

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

MINUTES OF: February 16, 2021 MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor: Bob Sandak; Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

Others present: Village Attorney Eileen Powers, Clerk Treasurer Joanne Raso

Absent with prior notice: Trustee Caroline Engelhardt

MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA RingCentral Zoom.

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONVENED AT 8 PM

1. Mayor Sandak explained the purpose of this hearing is to consider a resolution which would allow the Board to exceed the tax cap imposed by the State, should it be necessary to balance the budget. There being no questions, a **motion** was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to close the public hearing. Trustee Knapp then made a **motion** to pass a resolution adopting Local Law 2-2021 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established by General Municipal Law. Motion was seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously.

2. The second public hearing was opened to consider passing two local laws; one repealing Chapter 21, Board of Park Commissioners and one adding Chapter 20, Commissioners, to codify and clarify the role of commissioners within the Village. Chapter 21 will no longer be necessary as Park Commissioner will be included in the new Chapter. There being no questions or comments from the board or public, a **motion** was made by Trustee Musto to close the public hearing. **Motion** was seconded by Trustee Knapp and passed. A **motion** was then made by Trustee Gernaey to pass a resolution adopting Local Law #3 of 2021, repealing Chapter 21 of the Village Code. **Motion** was seconded by Trustee Knapp and passed. A second **Motion** was made by Trustee Musto to pass a resolution adopting Local Law #4 of 2021 adding Chapter 21 to the Village Code. **Motion** was seconded by Trustee Knapp and passed.

I. A motion was made by Trustee Knapp to dispense with the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously.

II. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Village is in the process of renewing the franchise agreement with Cablevision
- We are getting price quotes for the purchase of an emergency generator for the Community Center.
- We are also getting quotes for new software for the office, as the system we now have is somewhat outdated.
- We have posted a help wanted for a part time handyman who would be able to work one or two days a week and has the skills to operate small equipment.

III. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. BEACH: Commissioner Knapp has been meeting with the plumber and electrician to get an idea of how much it will cost to finish the buildings at the beach. No decision has been made yet as to whether or not the beach will officially be open.

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2. CODE REVIEW: Trustee Gernaey reported she is currently reviewing codes involving dumpsters, port-a-pottys, and storage pods.

VII: MOTIONS:

- 1. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 314, 315 & 316 for a total amount of \$115,299.35 for payment. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion** by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee Knapp to hold the Village Tax Sale at 11 am on Monday, March 15, 2021. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion** by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Gernaey to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Cablevision authorizing the continuation of their cable service to the Village. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

There being no questions or comments from those attending the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.