

**BROOKHAVEN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION
BROOKHAVEN HAMLET FOUNDATION**

**Annual Meeting
June 18, 2025**

Opening Remarks

President opened the meeting at 7:22 PM.

- Present: Julia Villacara, Janet Quirk, Chris Bland, Kevin Glynn, Kristin Kirk Murphy, Steve Young, Dave Anderson, Mike Martens, Kris Holmberg, Andy Lovito, Karin Wagner, Lynda Wagner
- Absent: Andrew Komosinski
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Opening Remarks from President Julia Villacara- activities and accomplishments.
- Introductions by Board Members, Committee Members and Officers
- Review of June 2024 Minutes: Motion made by member Mary Jane Cullen to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Marty Van Lith. Vote held to approve. Motion carried. All in favor.

Committee Updates:

Treasurer's Report-Janet Quirk

Brookhaven Village Association

Highlights: Income is higher due to surcharge and rate increase.

Notable Expenses:

- All expense lines remained similar to the year before.
 - Dock Maintenance line is much lower as past investment in infrastructure is paying off with lower cost spring repairs and excellent management of the ice eater system by Andy Lovito.
 - General Maintenance line includes Road maintenance, Ice eater repairs, gate maintenance and landscaping.
 - Electrical work line is much lower as there were no major upgrades to the system as in previous years.

Brookhaven Hamlet Foundation

Donations received for the reporting period totaled \$18,630

- Dennis Puleston fund expenditures of \$1,358: new purple martin setup.
- Historic fund expenditures of \$1,900: balance of new Sam Carmen headstone.
- Plantings Fund expenditures of \$1,672: 4 trees planted at 27 Seeley, 8 Yaphank, 306 Beaver Dam, 39 Astor.
- Scholarship fund expenses for the reporting period included one \$3,000 award to Brynn Johnsen and 2 \$1,000 awards to Connor Murphy and Lealand Stewart.

Squassux— Andy Lovito

- Dock maintenance went from costing between \$20,000 - \$45,000 in the past for repairs and construction of new docks to \$4,700 for this year. Lights and electric are all done; very few repairs are needed currently. Gravel was brought in and spread making the parking smoother. The gravel helps to mitigate the runoff from rainwater and high tides.
- Speed in the marina should be kept under control; please be careful. We have 2 new cameras installed. Most of the marina is up to date. And please be mindful of boaters creating wakes—this creates an erosion situation, which counts against us down there.
- Boating certificates should be kept by all. Stiff penalties are due if you don't have this. We will have the Coast Guard coming down to provide examinations for boats and certifications down at Squassux.
- The Boaters Meeting will be the last week of February each year from now on.
- Payments and registrations returned by March 1 are important for the Dockmaster to reserve a well-fitted slip for your boat.
- We will start discount program for boaters who are 70 years older and who have been at the Marina for 25 years. These candidates will get a 10% discount.

Quality of Life- Julia Villacara:

- Julia acknowledged Kris Holmberg for his dedication to tasks, and she acknowledged the rest of the crew for their time and service.
- The Holiday Cheer event was a success; the collections to donate for communities in need (food pantries and animal shelters) are rewarding.
- Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, the Annual Egg Hunt and food collection for Mary Immaculate Church's food pantry was accomplished.
- Kris Holmberg set up 3 families with trees to beautify their front properties from our Planting Fund.
- Quality of Life is interested in creating events concentrating on youth gatherings—starting with sports and a fishing derby.
- Anyone interested in volunteering for any of our events, please reach out.
- As we are loaded with talented artists in this community, we would like to create an auction for the Squassux Shoreline preservation fund. This would involve the donation of artwork to be purchased by community members for this worthy cause.

Bylaws- Janet Quirk:

- **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE BROOKHAVEN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

AMENDMENT 1:

Action: Edit of Article III: Section 3: Officers.

Purpose: To clarify and assign term dates for Officers.

Current: Officers: Each officer shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting for a

period of one year.

Proposed Amendment:

Officers: Each officer shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting for a period of one year from July 1st to June 30th.

- Motion made by Farrel Decker to pass this amendment change. Seconded by Missy Mirabelli. Motion Passed. All in favor.

AMENDMENT 2:

Action: Edit of Article VII: Section 1: Notices

Purpose: To clarify and modernize methods of communication with membership.

Current: All notices to members shall be mailed to their addresses as given on the books of the Association.

Proposed Amendment:

All notices to members may be delivered by postal mail or electronic means, including email, per the contact information listed in the records of the Association.

- Motion made by Taryn Kirk Glynn to pass these amendment changes. Seconded by Michael Fried. Motion Passed. All in favor.

Virginia Brown Scholarship- Janet Quirk

- Graduating High School seniors who reside in the Hamlet and apply for this scholarship are asked to write an essay.
- Leland Stewart, as one of last year's winners, spoke about his experience as a community member at the BVA through working with the Quality-of-Life committee, and how he remains connected to his roots here as he is in college in California.
- Janet presented Max Yablon with his award for \$2,000 that was held over from last year. He was serving with *Americorp* before it was canceled by DOGE.
- Leland presented the 2025 Virginia Brown awards to Sean Glynn (\$3,000), Kalisto Mignola (\$2,000) who was absent, & Brynne Ballan (\$1,000).

Bob & Gloria Brown Civic Engagement Awards

- Marty Van Lith presented the awards to Tom Williams and Lex Mallon for their longtime dedication to their communities.
- Lex Mallon presented an award to Sydney Yablon.
- Kevin Glynn presented an award to Kyran Murphy. (Both are students in high school).

Public Participation:

- Beaverdam Road speeding is a concern to Steve Narker. He recognizes people who run through stop signs. Can the BVA do something to help mitigate this? Can we contact 5th Precinct? Write letters?

- Cori Yablon added that she has written to the Town of Brookhaven about community quality of life issues. For example, she has suggested installing mirrors around blind curves are helpful.
- Also, communicating with the police department is a step—there are meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. We can possibly organize going as a group.
- Bruce Van Vesse- speeding problem radar device placement?
- Joe Pendergast added that South Country Road (between Chapel Ave. and the Railroad trestle has a 35mph speed limit—maybe it should be reduced to 30mph?
- Bob Morris admitted he was going fast and was cautioned by a friend to slow down. He was receptive to the criticism. He thinks people should speak up. If they do, then perhaps we can avoid the giant machines that display speed of drivers that he doesn't like the aesthetics of.

Election of Officers and Directors

- Dave Anderson reviewed the proposed Slate for Officers and Directors for the BVA 2025:

Officers, 1-year positions:

- Julia Villacara, President
- Dave Anderson, Vice-President
- Kristin Kirk Murphy, Secretary

Directors, 3-year positions:

- Steve Young, -Karin Wagner, and -Lynda Wagner
- A motion was made to nominate this slate from the floor by Marty Van Lith. Seconded by John Knapp.

Closing Comments – Julia Villacara

- Thank you to the board and the audience.
- A motion was made to adjourn by Missy Mirabelli. Seconded by Steve Heck. Motion passed. All in favor.

Meeting Adjournment- 8:11pm PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Kirk Murphy
Recording Secretary, Brookhaven Village Association

