

REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF TRUSTEES - INC. VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE
55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre, NY 11777

MINUTES OF: December 20, 2016 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor Bob Sandak, **Deputy Mayor:** Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Michael Sampogna, Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

Others Present: Eileen A. Powers, Village Attorney, Joanne Raso, Village Clerk-Treasurer

MEETING CONVENED: 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES: Mayor Sandak made a motion to dispense with the reading of the November minutes, which passed unanimously.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for November was accepted as read.

III. CORRESPONDENCE: None

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- **Cell Tower:** the tower is still not fully operational. Verizon is having problems and has to replace some equipment, which they have ordered. AT&T isn't installed yet, although we have received payment for their lease.
- **Snow Removal:** Two trucks were in the Village on Saturday and did a very good job.
- **PJ School District:** Mayor Sandak met with the new school superintendent, who has a contract with the district until 2020, and gave him a tour of our Village to give him an idea of where his students come from and why, in bad weather, the buses go to the Community Center and not down our narrow roads.
- **Ambulance District:** We will be passing a resolution tonight to hire a consultant to work with Port Jefferson Village to become part of the Ambulance District. This would take the cost of ambulance coverage, which we currently contract with PJ Ambulance, off our budget and it would then be included in our Brookhaven Town tax bill.
- **Holiday Party:** Last weekend's holiday party was lovely and a good time was had by all.

V. LAW: A meeting has been scheduled in early January with the Town of Brookhaven and Port Jefferson Village to discuss the Ambulance District.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported all is ok; the wall has withstood the few Nor'easters we've had.
2. **BUILDINGS:** No report
3. **PARKS:** No report
4. **ROADS:** Commissioner Raso reported the pothole repairs have been done and removal of some dead trees along the side of the roads is scheduled to begin this week.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** No report
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** Commissioner Knapp reported the Town of Brookhaven is handling the law suit which was filed against the Villages of Belle Terre, Port Jefferson, Poquott and Old Field, as well as the Town and the Harbor Commission.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** No report
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** Trustee Musto reported the deer census will be done at the end of January or beginning of February.
11. **CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported November had 21 call for service, 13 of which were emergencies. There were 31 summonses issued and 355 house checks.

12. CODE REVIEW: Trustee Gernaey reported they are awaiting a final meeting with the Village Attorney on the ethics code, after which they will schedule a public hearing.

MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 159 & 161, for a total amount of \$174,430.35 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Mike Sampogna and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto, to pass a resolution authorizing a contract with KPC Planning Services to assist with expansion of the Mt. Sinai Ambulance District. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** was made by Trustee Sheila Knapp and seconded by Trustee Jackie Gernaey to set the second Tuesday of every month for ZBA hearings. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

No comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer