

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

MINUTES OF: March 21, 2017 MEETING

PRESENT:

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

Trustees: Michael Sampogna, Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

Others Present: Joanne Raso, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent (prior notice): Eileen A. Powers, Village Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law #2 of 2017 amending Chapter 170 of the Village Code to authorize additional but alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Mayor Sandak explained the reason to appoint alternate members of these boards is to make sure an applicant has the opportunity to be heard before a full 5-member board in the event a regular member is unable to attend a meeting for any reason.

MOTION to close the public hearing: Made by Trustee Sheila Knapp. Seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna. Motion carried.

MOTION to pass a resolution adopting Local Law #2-2017 to amend Chapter 170 of the Village code to authorize additional but alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals & Planning Board. Made by Trustee Sheila Knapp. Seconded by Trustee Richard Musto, Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED: 8:05 pm

I. MINUTES of February were accepted as corrected.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for February was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. PJFD invitation to participate in July 4th parade.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. J. Thomas sponsoring an anniversary party on Saturday, April 8

2. J. Brett sponsoring the PJ Wrestling dinner on Wednesday, April 5

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- We are planning to schedule the spring bulk trash pick-up for the week of April 24
- We have received several complaints about stray cats in the Village. We have a have-a-heart trap available to loan to residents who wish to take the cats to be neutered.
- Next month's meeting will be our annual budget hearing. Information will also be available on the Pt. Jefferson Board of Education budget.
- Snow removal for this year is now over budget. They have been doing a fantastic job, our roads have been cleaner than those outside the Village.
- Landscaping at the cell tower site will begin next week. The left side of the street will be done as well and prickly bushes will be planted along the estate fence at the bluff. This is all being paid for by Elite Towers as part of the agreement.
- A motion will be made tonight setting the Planning Board meetings for the fourth Tuesday of each month.

V. LAW: No report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported the recent Nor'easter caused some damage to the cliff. Waves actually came over the gazebo, leaving debris on the roof as well as in the parking lot, but the wall held up.
2. **BUILDINGS:** Commissioner Gwydir reported the new bulletin boards are being assembled and will be installed in a few weeks, weather permitting. (a resident asked if solar lighting could be placed on the bulletin boards so they could be seen at night)
3. **PARKS:** No report
4. **ROADS:** Commissioner Raso reported the problem with the drain cover on Bell Circle will be corrected & he has noticed some potholes which need filling. A complaint of a deep gully along Beach Road & another on Crooked Oak will be addressed in the next few months. Another resident complained of clogged drains on Northwind Drive.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** No report
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** Commissioner Knapp reported Bill Demarest is the new Bay Constable and their first meeting of the season is next month.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** Judy Zaino reported the upcoming events include the Easter Egg hunt, Mather Walk and July 4th. She expressed thanks to Dr. Fred Mendelsohn for giving the art classes in February. They will try to have them again. There will be a public meeting on April 4.
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** Trustee Musto reported the census fly over was done, but the analyst was not satisfied with the results, which were higher than anticipated for the size of our area, so they did another fly over, at no cost to us. Those results are not in yet. Judy Zaino asked if the Board would be opposed to the BTCA having someone come in to talk about spraying property to repel deer. Mayor Sandak explained the Village cannot do that, but he sees no reason why the BTCA can't have a meeting with such a presentation. Discussion followed about what the committee is planning and Dr. Musto explained that they are looking into all possibilities and they must also take into consideration the cost of the different measures of deer control, which is very expensive.
11. **CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported February had 27 calls for service, 18 of which were emergencies. There were 58 summonses issued and 596 house watches.
12. **CODE REVIEW:** Trustee Gernaey reported they are close to being done with the review of the ethics code. The next code to be reviewed will be the building code. If anyone has any suggestions, please let the office know.

MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 170 & 171, for a total amount of \$47,789.76 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Richard Musto and seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp to set the fourth Tuesday of every month for meetings. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer