25/2024).

### **Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier - Second Trustee Lorraine Kuehn**

Resolution: **56** Approved Darcia Palmer to attend the NYGFOA Annual Conference from April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> at the Albany Marriott in Albany, New York (3/25/2024).

### **Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn - Second Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier**

Resolution: **57** Accepted a gift of approximately eight trees from The Bellport Garden Club to be planted by the Highway Department. Location of trees will be planted along Village streets at various locations approved by the Highway Department (3/25/2024).

Open to Public

Tom Schultz was concerned about the staggering of term limits and how it would affect Trustee Mackin. The Board and attorney will review the guidelines for term limits. There will be continued discussion of this at the next Work Session.

Executive Session (if needed)

On a motion by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Rohrmeier, and unanimously carried the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel at 7:34 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Rohrmeier, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, and unanimously carried the meeting was closed at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Pontieri  
Village Clerk