

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

MINUTES OF: March 19, 2019 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto, Judy Zaino

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

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES of February were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for February was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fire protection contract for 2019/2020
2. Invitation from PJFD to participate in the July 4 parade

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. S. Accardo sponsoring a teaching seminar on Saturday, June 22, 9 am to 6 pm
2. A. Rohman sponsoring the PJ Wrestling dinner on Wednesday, April 3 at 6 pm
3. R. Sandak sponsoring a Bar & Bat Mitzvah party on Saturday, March 30
4. D. Lovett hosting a birthday party on Saturday, April 13

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- As the Village is not a part of the Pt. Jefferson Fire District, we must contract with them for fire protection. We are moving toward becoming a part of the district, which will allow us to have a say in their operating budget. We have the same situation with the ambulance company, which we recently changed. Starting in January 2020, we will be a part of the Mount Sinai Ambulance District and the cost will be removed from our budget and come out of our town taxes.
- There was an article in Newsday recently which incorrectly reported the Town of Brookhaven Highway Dept. would be handling road work and snow plowing in the Village. There is a cooperative agreement in place which gives us the option of having the Town do certain types of road work on a cost and material basis, if that is less expensive than us hiring a private contractor.
- The Governor is proposing to eliminate state aid to municipalities. This would have an impact on anticipated revenues when calculating our annual budget. We have joined with other municipalities in writing to our legislators to have them restore these funds.
- Spring trash pick up will be scheduled for the week of April 29
- We are working with Suffolk Shared Services and the Dept. of Health and other villages to address ways to eradicate ticks. Stonybrook Southampton campus has a resource center hot line and I am working on a newsletter that will have more information.

V. LAW REPORT: No report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REORTS:

- 1. BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp is hoping that the beach sand comes back by June.
- 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:** Trustee Knapp reported they had their first meeting last week and they will have the same bay constable as last year.
- 8. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** The Mather walk will take place on May 4. This is the 25th year that the fund raiser has been taking place. Starting in June they plan to have bocce games on the beach.
- 9. CONSERVATION:** No report
- 10. DEER COMMITTEE:** No report
- 11. CODE REVIEW:** No report
- 12. CONSTABULARY:** February had 40 calls for service, 12 of which were emergencies. There were 41 summonses issued and 740 house checks.

VII: MOTIONS:

- 1. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 243, 244, & 245 for a total amount of \$44,463.90 for payment. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to give the Mayor and Trustees authority to sign the contract with Port Jefferson Fire District for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, upon approval of the Village Attorney. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident wondered if our beach should disappear over the next 4 or 5 years, would we be able to partner with Pt. Jefferson to use their beach. There followed some discussion on the beaches and the Pt. Jefferson Country Club membership. The resident also asked about putting center line reflectors along some of the dark roads in the Village Office

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.