

**Village of Sylvan Beach
Village Board Meeting
July 18, 2022**

The Village Board of the Village of Sylvan Beach held their regular board meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:30pm. The meeting was attended with board members present and the public was provided with a link to attend via zoom videoconference. Deputy Mayor Mark Daily presided over the meeting with the following in attendance:

Roll Call:

Mayor Richard Sullivan	Present - via Zoom
Trustee Mark Daily	Present
Trustee David DeSantis	Present
Trustee William Shaughnessy	Present
Trustee Thaddeus Lawrence	Present

The Meeting was called to order with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Others in Attendance:

- Michael Sayles, Village Administrator
- Pat Goodenow – SVBRA
- Joe Rowlands – Tug Hill Commission
- Residents from Kenwood Ave. & Pioneer Ave.
- Beth Scholl, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Approval and Audit of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 23,224.04
Park Fund	\$ 847.84
Resort District	\$ 12,017.61
Water District	\$ 0.00
EOLWPAP	\$ 26,994.44
SBSD	\$ 614,838.12
Total	\$ 677,922.05

Motion made by Trustee DeSantis and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to approve the payment of all bills to be paid from July 6, 2022 through July 15, 2022 in the amount of \$677,922.05 as presented and reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee DeSantis	Aye
Trustee Shaughnessy	Aye	Trustee Lawrence	Aye

Michael Sayles – Village Administrator

- Michael thanked the Village DPW & Imperial Guard for their assistance through “Pirates Weekend”. He commended the Village DPW for their timely cleanup.
- Michael thanked the Sylvan Verona Beach Resort Association for their support and efforts throughout “Pirates Weekend.”
- Michael thanked Bill DeFazio, WWTP Operator and his staff for their efforts with the restoration of the fountain in the Village Park on Main St. It looks amazing. There is still more work to do with the fountain area with replacing the stones, lighting, electrical and some fencing.
- Michael thanked David DeSantis Sr., of Metal by Dave DeSantis for the beautiful and unique custom benches around the fountain area in the Village Park.
- Michael reported that he is currently working on 5 CFA Grant Applications for the Village.
- He reported that there has been a delay in the Marina Dr. / Birch Ln. Sewer Project due to dewatering. The new anticipated completion date for the project is now mid-August.
- Michael reported Oneida County Planning met with DOT regarding our Main St. revitalization and worked on potential concepts.
- Michael is trying to schedule a meeting with Oneida County regarding revenue sharing and he trying to get their contributions to the Village increased to \$125,000.00 which would help cover increased costs with security, maintenance and in influx of tourists to Sylvan Beach.
- Trustee Lawrence and Trustee DeSantis thanked Michael and the employees he oversees for a successful weekend and all the time and effort they put into it being a successful event.

Patrick Goodenow – SVBRA

- Pat took the opportunity to thank the Mayor, Village Board, Michael Sayles, the DPW, the Beach Crew, and Trustee Lawrence for sitting in for the Mayor last minute for the hugely successful weekend. He has received a lot of positive comments regarding the weekend and the Pirate’s Committee will begin planning for next year.
- Pat indicated he will have a complete list of vendors for “Jeeps at the Beach” for the August 1, 2022 Village Board Meeting.
- In the Calendar of Events for the 5th Annual Boat Show scheduled for Aug. 27&28, Pat indicated he has been promised 25 boats for sale/display.
- The Landmark Society of Utica toured Sylvan Beach on July 11, of which they were very impressed. Many locals gave presentations at the Union Chapel. Pat thanked the Village for supplying parking passes for the 40+ members that attended.
- Trustee Lawrence asked Pat to pass on to the Pirate’s Committee what a great job they did.
- Trustee DeSantis commended Brittany Farnach on a job well done as she was in charge of the 70 vendors that participated in Pirate’s weekend.

Joe Rowlands – Tug Hill Commission

- Updated the Village Board with various upcoming events to be held.
- Informed the Village Board the Global Positioning is back and available.
- NOCCOG – is looking into providing drone services to municipalities along with a licensed drone pilot with possible start date the first part of next year, which may include 3D Mapping.

Communications:

Announcements:

Public:

- **Various residents from Kenwood Ave. and Pioneer Ave. were present to express their concerns with traffic and safety issues with the increased traffic from the opening of “The Cove”.**
- Kyle McNeil – 409 Kenwood – Stressed the urgency for safety stating that Kenwood Ave. is not wide enough for 2-Way traffic. He suggested the Village Board look into options of sidewalks or closing the road to 2-Way traffic. He presented the Village Deputy Clerk with a petition with 100 plus signatures to urge the Village Board to address traffic issues before a tragedy occurs.
- Karen Blanchard – 1304 Pioneer Ave. – her concerns were also of safety in the community as well as traffic trying to turn left off of Vienna Rd. onto Main St. at the light which is impossible in the summer months. She did suggest to have speed bumps; however, the Village Administrator clarified that speed bumps were not allowed on public streets. She suggested that the Village initiate traffic studies to address the issues.
- Niki Garvey – 1300 Pioneer Ave. – shared her concerns regarding the many trucks and cars speeding down Pioneer Ave. and not stopping at the Stop signs both entering and exiting “The Cove”. She agreed that a walkway is needed down Kenwood Ave. for pedestrian safety. She indicated that the many trucks have damaged the corner of her yard by them turning on and off Pioneer Ave. Michael Sayles replied that the DPW will fix the damage. She also had one question regarding 317 Kenwood Ave. and the garbage that is in the yard. Michael Sayles indicated that the Village DPW will pick up the garbage.
- Francis & Cynthia Ollerenshaw – 401 Kenwood Ave. – shared their concerns with pedestrian safety and the safety of the children. They informed the Village Board that many delivery trucks that are too big for the road to begin with, are using Kenwood Ave. to make deliveries to “The Cove”, as well as shuttle busses every ½ hour. They reported that 317 Kenwood which is abandoned, has boards falling off the windows and the shed door is open. They inquired about the marking of the road, to which the Village Administrator informed them it was most likely OCWA.

- Mike Bodway – 200 Akehurst Ave. – Sylvan Beach Fire Department Commissioner – addressed the Village Board with a request of monetary support for the Fire District. The Village Board listened to his request of the need for replacement of vehicles, equipment, as well as a new building. The Village Board and Administrator requested a more detailed plan with financials and are willing to set up a meeting with Mr. Bodway to discuss further. The Village Board and Village Administrator thanked Mr. Bodway for attending the meeting as they intend to help within what capacity they are able to.

Resolutions:

Old Business:

- **Michael Sayles, Village Administrator – Closing Kenwood Ave. at The East End intersection at Pioneer Ave. to Thru Traffic**

Michael Sayles proposed closing off Kenwood Ave from the Pioneer (East end) of the street to vehicle traffic. Michael clarified to the Village Board that Vehicle traffic would be required to enter and exit off of Vienna Rd. and would be unable to enter or exit Kenwood Ave off of Pioneer Ave. The Village DPW will leave a walk lane for pedestrians and bicyclists to the south side of Kenwood Ave. and install “DEAD END” & “DO NOT ENTER” signs at each end of Kenwood at the intersection of Vienna Rd. and Pioneer Ave. Michael expressed to the Village Board that this would be a temporary solution while he and the Village Board will be able to investigate other options for Kenwood Ave & Pioneer to address the public’s safety. This closure will be temporary until November 1, 2022, which is the anticipated closing date of “The Cove”. By November 1, 2022. Michael hopes to have a permanent solution in place to address the traffic concerns, emphasizing that the public’s safety is first and foremost which is why he feels the immediate closure is necessary.

Motion was made by Trustee Shaughnessy and seconded by Trustee Lawrence authorizing the closing of Kenwood Ave. at Pioneer Ave. to thru traffic until November 1, 2022 and an anticipated solution and plan for the traffic concerns is determined.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee DeSantis	Aye
Trustee Shaughnessy	Aye	Trustee Lawrence	Aye

New Business:

- **Additional Vendors for Approval for “Vettes at the Beach” event to be held the last Sunday in July – Brittany Farnach**
 - Michelle’s Craft Shop – (jewelry, cosmetic bags, light up wine bottles etc...)
 - National Corvette Museum
 - Heritage Insurance Agency

Motion was made by Trustee DeSantis and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to approve the additional vendors for the “Vettes at the Beach” vendor show.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee DeSantis	Aye
Trustee Shaughnessy	Aye	Trustee Lawrence	Aye

- **New Sewer District Extension No.1 Project in Bridgeport with a request designating the Town of Sullivan Board as the Lead Agency for SEQRA**

Motion was made by Trustee Shaughnessy and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to designate the Town of Sullivan Board as the Lead Agency for the Bridgeport Sewer District Extension No. 1 and authorize the Deputy Mayor to sign the designation.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee DeSantis	Aye
Trustee Shaughnessy	Aye	Trustee Lawrence	Aye

- **Application Form NY2A – Existing Owned Treatment Plant**

Motion was made by Trustee Lawrence and seconded by Trustee DeSantis to authorize the Deputy Mayor to sign the Application Form NY2A for an Existing Owned Treatment Plant.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee DeSantis	Aye
Trustee Shaughnessy	Aye	Trustee Lawrence	Aye

- **John Porter, Codes Enforcement Officer – Completed the inspection of the Sidney Boat Club Campground on June 20, 2022, has found it to be substantially in compliance and recommends issuance of the 2022 Operating Permit.**

Motion was made by Trustee DeSantis and seconded by Trustee Shaughnessy to approve the 2022 Operating Permit for Sidney Boat Club Campground as recommended by John Porter, Codes Enforcement Officer.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee DeSantis	Aye
Trustee Shaughnessy	Aye	Trustee Lawrence	Aye

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Trustee Shaughnessy and seconded by Trustee Lawrence to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Carried as follows:

Trustee Daily	Aye	Trustee DeSantis	Aye
Trustee Shaughnessy	Aye	Trustee Lawrence	Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Scholl
Village Deputy Clerk Treasurer

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