

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

MINUTES OF: April 16, 2019 MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The evening started with a presentation of the proposed Port Jefferson School District budget by Deputy Superintendent Sean Leister.

PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Sandak opened the public hearing at 8:35 pm. Since the budget letters went out, the most asked question was about the money allocated for the budget line "Control of Animals". While this amount was put into the budget last year in anticipation of a possible cull, and at the time of our budget meeting we thought it might still be a possibility, things have changed and that idea is now very unlikely. This money may now be used for tick mitigation. We are working with Suffolk County Health Dept. to install a 4-poster deer self-treatment device for tick control. Each station costs about \$2,000 and we would need about 10 of them. There were no employee raises this year. The budget has a modest tax increase of 1.4%, under the 2% tax cap.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Knapp and seconded by Trustee Zaino.

Motion to accept the 2019/2020 budget of \$1,436,032.97 as proposed, was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the tax rate of \$28.45 per one hundred dollars of assessed value was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp and passed unanimously.

REGULAR 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 8:55 pm.

I. MINUTES: Mayor Sandak made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report, which passed unanimously.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Emails were received from Carole Toffales, Natalie Brett and Joan Pius & Laurie Harnish regarding the Animal Control line of the budget.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

Resident sponsoring a family party on Saturday, June 15 from 3 to 9 pm.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

V. LAW REPORT: No report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported the sand is coming back. Cabana spaces are available. Anyone interested should contact the Gatehouse for information. Cabanas will be installed in mid June.
2. **BUILDINGS:** No report
3. **PARKS:** No report
4. **ROADS:** No report
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** Applications will be sent out by May 1.
6. **CABLE/TECHNOLOGY:** No report
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** No report
8. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** The Mather Walk is scheduled for Sat. May 4
9. **CONSERVATION:** No report
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** No report
11. **CODE REVIEW:** No report
12. **CONSTABULARY:** In March there were 41 calls for service, 15 of which were Emergencies. There were 33 summonses issued and 530 house checks.

VII: MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto, to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 246, 247 & 248 for a total amount of \$37,376.30 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Gernaey to pass a resolution that the Village Hall at 55 Cliff Road be designated as the Village Polling Place. Registration Day has been abolished and the Suffolk County Rolls will be used. Election Day will be held on Tuesday, June 18, and the polls shall be open from Noon to 9:00 pm.
3. **Motion** to approve the appointment of the Inspectors of Election as follows: Elaine Freda, A. Lee Paige and Patricia Statuch. Alternate Inspector Yvonne Dwyer. Further, that a stipend of \$100 be paid to those persons who serve on Election Day.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident said she heard there is a bounty on the white deer. The Mayor replied that he heard from some of the local hunters that they would not harm the white deer. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20