

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

MINUTES OF: February 19, 2019 MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING

PRESENT:

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto, Judy Zaino

Others present: Village Attorney Eileen Powers, Clerk Treasurer Joanne Raso

Absent with prior notice: Mayor: Bob Sandak, Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

PUBLIC HEARING-TAX CAP OVERRIDE

**Local Law No. 2 of 2019 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in
General Municipal Law §3-c.**

The public hearing was opened at 8 pm. It was explained that passing this law is necessary in the event the Village has to raise taxes above the cap set by the State. This year, the Governor is considering eliminating state aid to Villages and Towns, which would mean less anticipated revenue in our budget. The Board will hold a budget meeting in March and will review anticipated expenses and revenues to come up with a balanced budget while trying not to raise taxes over the tax cap. After answering questions from the audience, a **MOTION** to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Zaino, seconded by Trustee Gernaey and passed unanimously.

MOTION to pass a resolution adopting Local Law #2-2019 to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established by General Municipal Law. Made by Trustee Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Zaino passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED AT 8:10

I. MINUTES of January were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER’S REPORT for January was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fully executed highway agreement with the Town of Brookhaven

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Resident hosting a birthday party on Saturday, June 1.

2. Resident sponsoring a fund raiser for SEPTA on Thursday, March 28.

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT:

As Mayor Sandak was out of town, Trustee Musto reported on a meeting they attended sponsored by Senator LaValle and Cornell Cooperative Extension on deer management for Long Island. The municipalities that attended asked that the DEC come up with a plan for all of the towns and villages to utilize, rather than each trying to come up with their own, as there are no State grants available for deer management. Dr. Musto also noted there will be an educational

meeting at the Port Jefferson Village Center on April 11 regarding deer management, similar to one that was held in Southold a few months ago, and encouraged those interested to attend.

In other news, he noted that new security cameras have been installed at the Gatehouse and they are looking to install them at the park as well.

V. LAW REPORT: No report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. BEACH:** No report
- 2. BUILDINGS:** No report
- 3. PARKS:** No report
- 4. ROADS:** No report
- 5. YOUTH PROGRAM:** No report
- 6. CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report
- 7. HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** No report
- 8. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, with a rain date of Sunday, April 14.
- 9. CONSERVATION:** No report
- 10. DEER COMMITTEE:** No report
- 11. CODE REVIEW:** No report
- 12. CONSTABULARY:** No report

VII: MOTIONS:

- 1. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Zaino to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 241, 242 & 243 for a total amount of \$260,632.93 for payment. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Zaino to hold the Village Tax Sale at 11 am on Monday, March 11, 2019. Motion carried

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A journalism student from Stonybrook University had some questions about deer hunting. It was explained that hunting season is now over, however some residents have obtained a nuisance permit from the NYS DEC and therefore hunting on those properties is allowed to continue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.