

Brookhaven Village Association / Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation
Monthly Board Meeting
January 14, 2026

Attendance

- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees present: Dave Anderson, Janet Quirk, Kevin Glynn, Stephen Heck, Kris Holmberg, Andy Lovito, Andrew Komosinski, Mike Martens, Kristin Kirk Murphy, Julia Villacara, Karin Wagner, Steve Young
- BVA Directors, Officers and Employees excused absence: Lynda Wagner
- Public Attendance: None in attendance.

Opening Remarks

- President Julia Villacara opened the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Prior Month's Minutes Reviewed

- December Minutes reviewed: **Motion made to accept the Minutes by Stephen Heck. Seconded by Mike Martens. Motion carried. All in favor.**

Treasurer's Report

Brookhaven Village Association

Income/Expenses

Dues payments: \$75.00.

Squassux fees:

- Surcharge - \$3,125

Other than usual expenses:

- Staples – copy paper, envelopes - \$99.15
- KC Irrigation – Winterization of water system - \$1,015.
- Cash to John DiNaro for use of boat for ice eater install - \$100.
- Sweet Moments – refreshments for Holiday event - \$225.
- Andy Lovito – Reimbursement for ice eater supplies - \$182.56 & reg. supplies \$54.30.
- Aeration Power Systems – Power cord for ice eater - \$385.15.
- Auto-Matic Repair – new ice eater - \$1,461.76.
- Andrew Lovito – payment for used Ice eater - \$350.
- Property Taxes - \$6292.31.
- Best Buy – new president laptop - \$434.99.

Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation

- Income: Donations: \$8,415.
- Expenses:
 - Staples – Brochures for Rose Cemetery - \$209.97

Correspondence

- Season Greetings from CEED, Post-Morrow
- Invitation to BFD Installation Dinner – 3/7/26
- Donation Thank you from Brookhaven Free Library

Events

- None

Newsletters

- Brookhaven Free Library
- South Country Library

Donation Solicitations

- EDF
- CEED
- Lighthouse Mission

1st Community Participation/Comment

- **Community Announcements and comments were invited.**
- No one was in attendance.

Finance Committee- Kevin Glynn

Glynn reports:

- We are having a good fiscal year. \$10,000 was placed in reserves. The Shoreline Preservation fund will determine how we use the monies we have saved for this. Janet will open a Capital One HYSAs. We needed an original state-issued certificate of incorporation to proceed. It arrived this week and Janet will open a new account with \$240,000.

Squassux Landing Committee- *Andrew Komosinski/Andy Lovito*

Komosinski updated:

- AK distributed results of the survey he sent out to the mailing list of boaters and asked for feedback.
- Boaters Meeting will be February 18th at 7pm.
- AK wants to know if BVA will keep rates the same or raise the that we will have no changes to rates (we typically go five years without raising rates and would like to stick with that for the community) and keep the surcharge the same for boats and ramp users.
- **Motion made to maintain rates by Dave Anderson. Seconded by Stephen Heck. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- **Motion made to accept the surcharges of \$200 for boats, \$75 for trailers, and \$25 for kayaks/canoes made by Dave Anderson. Seconded by Kevin Glynn. Motion carried. All in favor.**
- The DEC permit is good for up to year 2033. Karin reminded everyone that it would be a good move for us to go to 2 or 3 companies before the Boaters Meeting. Mike commented that it would be good if Chuck would continue to be a helpful resource.
- The raffle for a free boat slip will continue and information will go out in the newsletter and slip invoice mailings.

Lovito updated:

- Ice eaters have been working.
- Brief update on the rescue operations that took place on Carmans River across from docks. Two people in a paddle boat got stuck in marsh. Emergency services got them out. The boat remained and was to be towed by the Marine Bureau the following day. No emergency boats launched from ramp and ice eaters undisturbed/unharmd. Julia found gate opened by emergency crews and asked if there is a notification that comes through when the gate is open for a long period of time. There is not.
- Lovito suggests that we will need gravel in April prior to opening.
- Meeting with Chuck—not scheduled as of yet. Chuck was called to DC for Homeland Security and will have to do a meeting on a Saturday when available.

Quality of Life Committee- Julia Villacara

Julia updated:

- Town hearing is postponed until Spring --DEC extended the timeline for corrective measures. AK said people went to the original meeting date which was cancelled and then moved to another date. This was a confusing planning and rescheduling mess for residents. A recent Newsday article highlighted this issue as well.
- Holiday Cheer gathering was success.
- Steve Young asked if there is anything we can do about residents shoveling snow on their sidewalks? Can we remind people in our newsletters? In particular, the sidewalk on South Country Rd was brought up as well as fire hydrants. Homeowners are responsible for clearing off sidewalks.

Land Use-John Knapp

- Nothing to report

Nominations Committee- Dave Anderson

- Dave has the Board application ready.

By-Laws-Julia Villacara

- Will organize a meeting.

Newsletter- Karin Wagner

- Final copy was sent in to printer—there are minor tweaks but almost ready.
- Will we have a link on our website for residents to submit photos for possible use in future issues.

Virginia Brown Scholarship- Kristin Kirk Murphy

- KKM brought up the idea of expanding the number of potential scholarship winners from 2 to 4. In order to do this, we would reduce the grand prize to \$2,000 going to the top winner. The 3 other winners will win a prize of \$1,000 each. The criteria will remain the same, including the submission of a high school transcript and the completion of an essay that follows the prompt given.
- **Motion made to amend the Virginia Brown scholarship winnings to \$2,000 for the top scorer and for no more than 3 winners receiving \$1,000 each made by Andrew Komosinski. Seconded by Steve Young. Motion carried. All in favor.**

Unfinished Business-

- Janet announced that she will continue as Treasurer for 2 more years.
- Julia has to answer Cole back regarding an email they sent. We are not paying for a town ramp permit. It is still open. We would have to get a new survey. Consensus was to keep the permit open. We can re-visit next meeting.

New Business -

- None

Miscellaneous Discussion-

- LW must be excused for 2 months for medical issues. She requested a temporary leave of absence. This will include THIS meeting, NEXT meeting, BOATERS meeting and MARCH meeting. The Board agreed to revisit her absence and position in April.

2nd Community Participation/Comment

- None

- **Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Kirk Murphy

Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association

NEXT BVA BOARD MEETING February 11, 2026