

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

MINUTES OF: May 20, 2025 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak, Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

Trustees: James J. von Oiste, Michael Solo, Leza Di Bella

Others present: Clerk Treasurer Joanne Raso; Deputy Clerk Treasurer Barbara Sakovich
& Village Attorney Eileen Powers (late with prior notice)

Public Hearing - Chapter 101 (Lighting, Exterior)

Local Law No 4-2025 to Add Chapter 101 (Lighting, Exterior) to the Belle Terre Village Code. Mayor Sandak explained that this code will apply to new construction in the Village and not existing lighting except when your lighting will need replacement. This code addition is a way to control that your lighting affects only your property without light pollution onto your neighbor's property.

Questions were asked by the residents whereby the mayor and the board responded. Mayor Sandak concluded that we will review the verbiage in the proposed language and keep our public hearing open for comment. The village board, village attorney and resident Chip Cleary will bring the proposed changes to the next public hearing on June 17th, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing subject to changes, with the public comment period to be kept open through June 17, 2025, by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Di Bella and unanimously passed.

MEETING CONVENED AT 9:00 pm

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

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion to dispense with the reading of the April treasurer's report was made by Trustee Di Bella, seconded by Trustee Solo and passed unanimously.

III. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Sandak reported that with the approved State Budget, the Village will be eligible to receive \$63,000 more than anticipated for CHIPS funding, which is allocated for roads.
- The Village continues to work with FEMA on the August 2024 flooding event. We submitted our paperwork and received \$4,050 for the road debris removal with a total of approximately \$100,000 in damages that the Village submitted for reimbursement. We are currently in the FEMA review process for our eligible reimbursement amount.

IV. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. BEACH:** Trustee von Oiste reported that the cabanas are up, the mats and steps are installed and the beach parking lot has been re-graveled. The gazebo will be repaired and painted.
- 2. BUILDINGS:** Trustee Di Bella reported that the heating unit at the community center has been replaced and the water heater at the Gatehouse will be replaced.
- 3. PARKS:** Trustee Solo reported that the cracks on the path in the park will be patched.

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4. ROADS: Trustee Solo stated that we have confirmed 44 locations for potholes and road edge repairs and we are waiting for a start date from the vendor. The Village is waiting on the engineer's report for the speed tables and then installation will take place.

5. YOUTH PROGRAM: Francoise Schachner said she is waiting on the final camp enrollment number to hire counselors. Registration forms have been sent via the school backpack, on social media posts, and a village email.

6. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: Mayor Sandak reported that the BTCA summer event schedule flyer has been emailed to the community.

7. CONSTABULARY: Mayor Sandak reported there were 34 calls for service in April.

V: MOTIONS:

1. Motion to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers for payment in the amount of \$194,989.71. Made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey, Seconded by Trustee Solo and passed unanimously.

2. Motion to pass a resolution authorizing the mayor or road commissioner to sign an agreement with SCWA for payment in lieu of restoration of pavement at site of water main installation on Bell Circle. Made by Trustee Gernaey, Seconded by Trustee von Oiste and passed unanimously.

3. Motion to pass a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with LKMA to provide professional services in connection with the placement of speed tables. Made by Trustee Gernaey, Seconded by Trustee Di Bella and passed unanimously.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident complimented both the beach and park commissioners that the Village facilities are looking great. He also recommended that all residents be reminded to get their parking/beach passes so the constables know who our residents are. He also asked to revisit installing a gate at the beach. The Mayor explained that when this was researched in the past, that a warranty could not be obtained since the salt water does come up to the gate line so the Village chose not to move forward and waste Village funds. Trustee Di Bella stated that if the resident wanted to research it to see if a warranty could be obtained, that it would be discussed again. The resident said he will look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.