

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF TRUSTEES - INC. VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE**

**55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre, NY 11777**

**MINUTES OF: April 18, 2017 MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor** Bob Sandak

**Trustees:** Michael Sampogna, Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

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

**Absent (prior notice): Deputy Mayor:** Sheila Knapp

**PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED BUDGET**

Public hearing convened at 8:07 pm.

The budget presentation was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey, who explained that the Board tried to be fiscally responsible while trying to keep taxes steady. She reviewed some of the individual budget lines and explained that we are planning to renegotiate the contract with Port Jefferson Country Club to remove that line from the budget.

There being no further discussion a motion was made by Trustee Mike Sampogna and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to accept the 2017/2018 budget of \$1,394,084.57 as proposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to approve the tax rate of \$28.06 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. Motion carried.

**REGULAR MEETING CONVENED at 8:20 pm.**

Karen Horoszewski, a representative of the Port Jefferson School Board gave a presentation of the proposed school budget.

**I. MINUTES:** Mayor Sandak made a motion to dispense with the reading of the March minutes and Treasurer's reports, which passed unanimously.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Fire protection contract from the PJ Fire District for 2017/2018.

**Letters requesting use of the Community Center:**

1. Resident hosting a surprise birthday party on Saturday, May 13.

**IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Spring trash pick up is scheduled for April 24
- The landscaping at the end of Cliff Road is about 85% complete
- Emergency pothole repairs have been made to some of the larger potholes in the Village
- There seems to be a problem with feral cats in the Village. There will be a have-a-heart trap available at the office for anyone who wishes to borrow it. The Town of Brookhaven will issue three certificates per household to have cats spayed & neutered at no charge at Affordable Vet Care in Farmingville, or they can be brought to Save-a-Pet in Port Jeff Station for a fee. Resident will be responsible for taking and releasing the cats.
- The new bulletin boards have been installed. These were purchased jointly with the BTCA.

- PSEG will be replacing poles on Cliff Road and Crooked Oak Road and strengthening the power supply with heavier wires. The old poles will be cut shorter, but will remain in place until the telephone and cable company's wires are moved to the new poles.

**V. LAW:** No report

**VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

1. **BEACH:** Mayor Sandak reported a large portion of the beach was washed away during the last storm. As a result, we are not planning to put up the cabanas this year. There was also some damage done to the bluff, but the seawall is intact.
2. **BUILDINGS:** Commissioner Gwydir reported the front door at the Community Center is scheduled to be replaced. There was also some damage to the roof during the last storm that resulted in a leak in the rear of the building. A claim has been filed with the insurance company.
3. **PARKS:** Trustee Sampogna reported everything at the park is in good shape. Mulch will be added to the play area this spring. The Parks Commission is looking for a new landscaping company to do the weeding, pruning and mulching. The regular lawn maintenance will still be done by Emerald Landscaping. He also reported that there will be a USCG Boating Safety Course at the Community Center on Saturday, May 20.
4. **ROADS:** No report.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** Trustee Sampogna reported that the registration letters have been sent out. There will be a modest increase in fees this year. They are planning special educators and activities for this year's program. There was discussion on reaching Port Jefferson residents who have participated in the program in the past to let them know about the new features.
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report.
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** No report.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** President Joanne Cornell reported a nice turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt last week. The next event is the Mather Walk on May 6.
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report.
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** Trustee Musto reported the flyover has been done, but we have not received the report yet, which will give us the number of deer and their locations.
11. **CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported March had 22 calls for service, 9 of which were emergencies. There were 19 summonses issued and 437 house checks.
12. **CODE REVIEW:** Trustee Germaey reported the ethics code is still under review and is almost complete.

**MOTIONS:**

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Germaey and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 173 & 174, for a total amount of \$71,240.07 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Richard Musto and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to pass a resolution that the Village Hall at 55 Cliff Road be designated as the Village Polling Place. Registration Day has been abolished and the Suffolk County Rolls will be used. Election Day will be held on Tuesday, June 20, and the hours during which the polls shall be open shall be from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

3. **Motion** was made by Trustee Mike Sampogna and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to approve the appointment of the Inspectors of Election as follows: Elaine Freda, A. Lee Paige and Yvonne Dwyer. Alternate Inspector Lorraine Doganieri. Further, that a stipend of \$100 be paid to those persons who serve on Election Day. Motion carried.
4. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to give the Mayor authority to sign a contract with the Port Jefferson Fire District upon approval of the Village Attorney. Motion carried.
5. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to pass a resolution giving the Mayor authority to sign a contract with Maggio Environmental Services, LLC for the removal of garbage and rubbish as per the bid received on April 4, 2017. Motion carried.

#### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Sandak informed the public that Maggio was the low bidder out of four bids received for the refuse contract. The Village has been happy with the service they've been providing.

A resident reported the drain in front of 5 High Path seems to be in need of a pump out.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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**Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer**