

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INC. VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE**

**MINUTES OF: February 20, 2024 MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Bob Sandak, Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

Trustees: Michael Solo, Leza Di Bella

Others present: Clerk Treasurer Joanne Raso; Deputy Clerk Treasurer Barbara Sakovich  
& Village Attorney Eileen Powers.

Absent with prior notice: Trustee James J. von Oiste

**PUBLIC HEARING-TAX CAP OVERRIDE**

Local Law No. 1 of 2024 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. Mayor Sandak explained that this is done every year in the event that it is necessary to increase the tax rate above the allowed 2 percent in order to balance the budget. He then opened the floor to comments. There being no questions or comments from the public, a **MOTION** to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo and was passed.

**MOTION** to pass a resolution adopting **Local Law #1-2024** to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established by General Municipal Law was made by Trustee Di Bella, seconded by Trustee Solo and was passed unanimously.

**REGULAR MEETING CONVENED AT 8:15 pm**

**I. MINUTES:** A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo and passed unanimously.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT:** A motion to dispense with the reading of the treasurer's report was made by Trustee Gernaey, who said she has reviewed it, seconded by Trustee Solo and passed.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Event permit application from Mather Hospital for their annual walk on Sunday, May 19
2. Letters requesting use of the Community Center from Caroline Engelhardt sponsoring Serafina Sullivan for a bridal shower on Sunday, April 14, and, from Jacquely Gernaey for a installation of pastor celebration on Sunday, June 2.

**IV. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

**1. BUILDINGS:** Trustee Di Bella reported that the lights in the community center have been fixed and she has received 3 quotes for the repair of the brick work at the front entrance of the community center

**2. PARKS:** Trustee Solo said he is seeing increased usage of the park due to the influx of younger families moving into Belle Terre. He continues to look for ways to improve the park by adding different features.

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**3. ROADS:** Trustee Solo reported we have completed a significant amount of work in the village, adding new drains to 5 different areas. He is still looking at other areas that may need additional drainage.

**4. YOUTH PROGRAM:** Mayor Sandak reported that notices about the summer camp program have been posted and online registration is now in progress.

**5. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** A resident party is being scheduled for the end of March at the park and the Gourmet Club has started meeting again.

**6. HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** The next meeting of the Harbor Commission will be in April.

**7. CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported there were 37 calls for service in January.

**VII: MOTIONS:**

**1. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Di Bela was passed unanimously to approve for payment the abstract of audited vouchers in the amount of \$108,412.61.

**2. Motion** by Trustee Solo, seconded by Trustee Gernaey to give the mayor authority to sign a contract with the Port Jefferson Fire District upon approval of the village attorney, was approved.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ted Lucki gave an update on the proposed work to be done by the BTCA beautification committee. Using funds donated to the BTCA for the purpose of beautifying the community, they will be removing fallen trees and also dead trees and brush from village property along Cliff Road and Crooked Oak Road. This work will also improve visibility along these roads. Discounted rates are also being provided by the contractor to residents who want to remove the fallen trees from their property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.