PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - INC. VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE
55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre, NY 11777

MINUTES OF: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 PUBLIC HEARING

 PRESENT:
Mayor Ted Lucki
Trustees: Sheila Knapp, Bob Sandak
Others Present: Eileen Powers, Village Attorney; Joanne Raso, Clerk-Treasurer,
Absent with prior notice: Grant T. Geelan, Michael Sampogna

Public Hearing convened at 8:05 PM

Fiscal Officer Bob Sandak gave a brief presentation of the budget which shows an increase of about 2% over last year. This includes the usual big ticket items such as the Fire Department and Ambulance contracts, the refuse contract and 24 hour constabulary coverage. It also contains small enhancements to the Village such as new windows for the Community Center, new fence and swings for the park, new float and a security system for the beach, and a new car and license plate ID system for the Constabulary. We have also included some money for snow removal, as the Town of Brookhaven will no longer be providing that service. As a result, our residents should see a slight reduction in their Town tax bill.

There was a question from a resident regarding the increase in the ambulance cost and the fact that the ambulance company is charging patients for the service. It was explained that the ambulance company is entitled to bill the patient's insurance company for service, and a portion of that amount is returned to the Village from the ambulance company. There was also some discussion about snow removal costs.

Another resident wanted to know where the money she paid for a court fine was recorded and why it didn't show on the proposed budget.

1. **Motion to** accept the budget as proposed.
    Made by Trustee Bob Sandak   Seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp. All Approved

2. **Motion to** approve the tax rate of $23.03 per one hundred dollars of assessed value.
    Made by Trustee Sheila Knapp. Seconded by Trustee Bob Sandak. All Approved

Public Hearing was adjourned at 9:00 PM