

REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF TRUSTEES - INC. VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE
55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre, NY 11777

MINUTES OF: January 17, 2017 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor Bob Sandak

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Michael Sampogna, Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

Others Present: Eileen A. Powers, Village Attorney, Joanne Raso, Village Clerk-Treasurer

MEETING CONVENED: 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES of December were accepted as read

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for December was accepted

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fully executed copy of agreement with Town of Brookhaven for salt/sand & general repairs.
2. Letter from Coastal Steward regarding beach clean ups.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. M. Altamirano sponsoring a PJ prom fundraiser on Saturday, January 28
2. A. Catoggio sponsoring a year end celebration for LI Heat Softball on February 4.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Approximately \$13,000 has been spent on the three snowfalls we have had so far this season. They are doing a very good job of keeping our roads clear.
- In 2016 the Constabulary responded to 323 calls for service, issued 536 summonses and completed 6800 house watches. There were no felonies, 6 petit larcenies, 3 cases of graffiti and 2 of criminal mischief.
- A Resident Emergency Contact form is being introduced for our residents. This will allow people who live alone or are in poor health to have their information on file with the Constables so they can be contacted and checked on during weather emergencies.
- There was a meeting with the Town of Brookhaven and Port Jefferson Village regarding the proposed changes to the Ambulance District.
- Some dead trees that were dangerously close to the road have been removed.
- The Board of Trustees has decided that Village board members and commissioners who wish to rent the Community Center will be charged the nonprofit rate, rather than the full rate.

V. LAW: Village Attorney Powers reported the judge that was assigned to our ZBA Article 78 case is no longer on the bench. We are waiting for the case to be assigned to another judge.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported that as of now, she has one to put up the cabanas. She has sent an email out and received some response and hopes to have someone before the season starts.
2. **BUILDINGS:** Trustee Gernaey suggested we make sure all of our buildings are ADA compliant.
3. **PARKS:** No report.

4. **ROADS:** Commissioner Raso reported the roads are in pretty good shape and is hopeful that we can apply for another grant from NYS next year so we can continue to repave some of our roads.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** No report.
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report.
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** Commissioner Knapp reported there will no longer be a Harbor Master. The Town has done away with the position and the harbor will be patrolled by Bay Constables.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** No report.
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report.
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** Trustee Musto reported the deer census will be done when the ground is cold enough. There is an article in the current issue of the NYCOM Bulletin about deer in NYS which he will share with the committee.
11. **CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported December had 28 calls for service, 10 of which were emergencies. There were 17 summonses issued and 372 house checks.
12. **CODE REVIEW:** The committee is still trying to meet with the Village Attorney to review the ethics code before scheduling a public hearing.

MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 163, 164, 165 & 166, for a total amount of \$132,643.53 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Mike Sampogna and seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp to pass a resolution to designate and publish offices and terms to be filled at the Village Election on June 20, 2017. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** was made by Trustee Sheila Knapp and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a Local Law to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Some residents are still not seeing an improvement in cell phone reception, even though they have Verizon service. It was suggested we contact Elite Towers and have them ask Verizon to check their service.

A resident complained about the road edges along Crooked Oak Road. The Road Commissioner said he would look and see what could be done.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer