

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

MINUTES OF: November 18, 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.

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES: of October were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: October treasurer's report was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence to report.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sandak reported he was proud to represent the village at the Blue-Ribbon Ceremony at Port Jefferson High School. The school was recognized by the Federal Government as a school of excellence and representatives from the governor's office, county executive's office, Port Jefferson Village Board members and the school board were present. After the ceremony, the mayor spoke with Suffolk County Legislator Steve Englebright about the condition of McAllister Park and the fact that the dunes are eroding and the amount of garbage left behind by park visitors. Mr. Englebright said he will look into it and speak to County Executive Romaine.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. BUILDINGS: Trustee Di Bella reported that at the community center, some sheetrock is cracking in the seams which is probably being caused by no insulation in the attic/roof area. There is also tape on the walls from the event rentals, which will need to be addressed when renting the community center. We will be insulating the area and repairing the walls. An AED wall unit will be installed at the Community Center.

2. PARKS: Trustee Solo reported that the pickleball gate latches were repaired and the pickleball wind screens were removed as they were damaged in recent storms. We will be looking to renovate in the spring with new windscreens and resurfacing the court.

3. ROADS: Trustee Solo reported that Cliffside Drive has been milled and paved in its entirety and that it was done later in the season as we piggyback with Port Jefferson's scheduled work with the asphalt vendor. We had hoped to restripe the yellow middle line and white side lines of Cliff Road, however, the recent storm created debris and the vendor was not able to clean up the roadway while the temperatures were suitable for striping and curing so it will be done in the Spring.

4. HARBOR MANAGEMENT: Trustee von Oiste reported that they will not be meeting until the spring.

5. CONSTABULARY: Mayor Sandak reported that there were 32 calls for service in the month of October.

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VII: MOTIONS:

1. Motion to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers for payment in the amount of \$162,640.65. Made by Trustee Gernaey, Seconded by Trustee Solo. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion to pass a resolution amending the 2025-2026 budget by authorizing a budget transfer to meet employee retirement benefits obligations by transferring \$29,277 from the Retirement Reserve Fund to the General Fund. Made by Trustee von Oiste, Seconded by Trustee Di Bella. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident expressed concern over an incident on 11/12/25 whereby a hunter at a nearby residence, wounded a deer with a bow and arrow and the deer either ran onto his property or was wounded on his property which created a trail of blood. The resident was concerned that we have deer hunters in the Village with unmonitored weapons with children playing in the area. Mayor Sandak explained that the Village explored this in the past with public meetings and the end result is that we are governed by NYSDEC and as a municipality we cannot override state law. Deputy Mayor Gernaey noted that the Village code was updated and made compliant with State law. The only enforceable issue is if the hunter is trespassing on your property but anyone with a license from the DEC is permitted to hunt and contract with the homeowner. Hunting season is from October 1 thru January 31, using a tree stand and 150 feet from another residence. Any violations can be reported to the DEC Police.

This resident also expressed concern for vehicles travelling at a high rate of speed on Cliff Road. Trustee Solo explained the reasoning for the Village installing the speed humps and he believes that we have reduced the rate of speeding. The resident recommended a 4 way stop sign, and Mayor Sandak explained that the traffic engineer said that since there were no incidents or accidents at that intersection that a stop sign would not be approved. Mayor Sandak explained that we will be installing 3 more speed humps next year with 2 on Cliff Road and 1 on Club Road.

With no additional public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.