

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

MINUTES OF: November 20, 2012 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor Ted Lucki

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW #4 of 2012

This change to our code will allow us to appoint someone who is not a Village resident, but a resident of Suffolk County, to serve on one of our Boards or as Village Justice. The State allows small municipalities, such as ours, to do this in order to get qualified individuals to be appointed to these positions.

MOTION to pass a resolution adopting Local Law #4 of 2012 adding Chapter 23 (Residency Requirements) to the Village Code to change the qualifications for officers in that all appointed officers and the Village Justice shall be electors and residents of the County.

Made by Trustee Sheila Knapp. Seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna. All Approved.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED: 8:10 p.m.

I. MINUTES of October meeting were accepted as corrected.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for October was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Loraine Serabian, Birthday party Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 (snow date Sunday)

IV. Report of the Mayor: We are very fortunate that there were no storm related injuries in our village. Thank you to Mike Sampogna for mobilizing the tree services to clear trees from our roads. It was good to see neighbors helping each other. A great job was done by our Constables, with extra staff reporting for duty during and after the storm. There is still a lot to be done. Bob Sandak read a letter prepared by the Board which will be sent out to all residents. Congratulations to the Port Jefferson Boys Soccer team for winning another State Championship.

V. LAW: No report.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **Beach:** Commissioner Knapp reported the sea wall held up during the storm. We lost the fence and the stairs need to be repaired and there was extensive damage to the cliff. The plantings that were done as part of the end of Cliff Road project held up, but everything at the bottom of the cliff was washed away.
2. **Buildings:** Commissioner Geelan reported all Village buildings are okay. We are looking to get a generator for the Community Center.
3. **Constabulary:** Commissioner Sandak reported in October there were 24 calls for service, 7 of which were emergencies. There were 792 house watches and 21 summonses issued.

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4. **Parks:** Commissioner Sampogna reported the swings, metal slide and pirate ship have been removed from the park thanks to resident Vinnie Parziale and his crew. There was no hurricane damage at the park.
5. **Roads:** The drains have been installed on Bell Circle and the bottom of Seaside Drive.
6. **Youth Program:** No report
7. **Cable/Technology:** No report
8. **Harbor Management:** Commissioner Knapp submitted the end of year report from the Harbor Commission.
9. **Belle Terre Community Association:** The Halloween party was very successful. The annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec. 16 from 2-5 pm. The Gourmet Club has dinners scheduled for January through April. The trains are back and will be open from November 30 until December 26.
10. **Conservation:** No report

VII. MOTIONS:

1. **MOTION** to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers # 6 for payment.

Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak. **Seconded:** Trustee Sheila Knapp **All Approved.**

2. **MOTION** to pass a resolution acknowledging the required examination of Justice Court records.

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

VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

A resident asked for an explanation of the abstract of audited vouchers.

A resident asked if and when the Village will get a cell tower. During the storm, his land line was out and he has no cell reception at his home, leaving him totally out of touch.

The following items were also discussed:

- After the storm, weekend work was permitted for storm clean up. The law is now back in effect that no landscape contractors may work on weekends or holidays.
- Cell tower procedure, possible sites and feasibility study.
- Suggestion to set up the community center as a command center for future storms. A place where residents can charge their phones, get information and just keep warm.
- Removal of storm debris
- Resident of 31 Beach Road upset that neighbor cut down trees on his property in order to get a better view.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Raso
Village Clerk-Treasurer