

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, New York was held at the William J. Vescio Community Center on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

**Present**

Peter S. Chatzky, Acting Mayor/Deputy Mayor  
Kevin Hunt, Trustee  
Rhea Mallett, Trustee  
Edward E. Midgley, Trustee

**Also Present**

Josh Ringel, Village Manager  
Christine Dennett, Village Clerk  
Josh Subin, Village Attorney  
David Turiano, Village Engineer

**Absent**

Steven A. Vescio, Mayor

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 207-6, Vehicles and Traffic, Maximum Speed Limit (School Zone)**

Upon motion by Trustee Hunt, seconded by Trustee Mallett, the Board voted unanimously to open the public hearing.

Village Manager Ringel gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes.

The Board had general discussion regarding the changes and asked if this was driven by resident input.

Village Manager Ringel stated one resident submitted a letter and the School District was also in favor.

Upon motion by Trustee Hunt, seconded by Trustee Mallett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public hearing to June 20, 2023.

**Board of Trustees Announcements**

- The Fire Department offered grilling safety tips and encouraged residents to join the Department.

- The pool is open and permits are on sale.
- Space is still available in Camp Horizon.
- An Art Specialist is needed for Camp Adventure.
- Recreation has extended summer office hours. Visit their website for further information.
- Longtime resident and volunteer Rachel Leihbacher passed away. Condolences to her family.

### **Village Manager's Report**

- A Flag Day Ceremony will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The new website will be live on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Duplicated tax bills were sent due to an issue with the Post Office.
- Recreation will be offering a program for children on Juneteenth.
- David Turiano is retiring next week after 30 years with the Village.
- Comments for the Meadows at Briarcliff are due by July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Village Engineer's Report**

- The bike trail project is complete and will be officially open soon.
- The Cross-Access project was rebid and 10 bids were received.
- 1050 Pleasantville Road Paving Project is underway.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Bryan Zirman of 174 Pine Road thanked the Board for all that they do and stated with David Turiano's retirement, it'll be the first time in 70 years a Turiano won't be working for the Village. He stated the Ossining tax assessments keep going up annually and there needed to be a checks and balances to ensure homeowners were being treated fairly.

Acting Mayor Chatzky stated the Board shared his concerns and they were looking into various options.

Mr. Charles Blowe of 14 Colby Lane stated he knew the Board had a lot on their plates and thanked them for their efforts.

### **Authorize Village Manager to Execute Agreement with McCarthy Fingar LLP for Continued Engagement**

Upon motion by Trustee Hunt, seconded by Trustee Mallett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment of Joshua Subin as Village Counsel made April 4, 2023, is continued in accordance with its terms, without modification or extension but subject to such further action as the Board deems appropriate; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Manager be and hereby is authorized to continue to retain McCarthy Fingar LLP for general provision of legal services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Village officials and staff are authorized to call upon and utilize the services of attorneys at McCarthy Fingar; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that McCarthy Fingar’s continued engagement shall include such administration and support of such Special Counsel as the Village Manager may direct or approve; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to take all steps necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Roll Call:

Trustee Mallett	Aye
Trustee Midgley	Aye
Trustee Hunt	Aye
Acting Mayor Chatzky	Aye
Mayor Vescio	Absent

**Acceptance of Land Donation**

The Board thanked Mr. Gutfleish and Ms. Sorrow for their very generous donation and for preserving open space in the Village.

Upon motion by Trustee Hunt, seconded by Trustee Mallett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**Dedication to Village of a Park Lot  
by Ronald E. Gutfleish and Stacey Sorrow**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Briarcliff Manor (“Village”) has received proposed deed from owners Ronald E. Gutfleish and Stacey Sorrow for “the parcel of land having an area of 40.55 with a Parcel ID of Section 97.20, Block 1, P/O Lot 31 as indicated on the Final Lot Line Change Plat Prepared for Holly Hill revised February 13, 2023 prepared by TC Merritts Land Surveyors.” (“Park Lot”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the proposed deed owners are making a gift to the Village of a portion of their land to be subdivided thereby creating the separate Park Lot; and

**WHEREAS**, through their revocable trusts, the conveyance is intended to be a gift to the Village with a reservation of a life estate, to be used “for mountain biking, hiking, walking, and outdoor recreation and scenic enjoyment open to the

public, in accordance with such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Village of Briarcliff Manor;” and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the life estate, the owners, as life tenants, shall have full responsibility for taxes, maintenance and liability on the Park Lot, including providing satisfactory insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, during the life estate, the Village and its citizens shall have no right to use the Park Lot for any purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the termination of the life estate, the Village will have the right to use the Park Lot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to accept the Park Lot.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Village Board authorizes the Village Manager to execute documents necessary to receive said gift and record said deed.

**RESOLVED**, the form of said documents will be in a manner acceptable to the Village Attorney.

Roll Call:

Trustee Mallett	Aye
Trustee Midgley	Aye
Trustee Hunt	Aye
Acting Mayor Chatzky	Aye
Mayor Vescio	Absent

**Schedule a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 195 of the Village Code to Increase the Income Limits for Real Property Tax Exemptions Available to Senior Citizens**

Village Manager Ringel gave a brief explanation of the proposed changes.

The Board revised the proposed legislation.

Upon motion by Trustee Mallett, seconded by Trustee Hunt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that a Public Hearing is hereby scheduled for the June 20, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30pm at the William J. Vescio Community Center located at 1 Library Road, Briarcliff Manor, New York to hear and discuss a proposed local law to amend Chapter 195 of the Village

Code to Increase the Income Limits for Real Property Tax Exemptions Available to Senior Citizens.

**Award of Bid – Summer Transportation Services**

Upon motion by Trustee Midgley, seconded by Trustee Hunt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution as amended:

BE IT RESOLVED that the bid for the furnishing of Summer Transportation Services for various Summer Camp programs operated by the Recreation and Parks Department (VM-2324-1) is hereby awarded to Briarcliff Bus Co., Inc. of Briarcliff Manor, New York as per the rates in the attached schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Briarcliff Bus Co., Inc. for the furnishing of Summer Transportation Services for the Recreation and Parks Department subject to review by Village Counsel.

Roll Call:

Trustee Mallett	Aye
Trustee Midgley	Aye
Trustee Hunt	Aye
Acting Mayor Chatzky	Aye
Mayor Vescio	Absent

**Minutes**

Upon motion by Trustee Midgley, seconded by Trustee Hunt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 regular meeting.

**Adjournment**

The Board stated it was the last meeting for David Turiano and presented him with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service to the Village.

Village Engineer Turiano stated it was an honor to serve the Village and many projects had been completed through the years.

Upon motion by Trustee Mallett, seconded by Trustee Hunt, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Christine Dennett  
Village Clerk