

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

MINUTES OF: February 15, 2022 MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor: Bob Sandak; Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey
Trustees: Richard Musto, Richard Harris, James J. von Oiste
Others present: Village Attorney Eileen Powers, Clerk Treasurer Joanne Raso

PUBLIC HEARING-TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Local Law No. 1 of 2022 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c. Mayor Sandak explained that this is done in case 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 none, a **MOTION** to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee Harris and was passed.

MOTION to pass a resolution adopting **Local Law #1-2022** to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established by General Municipal Law was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee von Oiste and was passed.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED AT 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES of January were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for January was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Request from Alex Rohman to use the Community Center on Thursday, March 3 for a fund raiser for the PJ Prom Committee.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- We are planning to change the location of one of the security cameras at the circle, as a tree is now blocking the view of the new gazebo and the full circle.
- The Village has received ARPA funds from the federal government to supplement lost revenue due to COVID. We are now working on ways to utilize the funds for improvements throughout the village, as there are restrictions on the use of the funds.
- A new resident recently complained of a lack of stop signs at the intersection of Bridge Lane and Lower Devon Road. Upon investigation it was found that stop signs listed in our code are missing from that intersection. They will be replaced as soon as the ground is thawed enough for digging.
- A recent ruling by the Court of Appeals upheld the decision that the Town of Smithtown may not regulate hunting in a manner inconsistent with State Law in that long bows could not be defined as firearms. This decision supports our views on the subject.
- All three carriers on the cell tower, T-Mobile, A T & T, and Verizon will be changing their antennas from 3G to 4G/5G. Any devices, such as home security systems, that transmit in 3G will no longer work.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1.BUILDINGS: Trustee Harris reported we are moving forward on installing a generator at the Community Center. We are currently getting estimates to install a natural gas line.

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- 2. ROADS:** Commissioner Solo reported that the water main break on Sts. Orchard last month did damage the temporary repairs made there. A permanent repair is scheduled to be done in the spring.
- 3. CONSTABULARY:** Commissioner Sandak reported 45 calls for service in January.

VII: MOTIONS:

- 1. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to approve abstract of audited vouchers in the amount of \$46,977.91 for payment. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion** by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Musto to authorize the mayor to exercise the option of extending the refuse contract with Maggio Environmental Services for a third year. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion** by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to pass a resolution to revise the vaccination policy. Motion Carried.
- 4. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Harris to hold the Village Tax Sale at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 14, 2022. Motion Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident asked about the gazebo at the end of Cliff Road. The Board responded that they plan to have electricity put in and a walkway from the street to the gazebo. They hope to possibly use it for concerts in the summer. He also asked if there were any plans to move the gazebo at the beach.