

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

MINUTES OF: January 17, 2012 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor Ted Lucki

Trustees: Bob Sandak, Grant T. Geelan, Michael Sampogna

Others Present: Eileen A. Powers, Village Attorney, Louise Smit, Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent (prior notice): Sheila Knapp, Deputy Mayor and Joanne Raso, Village Clerk-Treasurer

MEETING CONVENED: 8:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES: Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Made by: Trustee Grant Geelan **Seconded by** Trustee Bob Sandak **All Approved.**
Minutes of December meeting were accepted.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for December was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

Jackie Gernaey sponsoring First Presbyterian Church, dinner dance fund raiser Saturday 2/11/2012.

IV. Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Lucki reported that we are planning an End of Cliff Road Celebration on March 8th or March 15th at the Morrison's. Plans are being made by the subcommittee. The Village has completed the settlement with Dolly Snyder. The Village received and deposited a check in the amount of \$100,000. Dolly Snyder is also working on a three year replanting schedule with DEC. The Village Attorney and special attorney did a great job. The Village Codes are in effect. Residents need permits to do certain things. It is over with and time to move on.

V. LAW: No Report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. Beach: No Report

2. Buildings: No Report

3. Constabulary: Commissioner Sandak reported that December was an average month with 37 calls for Service, 12 of which were emergencies. There were 17 quality of life calls, 523 house watches and 10 summonses issued. There was discussion about dogs running loose. The Constabulary has begun a new policy for Tree Cutting violations. Summonses will be issued to all parties involved including the workers, contractors and homeowners. There was vandalism in the park where a car was doing spinouts on the grass.

4. Parks: Trustee Mike Sampogna reported that the Pavilion is about ¾ complete. The benches and gravel have to be added. They are looking into whether the swing set should be removed or repaired.

5. Roads: No report.

6. Youth Program: No report

7. Cable/Technology: No report

8. Harbor Management: No report

9. Belle Terre Community Association: \$3,129.42 was collected for Toy's for Tot's. Also collected two bins full of toys. Sunday will be a Chili Cook-off for the Giants game at 6PM in the Community Center. January 28th will be a Chinese New Year dinner for the Gourmet Club. February 25th the Gourmet Club will be going to Spain for Tapas! Exercise class has started up again for the New Year.

10. Conservation: No report

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VII. MOTIONS:

1. MOTION to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers #8 for payment.

Made by: Trustee Grant Geelan **Seconded:** Trustee Mike Sampogna **All Approved.**

2. MOTION to pass a resolution to designate and publish offices and terms to be filled at the Village Election, June 19, 2012.

Made by: Trustee Mike Sampogna **Seconded:** Trustee Grant Geelan **All Approved.**

3. MOTION to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a Local Law to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Sec. 3-c

Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak **Seconded:** Trustee Mike Sampogna **All approved.**

4. MOTION to pass a resolution for the Mayor to enter into a contract for sale with Anthony J. Gitto dated January 17, 2012.

Made by: Trustee Mike Sampogna **Seconded:** Trustee Grant Geelan **All Approved.**

VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

A resident asked what the 2% Property Tax cap was about. Trustee Bob Sandak explained that if the Village might have to exceed the 2% cap, they will not be able to do so without filing the necessary paperwork beforehand. The Village wants to have the necessary paperwork in order in case they need it.

John Heide asked who paid the Attorney fees for Dolly Snyder. Village Attorney Eileen Powers replied that the fees were paid by the Village. It was explained that the process was to send a message to the Village Residents. Dolly Snyder also has to pay a fine to the DEC. She had approximately \$171,000 in fines, \$25,000 to pay for an Arborist, \$120,000 (so far) to pay for replanting. She has two more years of planting to do.

Larry Miele asked what kind of damage was done. Village Attorney Eileen Powers replied that there were 263 trees in excess of 3" in diameter, 463 trees less than 3" in diameter removed. The damage was so extensive that it was visible from the harbor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Smit
Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer