

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

MINUTES OF: February 21, 2017 MEETING

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

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

Absent (prior notice): Mayor Bob Sandak, Trustee Michael Sampogna

PUBLIC HEARING:

Local Law No. 1 of 2017 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. Trustee Gernaey and Village Attorney Powers explained that although the Board is not sure if they have to pierce the tax cap in order to balance the new fiscal year budget, the decision to be able to do so must be made now. After answering several questions, a **MOTION** to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto. A **MOTION** to pass a resolution adopting Local Law #1-2017 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established by General Municipal Law was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously.

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REGULAR MEETING CONVENED: at 8:12 pm.

I. MINUTES of January were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for January was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Lisa Alter sponsoring a Baptism party on Sunday, February 26.

2. Dr. & Mrs. Schachner for an engagement party on Saturday, April 29.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: Deputy Mayor Knapp thanked the constabulary for working with the snow plow crews to keep our roads cleared during the last few snow falls. She also reported someone reported seeing a jeep on top of the dunes at McAllister Park. Suffolk County Parks Dept. was notified and summonses were issued.

V. LAW: No report.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported a seal was spotted on our beach and Riverhead Marine Foundation was notified. They found the seal to be in good health and just resting. She also reported that she has located someone who will install cabanas this year.

2. **BUILDINGS:** No report.

3. **PARKS:** No report.

4. **ROADS:** No report.

5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** No report.

6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** Commissioner Weiss reported he has updated the Village's Communications program to be able to handle the new emergency contact information the Village plans to initiate.

7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** No report.

8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** Joanne Cornell reported the 2017 calendar of events has been mailed to residents. The next events will be the Easter Egg hunt in April and the Mather walk in May.
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report.
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** Trustee Musto reported he has been in contact with the company that will be doing the deer census. Unfortunately, they were not available during our last spell of cold weather, so we are waiting for the next wave of cold weather or snow. The committee will be submitting a budget proposal for the first time this year.
11. **CONSTABULARY:** No report.
12. **CODE REVIEW:** Trustee Gernaey reported that at next month's meeting, we should be announcing a date for the public hearing on the Ethics Code revisions.

MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 167 & 168, totaling \$131,348.79, for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to hold the Village Tax sale at 11:00 am on Monday, March 13, 2017. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** was made by Trustee Richard Musto and seconded by Trustee Jackie Gernaey to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to adopt a local law amending Chapter 170 of the Village code to authorize additional but alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Board. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident asked if there has been a significant increase in the issuance of parking tickets. Discussion followed about the use of McAllister Park since the county put in the parking spaces along Anchorage Road. Another resident stated that the park is used more, but the county does nothing to police it, nor does it clean up the trash left behind by visitors.

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

Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer