

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

MINUTES OF: November 21, 2017 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor Bob Sandak

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Richard Musto, Judy Zaino

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

Absent (prior notice): Jacquelyn Germaey

MEETING CONVENED: 8 PM

I. MINUTES of October were accepted as corrected.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for October was accepted as read.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Mr. Capezza sponsoring Christina Chindamo for a 1st birthday party on Sunday, Dec. 17
2. Mrs. Hayde sponsoring Megan Inghilleri for a 1st birthday party on Saturday, Jan. 27.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: AT&T will be replacing a defective antenna on the cell tower next week. T-Mobile installation is complete. The "pink house" at the end of Cliff Road has been demolished. A new, single family residence will be built in its place. As a result of a meeting with Lisa Alter after last month's board meeting, new signs were ordered with notification that the Village is under 24-hour video surveillance. They will be installed in several locations in the Village. Also after last month's meeting, Michael Strauss met with representatives of the Pt. Jeff Country Club to try to renegotiate the agreement for membership. He did come back with some options which the board will take into consideration at budget time.

The board received a letter from a resident of Cliff Road expressing their concerns about global warming and its effect on trees and erosion due to more severe storms.

Our Village Attorney was just elected to serve as a judge in the Town of Southold. Although she can still serve as our attorney, she can no longer act as a prosecutor in our court. Therefore, we will be appointing an assistant village attorney tonight who will serve as our prosecutor when needed. We will also be presenting a motion tonight to rescind last month's resolution to sign a snow contract with Suffolk Paving and sign a contract with Suffolk Snow Services, Inc.

V. LAW: The sale of the piece of property to Mr. Farber will be completed by next week. The sale of the other land-locked parcel is pending final approval from the Suffolk County Health Dept.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported some sand has been redeposited on the beach as a result of the last storm.
2. **BUILDINGS:** No report.
3. **PARKS:** No report.
4. **ROADS:** We are planning to install a storm drain on the corner of Cliff Road and Beach Road and another on Lost Meadow Road. We are also planning to remove dead limbs over Cliff Road.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** No report.
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report.

7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** The committee is trying to convince the Town to allow two people on each patrol boat instead of just one.
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** The Halloween party in conjunction with the tennis club dinner was very well attended. About 8 resident artists participated in the art exhibit which was also displayed at the annual resident cocktail party. The next event is the Children's Holiday party on December 10 from 2 to 5pm.
9. **CONSERVATION:** Mr. McAnaney questioned a tree which seems to be marked for removal on Beach Road, which he thinks the Zoning Board denied removal a few years ago.
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** Dr. Musto has sent his report to the deer committee for their review. They will meet to discuss the report before they present it to the Board. Residents will be advised when the report is ready.
11. **CODE REVIEW:** No report.
12. **CONSTABULARY:** October has 38 calls for service, 13 of which were emergencies. There were 34 summonses issued and 543 house checks.

MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** was made by Trustee Sheila Knapp and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 194, 195 & 196, for a total amount of \$45,825.99 for payment. Motion carried
2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Judy Zaino and seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp to pass a resolution giving the Mayor the authority, upon approval of the Village Attorney, to sign the Agreement with the Town of Brookhaven for Salt, Sand and General Repairs for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** was made by Trustee Sheila Knapp and seconded by Trustee Richard Musto to pass a resolution rescinding the October 17th resolution to sign a snow removal contract with Suffolk Paving and giving the Mayor authority to sign a snow removal contract with Suffolk Snow Services, Inc., upon approval of the Village Attorney. Motion carried.
4. **Motion** was made by Trustee Judy Zaino and seconded by Trustee Sheila Knapp to pass a resolution to appoint Richard Harris as Special Prosecutor for code enforcement, to be paid from the Village Attorney budget as per agreement. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Henry asked if having a second Village Attorney would cost the Village more. Eileen Powers explained that she was paid for her appearances at Village Court when needed as prosecutor separately from her stipend as Village Attorney, so by Mr. Harris taking on that position, it is covered by the budget.

Mr. DeStefano expressed concern about a sick looking deer that he sees often on his property, and was wondering if the deer committee's report will address the issue of dealing with sick or injured deer.

Mrs. Alter is concerned about the lack of communication on issues such as sick deer, loss of power, road closures. There was some discussion on reasons for and methods of communication. There was also discussion on diseases caused by tick bites and a way to communicate to residents the symptoms of the different diseases, other than Lyme, and discussion on the deer committee's pending report and different options of deer control.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Joanne Raso, Clerk Treasurer