

Brantingham Community Association Meeting

August 26, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Abbey, Pam Brewer, Mary Dixon, Tom Gunn, Karin Hennigan, Sue Lorenzini, Kent Martin, Bob McQueen, Marcia Owen, Gail Roes, Stephen Widrick

Guests Present: Doug Premo and Barry Yette, South Lewis Central Schools

Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM

SOUTH LEWIS SCHOOL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PROJECT: Superintendent Douglas Premo and Business Manager Barry Yette attended the meeting to provide information about the proposed upcoming building project. The Board of Education of SLCS has approved a renovation project in the amount of \$29 million that will go to referendum on October 12, 2023 with voting from 12-8PM at the school. As the district will receive 85% of the cost as State Aid on the project with the remaining 15% (totaling \$5.2 million) coming from the Capital Reserve Fund, taxpayers will have no tax increase related to this project. Most of the project is focusing on the original wing of the building that is experiencing some “end of life” issues. Among the items being addressed are three new fuel oil boilers (which can be converted to propane) that are used as the backup heat source for the district, a new freezer and cooler in the kitchen, air handlers (some are original to the 1960’s building), HVAC units, and external doors and windows. Also included are a new parking lot, bus lifts, siding and doors to the bus garage, and the replacement of refractory parts of the biomass plant, which is the primary heating source of the facilities. Mr. Premo will provide a link to the information being provided at a formal public hearing and Gail will post it on the BCA website.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes of the July meeting were posted on the BCA website. *A motion was made by Tom Gunn and seconded by Kent Martin to approve the July minutes. Motion was approved.*

TREASURER REPORT: Everyone present received a copy of the Profit & Loss statement for the period January 2023-August 25, 2023

INCOME:

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| Boat Washing Donations: | \$1,555.00 |
| Fish Fund: | 3,047.00 |
| Interest Income: | 2.48 |
| Additional Camp Dues: | 480.00 |
| Members, District 12: | 1, 070.00 |

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| Primary Camp Dues: | 16,300.00 |
| Memorial Fund: | 740.00 |
| Other Donations: | 1,250.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$24,444.48 |

EXPENSES:

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| Bank Charges/Fees: | 87.95 |
| Boat Parade Expenses: | 121.40 |
| Boat Wash Depreciation: | 728.40 |
| Boat Wash Operational Expense | 6,440.00 |
| Donations | 100.00 |
| Fish Fund Expense | 4,677.40 |
| Insurance Expense | 3,768.54 |
| Lake Assn Dues/Water Quality | 975.00 |
| Office Expense | 6.10 |
| Publication/Printing Expense | 615.71 |
| Sign Expense | 27.00 |
| Spraying Net of BGC Reimbursement | 6,583.22 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$24,130.72 |
| NET ORDINARY INCOME | \$ 313.76 |

Gail Roes reports that member dues are currently down 26 people from last year. She also reported that there is money that was donated as memorials and “other” and was seeking recommendations for its use. Steve Widrick made a motion and seconded by Bob McQueen that a total of \$2500 be used for the boat launch/boat wash program with the intention of increasing coverage of the steward. Motion was approved.

Kent Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted with a second from Tom Gunn. Motion was approved.

AERIAL SPRAY PROGRAM: Three sprays were performed with District 12 being included in the third spray. Given the West Nile Virus and EEE infections in the county, Dave Fisher would like to be notified if mosquitoes are a problem.

BOAT LAUNCH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: The steward found a boat trailer at the boat launch with an invasive species attached. It was removed by hand and not washed as the steward

believed he removed it all and he would have to leave his post to use the boat washing system. It was noted by Tom Gunn that the DEC has a list of lakes where boaters must have paperwork showing their boats have been washed. Tom will see if we may be included on this list.

Karin Hennigan has been speaking with Nichelle Swisher from the Lewis County Soil & Water Conservation Department. There is a possibility that since we are part of the watershed, we might be eligible to apply for a grant to be used for our boat washing station. Karin will continue to work with Nichelle and explore this possibility.

LAKE BUOYS: The buoys seem to be all set. Next spring, they will likely need new hardware. They are removed from the lake around Columbus Day with a team of people helping Kent as they are very heavy. The buoys are stored at Kent's place.

ARTS COUNCIL: There is one more concert for the season to be held on September 3, 2023. Georgia LaBarge has tapped into some new groups, and they hope to have 7-8 events next year. Financially, they are in a good position.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEETING DATES FOR 2024:

May 25th (Kent will see if the meeting can be held at a local restaurant)

July 13th Annual meeting with a pre-meeting first

August 24th

WATER LEVEL: Significant amounts of rain have led to the water levels being much higher. The water goes out continually and just needs some dry time for it to lower as it flows into the Lake of the Pines and from there into the Fish Creek. It was suggested that general education on the functioning of the dam might alleviate misinformation that is causing discord in the community.

BCA BOATING & PERSONAL WATERCRAFT COURSE: Boating class will be held on July 1-July 2, 2024, from 4:30-9:00PM at the Sacketts Technical Center in Glenfield, NY.

A motion for adjournment was made by Roger Abbey and seconded by Bob McQueen. The meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.