

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

MINUTES OF: July 18, 2017 MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

PRESENT:

Mayor Bob Sandak

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Michael Sampogna, Jacquelyn Gernaey,

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

Absent (prior notice): Richard Musto

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sandak opened the public hearing by explaining this new code will put us in compliance with NYS code by laying out what is and is not acceptable for Village Officials and anyone who comes before a Village board. It also creates a Board of Ethics to oversee ethics issues. Village officials or their spouses cannot be a member of the ethics committee. Anyone interested in volunteering as a member of the ethics board should contact the Village office.

There being no questions, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Mike Sampogna, seconded by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey to pass a resolution adopting Local Law #3 of 2017 replacing Chapter 8 of the Village Code with the new Ethics Code. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna and passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED: 8:20pm

I. MINUTES of June were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for June was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from Coastal Steward advising us of an underwater cleanup in PJ Harbor on Aug. 6.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Resident (Tsunis) sponsoring C. Cianfro for a 60th birthday party on Saturday, July 29.
2. Resident (Lucki) sponsoring D. Brandman for a dinner dance on Saturday, October 21

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- This is our annual Organizational meeting at which time we appoint our commissioners, board members, official newspapers and depositories.
- PSEGLI has finished work on the poles on Cliff Road. They have also installed a switch which can redirect power from one source to another if the original source goes out.
- Cell Tower: AT&T mistakenly cut the covers on the tower when installing their cables, instead of slipping them off as they were designed to do. New covers have been ordered at their expense. They also installed cables thicker than called for, used 16 wires instead of 12, taking up space meant for another carrier. Unfortunately, AT&T service will not be available until these errors are corrected.
- A traffic committee formed after last month's meeting, consisting of 6 residents, has already had their first meeting.
- Residents may have noticed police activity in the Village on Sunday. A couple who was reported running through the Village, was apprehended by our Constable who held them until SCPD arrived. They apparently had abandoned a car in someone's driveway and ran away. It is unclear how they got here, as they were not familiar with the area

V. **LAW:** Village Attorney Eileen Powers reported that the sale of 2 pieces of Village property should be completed by September. There is still no decision from the court on the Article 78 proceeding.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported the cabanas are up and new boardwalks are being made.
2. **BUILDINGS:** No report.
3. **PARKS:** No report.
4. **ROADS:** Commissioner Raso reported he has spent several hours going through the Village marking the roads for pothole and road edge repairs. Maps have been sent to several companies, and we are waiting for cost estimates to be submitted.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** Director Samantha Abelson thanked the Board for all their support, especially Sheila Knapp and Mike Sampogna. She also thanked Building Commissioner Gwydir for helping correct minor defects found by the Health Dept. Inspector, and Francoise Schachner and the office staff for all the work they do to get the program going. The program has already had programs presented by the Coastal Steward and paddle board instruction. They are planning visits from a yoga instructor and the LI Science Center and activities such as canoeing. The annual picnic and awards ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8 at 6 pm. The number of campers is up from last year.
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** Two cameras have been installed at the bottom of Sts. Orchard Road, one facing the harbor and the other facing up the street.
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** Commissioner Knapp reported that most of the moorings in the harbor have been assigned.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** Judy Zaino reported the association is having a 50's themed barbeque on the beach on Saturday August 19 (rain date Sunday). There will be live music and a variety of food for the barbeque. Cost is \$50 per person, adults only.
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report.
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** No report.
11. **CODE REVIEW:** Trustee Gernaey reported the next code to be reviewed will be our hunting code, as it is not in compliance with the NYS code.
12. **CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported June had 30 calls for service, 11 of which were emergencies. There were 83 summonses issued and 203 house checks.

MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 183, 184 & 185, for a total amount of \$136,260.98 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Sheila Knapp and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to approve the list of appointments as attached. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Mike Sampogna to pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary release which would except property being sold to Farber from any lease or agreement with Elite Towers. Motion carried.
4. **Motion** was made by Trustee Mike Sampogna and seconded by Sheila Knapp to pass a resolution to apply for a Village credit card with People's United Bank, to be used for occasional online purchases by the Village Clerk or Deputy Clerk. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident asked what the timetable is for road repairs. Commissioner Raso responded that it will be scheduled as soon as we receive our estimates and decide on the contractor. A resident of Bell Circle complained about the drainage issue in front of her house. It was explained that although there are two drains there, it is a low spot with water running from both directions, so during a heavy rain it is hard to contain. It will be looked at again to see if anything else can be done. Another resident asked that the drain in the cul de sac on Lodge Lane be included for cleaning.

A resident of Crooked Oak Road asked if the Village could start some sort of emergency notification system to notify residents who are registered of events such as what happened Sunday, where unknown individuals were running through the village before being apprehended by the police.

There was discussion concerning the report by a resident of Anchorage Road who complained about visitors to McAllister Park coming to her door and asking to use her phone or bathroom. Some are hanging around on her property at all hours and she is concerned for her safety and that of her children.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer