

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

MINUTES OF: May 16, 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: 8:05 pm

I. MINUTES of April were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for April was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fully executed contract from Port Jefferson Fire District

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Resident (Cherches) sponsoring fundraiser for Theater Three Saturday, June 10
2. Resident (Reale) sponsoring awards dinner for Apex Athletics, Sunday, June 11
3. Resident (Fowora) having a graduation party on Saturday, June 17
4. Resident (Tanzabel) having a bridal shower on Sunday, June 25
5. A. Zederbaum for a retirement party on Saturday, July 8

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Cell Tower: Although Verizon is up and running, several residents who are Verizon customers still have no service. It has been determined that unless your phone has LTE service, the cell tower will do you no good. The technology only supports phones with LTE capabilities. AT&T has been paying rent for their spots and is starting installation of their equipment. T-Mobile is also in the process of applying for a spot on the tower. The landscaping is done and looks good.
- Governor Cuomo recently passed legislation requiring every county have a meeting with all of their municipalities to come up with a plan to share and consolidate services. Any proven savings will then be matched by the state and given back to the county. This seems to be his way of eliminating villages. What he doesn't realize is that most services are shared among the town, county and villages.

V. LAW: Attorney Powers reported the revision to the ethics code will be presented for a public hearing on July 18. She also reported the Village is about to close on the sale of 2 pieces of property.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported the beach lost about 3 feet of sand last month, but it looks like some of it is coming back; she is planning to have the cabanas put up in June.
2. **BUILDINGS:** No report.
3. **PARKS:** Commissioner Sampogna reported the contract for trimming, pruning and mulching has been awarded to Aronica. Memorial trees and benches will be placed at the park, inside the walking path, in conjunction with the Beautification Committee. The first tree will be planted in memory of Pat Geelan, followed by one for Shirley Teagarden.
4. **ROADS:** Commissioner Raso reported the pothole patrol has mapped out areas to be repaired. We are waiting on National Grid to install the gas line on Cliff Road, north of Hemlock before we pave that section. We will then determine what other road needs to be

repaved. The drain pipe on Bell Circle has been repaired, but it needs a collar and some fill. The drain on Northwind Drive has also been repaired. Swales will be put on the sides of some roads where drainage is eroding the edges.

5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** Trustee Sampogna reported the Village of Port Jefferson had asked to combine summer programs because their beach was washed out. There was some discussion with them, but it may not be possible.
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** Commissioner Knapp reported there is a new regime at the Harbor Commission. The new Commissioner of Public Safety is more involved.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** President Joanne Cornell reported there were many participants in the Mather Walk. The next event will be a party at the beach on July 4.
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report.
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** Trustee Musto stated due to a misunderstanding with the survey company, we have not yet received the report, but should have it in a few days.
11. **CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported in April there were 25 calls for service, 9 of which were emergencies. There were 84 summonses issued & 273 house checks.
12. **CODE REVIEW:** Trustee Gernaey reported there will be a public hearing on July 18 for the revised Ethics Code. A copy of the proposed code will be available at the Village Office before the hearing.

MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Mike Sampogna to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 176, 177 & 178, for a total amount of \$40,220.23 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Sheila Knapp and seconded by Richard Musto to appoint Jeff Brett as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Mike Sampogna to pass a resolution setting the fee for an application for a Resubdivision (Lot Line Modification) at \$500. Motion carried.
4. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp to transfer \$100,000 from the Capital Fund to the General Fund until the grant money from NYS for roadwork performed this year is received, at which time the funds will be returned to the Capital Fund. Motion carried.
5. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to pass a resolution setting a public hearing for July 18 to consider a Local Law amending Chapter 8 of the Village Code by repealing the existing code and replacing with a new, more comprehensive Code of Ethics. Motion carried.
6. **Motion** was made by Trustee Jackie Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp to name the First National Bank of Long Island as an official depository of the Village. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: A resident asked what the restrictions are for the dumpster in the Community Center parking lot. Technically, it is to be used only by people renting the community center, but is often used by residents for bulk items. Another resident asked why we can't have more than 2 bulk trash pick-ups per year. Mayor Sandak responded that our refuse contract calls for only 2, but we can consider changing that when the contract comes up for renewal in 2 years.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM

Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer