

**Sound Beach Property Owner's Association – Special Reminder – January the, 1942\***

**(Editor's Note: This meeting took place almost two months after America's entry into the Second World War)**

**Auditing committee take notice:** The following members of the Auditing Committee should be present at the meeting of the Board of Directors to audit the books of the Corporation for the year 1941. They are: Mrs. Pfister, Mr. Toner, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Metzler, Mr. Harold Hafner.

In this time of National Emergency, no one can foresee just how the general conditions of the country will affect the property owners of Sound Beach. Nevertheless, it is the duty of the offices in the individual members to attempt to carry on as far as circumstances will permit. We have no way of knowing what services they have to be curtailed what may have to be expanded. On the assumption that the large majority of our members will be able to use the facilities at the beach at least part of the coming season, it will be necessary to provide as far as possible the same services as in past years. With this idea in mind the Board of Directors is preparing the budget similar to the budget of previous year's presentation at the budget meeting of the Corporation to be held in February. In these days where national unity is so important it is just as important to have local. In view of the difficulties anticipated due to the disruption of the normal lives of all of our members, it is absolutely essential that the officers receive the utmost Corporation from each and every one of our members. With mounting materiel costs and possible labor shortages, it may be necessary for much more services than in the past years. Start these services by attending the meetings. This is one time where we will have to realize that the time for letting "George" do it is over. Get out to both Board of Directors meeting and the General Meeting. The Corporation will carry through these trying times with comes up.

**\*(From the Sound Beach Bulletin – January, 1942)**

**Sound Beach Property Owner's Association – Board Meeting – January 27, 1942\***

The meeting was held at Kneer's Hof-Brau, 3210 Broadway, Astoria, N.Y. on Tuesday evening, January 27, 1942. Meeting was called to order by chairman Dr. Brennan at 9:30 PM with the following representation:

Board of Directors: Hilda Baust, Earl Hansen, Henry Warner, William Walters, Mildred Bayard, Joseph Smith, B. Cnatingius, R. Stephenson, George Pfalzer, Mr. and Mrs. and Geisler, Otto Claus, Leonard Hafner, Charles Keese, Fred Pfafrath, Mrs. Barry, Dr. A.J. Brennan. Guests: Mrs. Pfister, Harold Hafner, Charles Deichmann, Mr. Metzler, Mrs. Paffrath, Mrs. Wink, Mrs. H Klaus, Mrs. Claus.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published in the Bulletin.

Under the bylaws of the Association, the offices for the ensuing year were nominated and elected from the Board of Directors. They are as follows: Pres., Leonard Hafner, Vice President Nicholas Geisler, Treas. Hilda Baust, Financial Sec. Christine Geisler, Recording Sec. Ida DiLalla, Department of Public Safety, Henry Warner, Charles Keese, M. Arcelle, F. DiLalla, Frank Smith and Chairman Dr. A.J. Brennan, Sanitation Esther Kress, Department of Plants and Structures, Earl Hansen, B. Cnatingius, George Pfalzer, Road Commissioner, David Case, Robert Stephenson, Sec. to the Board of Directors, Mildred Bayard, Membership Committee, William Walters, Mrs. Barry.

Dr. Brennan wrote a letter which he received from Mr. Toner, Chairman of the Auditing Committee expressing his regret that owing to illness he was unable to attend the meeting of the Committee. The Auditing Committee present consisted of Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Pfister, Harold Hafner and Mr. Meltzer made an audit of the books of the Association at this meeting. This being the meeting at which the proposed budget for the year 1942 was to be discussed; Mr. Hansen read the fixed expenses for the year amounting to \$1383.25. These fixed expenses of the expenses that must be paid each year by the Association such as taxes, insurances electricity, etc. motion made seconded and carried that the fixed expenses of the proposed budget be accepted. Dr. Brennan, chairman of the board called on the heads of the various departments requesting that they submit their proposed expenses for the coming year.

**Report of Department of Sanitation:** Mr. Hafner stated that he had received a communication from Mrs. Kress stating that she was unable to attend this meeting, but made a request that the sum of \$600 be set aside the collection of garbage for the coming year.

**Report of Road Commissioner:** Mr. Keese stated that he had been in touch with Mr. Case informed him that he would be unable to attend this meeting and requested him to ask the Board to allow him \$1000 work to be done in sound beach this year. In as much as this is in excess of the amount allotted him last year, a general discussion followed after which it was decided that the sum of \$800 be allotted this Department this year this is the same amount which was a lot of the Department last year.

**Report of Department of Plants and Structures:** the various properties of the Association, under the heading such as ramps, pumps, landscaping, bulkheads, etc. Mr. Cnatingius stated that he believed the sum of \$500 would be able to take care of the requirements of this Department this year.

**Report of Department of Public Safety:** Under this Department come our lifeguards and also our Police Department. Mr. Warner stated that he believed the same amount allotted to the police department last year, i.e. \$1000 would be sufficient to take care of the protection of the corporate property for 1942. It was the opinion of those present that it would be necessary to a lot the lifeguards the same as last year, i.e. \$350. This covers cleaning of the beach, repairs to the lifeboats, lifelines and also first aid material of which there is considerable used in Sound Beach each year. All the above amounts were accepted upon motion duly made, seconded and carried. Mr. Hansen stated that he had received a bill from the Telephone Company, for services to the community house amounting to \$12.63 not knowing of any reason why we should need service in the community house at this time of the year he communicated with the telephone company requesting that they informed him regarding this bill. He received a reply from the telephone company stating that the service had been turned on at the request of Mr. David Case. It is the understanding of the board that our community house is being used as an Air Raid Warden Station and that there are men on guard 24 hours a day. It is the understanding that Mr. George Schmidt is the air raid warden in charge at Sound Beach. Motion was made seconded and carried that the Secretary with Mr. Case and find out from him the details on civilian defense activities in the community house.

Vouchers I-1 to I-26 were read and approved for payment. Balance on hand at end of year \$1405.51. Disbursements \$173.73. Balance on hand \$1232.34.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Bayard, Sec.

\*(From the Sound Beach Bulletin – February, 1942)

### **Sound Beach Property Owners Association - Board Minutes - March 24, 1942\***

The meeting was held on Tuesday, March 24, 1942 at Kneer's Hof-Brau, 3210 Broadway, Astoria Long Island New York. Meeting was called to order by chairman, Dr. Brennan at 9:30 PM with the following representation:

Board of Directors: M. Arcelle, Charles Keese, Leonard Hafner, William Walter, Otto Claus, Dr. Brennan, Mrs. Bayard, William Leppin, George Pfalzer, Nicholas Geisler, Earl Hansen, Henry Warner, Robert Stevenson. Guests: Mrs. Pfister, Mrs. Claus, Mrs. Wink, Mrs. Conlon, Arthur Hafner.

Motion made seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published in the Bulletin.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 27, 1942 the Sec. was instructed by the Board to communicate with Mr. David Case relative to the use of our Community House at Sound Beach by the Air Raid Warden. This was done one February 5, 1942 in reply to same our Mr. Hafner received a letter from a Mr. Benjamin West, Chief of Second Division North Brookhaven Civil Defense Council on February 11, 1942, enclosing a copy of the letter which we had sent to Mr. Case requesting a meeting with our officers any time after February. As it is impossible for our officers to go to Sound Beach for this meeting, as many of them are engaged in defense activities at home, Mr. Hafner wrote to Mr. West requesting the information asked for in our letter of February 5. Not receiving a reply, he again wrote on March 18 but to date the reply has been received. After a general discussion, a committee consisting of Mr. Claus and Mr. Leppin were appointed to get in touch with Mr. West regarding the use of our community house by the Air Raid Wardens and was responsible for same. Dr. Brennan stated that he had received a call from a representative of the Telephone Company regarding the telephone bill, which was rendered for the telephone in use at the Community House. This telephone was turned on in the community house without the knowledge of the Board of Directors and payment for same has not been made. A general discussion followed regarding the payment of this bill if the which are motion was made, seconded and carried that the Sound Beach Property Owners Association, would donate one third of the telephone bill rendered as of April 1, 1942 to the Air Raid Wardens of Sound Beach. The balance of the bill is to be taken care of on a pro-rated basis by the other organizations in Sound Beach. Motion made, seconded and carried that the Nominating Committee for 1941 be retained for the year 1942. Dr. Brennan wrote a letter which he had received from Mr. Case stating that after the last storm there was a bad washout at the Amagansett ramp that it was necessary to repair the ramp at once in order to save the stairs. Immediately on receipt of this letter, Dr. Brennan got in touch with Mr. Hansen of the Department of Plants and Structures which Department takes care of all the properties of the Association. Mr. Hansen immediately got to work on this and received a bid of \$80 for labor and material to replace the old posts and put new ones where necessary. A bid of \$128 was also made for sluiceway at the stairs to take care of the water, etc. that is continually running over the stairs and damaging the same. After a discussion on this matter a committee consisting of Mr. Leppin and Mr. Hafner were appointed to go to Sound Beach and go into this matter very carefully and they were authorized to have the necessary repairs made not to exceed the sum of \$210. By doing this now, it will save the Association quite a sum of money in the future because if the stairs are not repaired it may mean the expense of building another set which would run into a large sum of money which the Association is not in a position at this time to

spend. Mr. Hafner stated that he had been in touch with Ziedler Brothers regarding the pump at the community house he stated it was not operating satisfactorily and there was water in the pit. Ziedler Brothers promise to take care of this matter at once.

Vouchers I22 to I27 were read and approved for payment. The sentence

Balance at the end of year \$1405.51. Disbursements \$427.99. Balance on hand \$977.52.

There being no further business to transact, motion made, seconded and carried that the meeting to be adjourned at 12:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Bayard, Sec.

\*(From the Sound Beach Bulletin - April,

## **Sound Beach Property Owners Association - Board Minutes - April 28, 1942\***

The meeting was held at Kneer's Hof-Brau, 3210 Broadway, Astoria, N.Y. on Tuesday evening, April 28, 1942. Meeting was called to order by chairman Dr. Brennan at 9:30 PM with the following representation:

Board of Directors: Earl Hansen, Mrs. Baust, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Petronella, Mrs. Bayard, Dr. Brennan, William Walters, Charles Keese, Otto Claus, Leonard Hafner, Frank DiLalla, Robert Stephenson, Henry Warner, George Pfalzer, Mr. and Mrs. and Geisler. Guests: Mrs. Wink, Mrs. Claus, Mrs. Pfister, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Heemsoth, Mr. Kress, Mr. A. Hafner, Mr. Tom Cerria, and Mrs. Brennan.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published in the Bulletin. Dr. Brennan stated that the wording in the motion regarding the Nominating Committee should be corrected. Correction will appear in this issue of the Bulletin. Mr. Hafner stated that at the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Leppin and himself were appointed as a committee to go into the ramp situation at Amagansett Drive. He stated that both he and Mr. let that the carpenter had submitted the bid for doing this work and went over the work at the ramp with him. He now reports that the ramp is in excellent condition and the work has been done satisfactorily. Mr. Hafner also stated that the sluiceway needed a little work to make it fully completed. Dr. Brennan reported that he had received a phone call from Mr. Case stating that he could not attend the meeting. Mr. Case informed Dr. Brennan that our roads were being taken care of and many of them had been scraped and he hoped before the start of the season the roads would be in good condition. The Racing Team of the Fire Department requested permission for the use of the clubhouse for a dance on Saturday, July 4, 1942. There being no previous request, this permission was granted them. Dr. Brennan reported that Mrs. Kress was unable to attend the meeting, but he had been informed by Mr. Kress that arrangements the garbage collection have been made as in the past. Mr. Hansen stated that he had received a communication from Mr. George Schmidt in reference to the work that he was supposed to do for us in our clubhouse and on which the Association made in advance of \$35 to Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt stated that the cost of the material to do this work was \$28.75 and he said the Association among order in the amount of \$6.25 to cover the balance of the loan made to him. This matter was straight and out through the efforts of Mr. Tom Cerria and the Board wishes to thank him. Dr. Brennan stated that he had received a communication from Mr. F. Nanz, regarding our Bylaws and inquiring if there was anything in them with reference to road obstructions. Dr. Brennan stated that Mr. Nanz requested that we either communicate with him by mail or through the next issue of the Bulletin. He also stated that he did not know of anything in our Bylaws regarding this question.

Vouchers I-28 to I-38 were read and approved for payment.

Balance on hand: \$1407.51. Disbursements: \$505.14. Balance \$902.27

In the last issue of our Bulletin, we published a letter which we received one of our members regarding some suggestions for more activities in Sound Beach. He suggested that we have some

kind of a get together. After a general discussion regarding this, Mr. Hansen was asked to go into this matter and see what arrangements could be made for such a gathering.

There being no further business, motion made, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Bayard, Sec.

\*(From the Sound Beach Bulletin – May, 1942)

**Sound Beach Property Owners Association - Board Minutes - May 26, 1942\***

The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26, 1942 at Kneer's Hof-Brau, 3210 Broadway, Astoria, N.Y. was called to order by chairman, Dr. Brennan at 9:30PM with the following representation of the Board of Directors: Charles Keese, Otto Claus, Mrs. Barry, Robert Stephenson, George Pfalzer, Henry Warner, Dr. Brennan, Earl Hansen, Leonard Hafner, Frank DiLalla, Mrs. Bayard, M. Arcelle, William Walters, F. Pfaffrath.

As the board meeting was held previous to the special meeting which was called for this evening there were many guests present. Motion made, seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published in the May issue of the Bulletin.

Mr. Hafner reported that he had gone down to the Amagansett Drive ramp and looked over the repairs to the same and also the new sluiceway found same in good condition. He stated the contractor had done a good job on the repairs to the ramp and the building of the sluiceway and payment of the contract had been made in full. Dr. Brennan wrote a letter which had been received by Mr. Hafner from Mrs. Marvin the concessionaire at the Pavilion, requesting that the Association reducer rent to \$10 a month, or at the most \$50 for the season. The rental of this concession is to hundred dollars for the season under a five-year lease. After a general discussion, motion was made and seconded that the Association released Mrs. Marvin from her lease. Mr. Frank DiLalla, advisory Counsel to the Association stated that this could not be done. He stated to the members present the obligation of the Board of Directors to the members regarding this lease. After this discussion, motion was made seconded and carried that Mrs. Marvin be notified that in all Finis to the Corporation, that the Board of Directors find it necessary to hold her to the terms of her lease and if at least part of a rent is not paid by May 15 she is then in default. The previous motion regarding the releasing of Mrs. Marvin from a lease was withdrawn in the party who seconded it. Mrs. Marvin asked permission of the Board of Directors, to use the new structure at the West ramp for a concession. On motion duly made, seconded and carried this permission was not granted. Mr. Hafner stated that he had received from Mr. Cerria, Air Raid Warden of Sound Beach, a copy of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Dim-Out of Suffolk County, issued by the Suffolk County Care Counsel on May 19, 1942. Mr. Hafner read these rules to the members present. For the benefit of our members were not able to attend this meeting a copy of the rules will be published in the next issue of our Bulletin.

Vouchers I-39 to I-42 were read and approved for payment. Mr. Hansen stated that at the present time the Association had the sum of \$586.52 on deposit in the bank. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Bayard, Sec.

**Minutes of Special Meeting of The Sound Beach Property Owners Association, Inc**

This special meeting was called to order by the Pres., Leonard Hafner immediately after the meeting of the Board of Directors. Mr. Hafner informed the members of the purpose of this meeting to find out just how many members intended to go to Sound Beach this summer. If they were able to do so, so that the board of directors would be in a position to know whether or not it was possible for them to function. A general discussion followed, regarding the rationing of gasoline and the possibility that after July 1 would not be able to obtain as much and therefore could not get to the beach. Mr. Cerria stated that he had been informed that Mr. Quinn operator of the bus between Port Jefferson Wading River expected to operate as in the past. A suggestion was made that the Board of Directors contact Mr. Quinn and obtain from him definite information regarding his bus service and that a copy of the timetable be printed in the Bulletin for the benefit of our members could not obtain enough gas to come to Sound Beach in their own cars and had to come by train. A suggestion was also made, but a notice be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Community House of anyone coming to Sound Beach by car, accommodate of the passengers. This notice should give the time of leaving, also the place so that parties wishing to come to the Beach for the weekend could get together. Many of the members present stated that they would be glad to take the neighbors down to the beach, if they would contact them. Mr. Hansen stated that the membership credentials were being printed in such a way, so that if they were not used this year, they could be used in of the. Mr. Hafner stated that he had been informed by Mr. Calace that anyone staying down Sound Beach for the summer could get anything they needed delivered by him providing that they place their order before 2 PM all orders placed before that time would be delivered that day. Orders placed after 2 PM not be delivered until the next day. He stated Mr. Calace told him that it would not be possible for him to deliver telephone calls personally, except in case of emergency. He stated he would be glad to accept all calls and when the person for whom they were intended or their neighbors would know them came to the store, he would be glad to deliver the messages. Mr. Anenker stated that owing to conditions, the Racing Of the Fire Department would not be able to use the car which they had obtained for that purpose, but that this car had been outfitted with stretchers first aid kits and the insulator for the benefit of the residents of Sound Beach. He stated that the Racing Would hold a dance in the clubhouse on Saturday July for and he hoped that all would attend. Mr. Hansen made a motion that due to general conditions at the present time that the Association limit the police work for the coming season two weekends and also the collection of garbage to once a week instead of twice a week, also to curtail the other expenses of the Association Mr. Hansen stated that with the curtailment of the activities of the Association to dues could be reduced accordingly. This motion was not seconded. After a lengthy discussion the members present decided practically unanimously that it was their desire to carry on the same as usual as far as possible and leave the amount of the dues as fixed in the budget. Motion to this effect made by Mr. Thompson, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Bayard, Sec.

\*(From the Sound Beach Bulletin - June, 1942)



### **Sound Beach Property Owners Association - Board Minutes - June 25, 1942\***

The meeting was held at Kneer's Hof-Brau, 3210 Broadway, Astoria, on N.Y. on Thursday June 25, 1942. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Brennan at 9:30 PM with the following representation: Board of Directors: Dr. Brennan, Earl Hansen, Leonard Hafner, Henry Warner, Mr. and Mrs. N. Geisler, M. Arcelle, Otto Claus, Mrs. Kress, William Muhleisen, F. Pfaffrath. Guests: Mrs. Brennan, Dorothy Brennan, Mr. Conlon, Mrs. Arcelle, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Kress, Mrs. Wunderlin, Miss Wunderlin.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the minutes of the May meeting be accepted as published in the June Bulletin.

Communication read by Dr. Brennan received from the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Port Jefferson thanking the Association for the use of the Community house on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Services the coming year. Mr. Hafner reported the completion of repairs to the clubhouse pump, entailing considerable expense to the Corporation. Mr. Hafner also reported the condition of the community house pump stating the frost proof tap is in service at present and the three remaining taps will undoubtedly be in service when Corporation facilities are officially opened July 4. Mr. Warner, Chairman of the Department of Public Safety reported several men have been selected for protection of Corporation property for the coming season. Mr. Warner requested the reinstallation of the telephone at the Community House in order to assist the Town Police in the performance of the duty when stationed in Sound Beach. Mr. Warner at this time spoke about the prompt and courteous service rendered by the Brookhaven Town Police last season citing incidents from his personal experience. Mr. Geisler reported being approached by Lieut. Wilson of the Brookhaven Town Police with reference to blacking out the clubhouse. Mr. Geisler reported he spoke to the concessionaire, Mr. Hansen, on June 21 Mr. Hansen explained his intentions as to the blacking out of the clubhouse. Mr. Hansen's instructions from the local Civilian Defense representatives were to totally blackout all windows 100% due to the location of the clubhouse. After a general discussion Mr. Earl Hansen of the Board of directors volunteered to speak to the concessionaire Mr. Hansen to endeavor to assist Mr. Hansen in this matter. There was a general discussion on gasoline rationing relative to the activity this coming season in Sound Beach. The board feels the pooling of cars for transportation will enable the members to enjoy corporate facilities this season. Mr. Arcelle, reporting for the Life Guards stated that two sets of ropes were being installed on the beach- boats, stands and equipment will be in operation on or before July 4. Mr. Earl Hansen suggested curtailing printing of the Bulletin due to present conditions and lack of assistance to edit same. Motion made, seconded to discontinue printing of the Bulletin after the July issue. On the question-Mr. Arcelle, seconded by Mr. Claus that the Bulletin be condensed containing only the necessary features such as Board Minutes until the next general meeting at which the body will decide as to whether or not we discontinue publishing the Bulletin; approved by body present. Mrs. Kress reported on Department of Sanitation stated garbage collection will start Monday, June 29. After July 4, collections will be made twice a week. Kindly post the law Victory Credentials in a prominent position as collections will be made accordingly. Mr. Claus reported all lifeguard equipment has been turned over to the new committee except the Branding Iron. Same is available at Mr. Claus's bungalow in Sound Beach.

Vouchers I-43 to I-56 inclusive were read for approval. Same were approved for payment

Balance before disbursements \$1821.76. Disbursements \$1143.97. Balance on hand \$677.79.

There being no further business, motion made, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,,

Nicholas Geisler, Acting Sec.

\*(From the Sound Beach Bulletin - July, 1942)

**Sound Beach Property Owners Association - Board Minutes - October 1, 1942\***

The meeting was held at Kneer's Hof-Brau, 3210 Broadway, Astoria, N.Y. on Thursday, October 1, 1942. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Brennan at 9 PM with the following representation: Board of Directors: Robert Stephenson, M. Arcelle, Otto Claus, Earl Hanson, Nick Geisler, Dr. Brennan, Henry Werner, George Pfalzer, Mrs. Bayard, Mrs. Kress, Leonard Hafner. Guests: Mrs. Pfister, Mr. Kress, Mrs. Claus, Mr. Arthur Hafner, Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Wink, Mr. Cerria.

Motion made seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as published in the Bulletin.

Dr. Brennan stated that in response to the item which we ran in the two previous issues of our Bulletin, asking the membership whether or not they desired the Bulletin to be continued, what their pleasure was in the matter, that we had received one response from Mr. A. Shire. This letter was read to the body present. Dr. Brennan also read a letter which he had received from Mr. Cnatingius stating his inability to attend this meeting. Mr. Hafner stated that there was some painting to be done on the west ramp on the new promenade deck. He stated that he had received an estimate for doing this work, but the board felt that he should receive others before giving out the work. He stated that he would try to secure some more and report back to the board regarding the same. Dr. Brennan stated that he had the war from the pump at the Community house and at the west ramp analyzed by the Supple County Help Department to be sure that the war was safe for drinking purposes. He stated that a satisfactory report was received. He stated that the pump at the west ramp was in need of repairs and that the water pumped from same was pumping Clay, silt or rust making it unsatisfactory to you as drinking water. He stated that in view of the large number of people using this pump, that it might be a good idea, when we are having it put in good condition, to find out the cost of electrifying it. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Pres. be authorized to see the pump men regarding the necessary repairs to this pump and also find out the course of reporting a motor on same and report back to the Board at its next meeting. Motion made, seconded and carried that the secretary be directed to write a letter to the Concessionaire at the Clubhouse requesting that he let us know his plans for the coming winter the care of the clubhouse. The question of the sluice way at the gully between Brookhaven and Amagansett Drive was brought up again in the chairman stated that he had written to Mr. Still, Highway Supervisor of the Town of Brookhaven asking him to investigate the situation and give us his advice as to what would be the best way of handling the existing condition. Up to the time of the meeting no lie had been received. Mr. Cnatingius suggested that we turn over to the local scrap committee the fire rings scattered around Sound Beach. Several tones of metal of the finest type for purposes can be obtained from these rings. There was a question of ownership of these rings which will be investigated if possible before the general meeting so action may be taken. There being no further business to transact, motion made, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Bayard, Sec.

\*(From the Sound Beach Bulletin - October, 1942)



**Sound Beach Property Owners Association - Board Minutes - October 22, 1942\***

The meeting was held on Thursday, October 22, 1942 at Kneer's Hof-Brau, 3210 Broadway, Astoria, N.Y. meeting was called to order by Pres., Leonard Hafner at 10 o'clock.

At the request of one of our members, Mr. Hafner read the minutes of the last general meeting which was held in February and published in the March issue of the Bulletin. Motion made, seconded and carried that the minutes be read as approved.

**Report of Officers:** Henry J. Werner, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, which. Be published in the next issue of the Bulletin. Motion made, seconded and carried that we give Mr. Werner of vote of thanks for his splendid work.

**Sanitation:** Mrs. Kress stated that this Department there were several complaints, but they were taken care of. She stated that our garbage man was in the Army now and she did not know how we would make out next season. Motion made seconded and carried that we give Mrs. Kress of thanks for her fine work.

**Report of Lifeguards:** Mr. Charles Keese stated that the equipment of the lifeguards is safely stored for the winter. He stated that considering the fact that we operated this year with an entirely new crew, things ran along smoothly. Motion made, seconded and carried that we give Mr. Keese of vote of thanks for his fine work. As we had Mr. Robert Still of the Town of Brookhaven Highway Department as our guest, motion made, seconded and carried that we suspend business and hear from Mr. Still. Mr. Hafner introduced Mr. Still and asked him to give us his opinion regarding the gully at Amagansett Drive. He stated that he had gone to this point and looked the situation over and we had quite a large volume of water coming down at this point from the various roads in this section. He stated that we have a length of pipe approximately 36'1" culvert. He recommended that a culvert be constructed down to the gully with 20 feet Locust posts and from there on we could use six-foot posts. He stated that sometime in the future it might be necessary to raise the Colbert if it was covered with sand blown in. He stated that he had received a price of \$372.69 for the lumber to build the way an extended down to the beach, where a splash basin would be constructed. He stated that the labor would be \$200 making a total in all of \$572.69. He informed the members present that this was the best time of the year to have this done. Mr. Still stated that it was not possible oil rose in Sound Beach this year as it was impossible to get oil. They were also unable to get any asphalt as this item was frozen on April 9, 1942. He stated that many of the roads were scrapped and filled in when necessary.

**Highways:** Mr. Case, Road Commissioner stated that he did not think it necessary to make a report. He stated that a great deal of brush along roads and corners had been cleared away and that every road in Sound Beach had been scrapped at least once and many roads more than once.

**Plants and Structures:** Mr. Hanson stated that in the early spring he was informed that the soldiers were using our facilities at the beach. He went down to the Pavilion where they were and they informed him that they had received the permission of Mrs. Marvin to use the same. Mr. Hanson stated that he made a trip to Camp Upton regarding this matter and he is now in receipt of a communication from the Official in charge thanking him for his cooperation in this matter. Mr. Hanson said that the new promenade deck at the West ramp had met with very favorable

comments. He stated that the collection of the membership dues went along in a very satisfactory manner and any complaints that were received were referred to the proper officers of the Association. He stated that he understood that the action to be taken regarding the Leases at the clubhouse had been referred to this Department for adjustment. He felt that it is the duties of the Administration Officer and not the Plants and Structures.

**Report of Treasurer:** receipts and balance carried over from last year: \$5981.26. Disbursements to date \$3308.98. The balance on hand is \$2672.28. This is the largest cash balance this Association has ever had (at his time of year), since its inception. Motion made, seconded and carried that we hold the reading of vouchers 56 107 in the total amount of \$2165.01 held over to the next meeting. Motion made seconded and carried that we give Mr. Hanson a vote of thanks for his splendid work during the past season.

**New Business:** the nominating committee presented the following names as candidates for members of the Board of Directors of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association to serve for a term of three years starting January, 1943. Those are: Leonard Hafner, Joseph Hubert, Josephine Wink, David Case, Harvey Belair, Esther Kress, Mildred Bayard, Frank DiLalla, and Robert Stephenson. No other names being presented, motion was made that nominations be closed. Seconded. Approved. Mr. Hansen stated that as long as we were going to have the pump at the West ramp taken care of, he suggested that we take care of the pump at Cold Spring Drive and have whatever repairs on needed to same made. He has received several complaints regarding this pump during the summer. Motion made, seconded and carried that when we have the pump at the West ramp taken care of, we also have the necessary repairs made to the one at Cold Spring Drive. After a general discussion, motion was made seconded and carried that we give Mr. Still the job of taking care of the new sluice way at Amagansett Drive. The cost of same is to be \$572.69; \$200 for labor and \$372.69. Mr. William Walters requested that he be put on record as not being in favor of this motion. Dr. Brennan stated that before this sluice way is built, he thought that it would be a good idea to have the property owners whose property might be affected to sign a release that they will not hold the Association responsible for any damage to their property. He made a motion to this effect. This motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Claus stated that at the last fire Department meeting the question of the fire rings was taken up he stated that after looking into this matter, it was found that the majority of the fire rings were purchased by the Fire Department. He stated that it was not the intention of the Fire Department to take any fire rings that are in use or that could be put into shape and put back into use but there were several laying outside of the Community house which were not being used. He stated that the Fire Department would like to receive a letter from the Association granting them permission to dispose of any excess fire rings. Motion made, seconded and carried that permission in writing be given to the Fire Department to dispose of any excess fire rings. Mr. Hafner stated that in recent issues of the Bulletin the membership probably noticed a blank page. This page was there because the Bulletin Committee did not have any news to insert in the Bulletin. They call for help in the previous issue of the Bulletin, but so far only one reply was received. The Board of Directors would like to know whether the members wished to continue the printing of this Bulletin. After a general discussion motion was made seconded and carried that this matter be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Hafner informed the members present that the concessionaire of the clubhouse was now probably in the Army. He stated that he informed him that his wife was to remove furniture from the clubhouse and turn the keys over to the proper

party. After a general discussion, it was decided that the clubhouse should be boarded up for the winter and that the Police department of the Town of Brookhaven should be notified that this is a vacant building. One of the members reported Board that they had gone down to their bungalow and found same wide open. He was advised to go to the Police Station in Port Jefferson and list is property as vacant and he would receive a notice to be put up in a conspicuous spot so all that entered the property would be able to see it. The town police patrol property periodically and will notify the owners of listed property if any damage occurs. **For the past several years some of the residences along the shoreline have had private stairway over the property of the Association to the beach. A general discussion followed this question after which a motion was made seconded and carried that the Board of Directors be empowered to take necessary legal action to have the stairways removed.** There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Bayard, Acting Sec.

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**Sound Beach Property Owners Association - Board Minutes - November 18, 1942\***

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation which is also the meeting required under the New York State Membership Corporation Laws, was called on November 18, 1942. The "Bulletin" was mailed on the Friday previous to the Wednesday on which the meeting was supposed to have taken place. It is inconceivable that a majority of the members had not received the Bulletin in time to attend the meeting. In addition to the Bulletin, cards were mailed the day before the meeting. The result speaks for itself. Exactly 10 members appeared at the meeting place out of a 1942 membership of over 545. Evidently, as a result of this display of gross lack of interest on the part of the membership, at a Board of Directors Meeting scheduled a week or so later, exactly 7 members of the board showed up. War or no war, gasoline shortages or no gasoline shortages, the offices of the Sound Beach Property Owners Association Incorporated cannot and will not be carried on under such handicaps.

We have been warning the members in previous issues of the Bulletins that their lack of interest in selfishness will someday result in a condition which apparently has come to pass.

It is regrettable, but unfortunately it seems to be the fact, that due to the increased lack of interest on the part of the general membership in the working of the Corporation, is gradually forcing the officers to the inevitable conclusion that the only course left will be to take the necessary steps to dissolve the Corporation and put Sound Beach back where it was 12 years ago before the present operation was formed.

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