

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

MINUTES OF: September 17, 2019 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak, Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

Absent: Trustee Caroline Engelhardt

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The public hearings were called to order at 8 pm.

- 1. Local Law No. 3 of 2019-** to amend Chapter 103 (Noise) to address noise levels and house alarms.

Mayor Sandak explained the minor changes to this code and addressed comments from the audience. After some discussion, a Motion was made by Trustee Gernaey to close the public hearing and was passed unanimously. Trustee Gernaey also made a motion to adopt the changes to Chapter 103 as presented, which passed unanimously.

- 2. Local Law No. 4 of 2019-** to amend Chapter 116 (Property Maintenance) by adding additional maintenance requirements and adjusting fines associated with violations. Mayor Sandak read the changes and additions to this code and answered questions. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Musto to close the public hearing and to adopt the changes as presented. Both motions passed unanimously.

- 3. Local Law No. 5 of 2019-** to amend Chapter 125 (Site Plan Review) by clarifying application requirements and adjusting the expiration date for permits issued under this chapter.

Mayor Sandak reviewed the minor changes to this chapter. A resident pointed out a typographical error paragraph B, which will be corrected. A motion was made by Trustee Knapp to close the public hearing and to adopt the changes, with the correction. Motions passed 4/0.

- 4. Local Law No. 6 of 2019-** to amend Chapter 99 (Land Clearing, Tree Preservation & Grading) to clarify what is and is not permitted when clearing, excavating or grading land in the Village.

Mayor Sandak read the changes and additions to this code, answered questions and addressed comments. Village Attorney Powers noted that the words “as defined” were supposed to be deleted from Section 99-6 B and directed the Village Clerk to make that change. After further discussion on the proposed changes, a motion was made by Trustee Gernaey to close the public hearing and to adopt the changes with the correction. Both motions passed unanimously.

- 5. Local Law No. 7 of 2019-** to amend Chapter 91 (Hawking, Peddling & Soliciting) by regulating the distribution of certain materials, peddling, soliciting and related activities. Mayor Sandak and Attorney Powers explained the reasons for changing the code to regulate solicitation in the Village to comply with freedom of speech rights. After discussion a motion was made by Trustee Gernaey to close the public hearing and to adopt the new code. Both motions passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED AT 10 pm

I. MINUTES & II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Knapp and seconded by Trustee Musto to dispense with the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report for August. Motion carried.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. BTCA sponsoring a bingo night fundraiser for St. Charles Hospital, Thursday, Sept. 19
2. D. Paulus sponsoring Lisa Bass for a holiday celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 24
3. D. LaBarbera sponsoring Marie McMillan for a Sweet 16 party on Sat. Oct. 5
4. K. Mourtzikos for a children's birthday party on Saturday, Sept. 28.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The speed sign has been installed on Cliff Road and most residents are happy with it.
- White lines have been painted on the sides of Cliff Road to try to slow down traffic and to improve visibility at night. It also helps walkers realize that most of Cliff Road is too narrow to walk on safely.
- The pickleball court is officially open at the park.
- Only about 100 households have picked up their tick tubes. Mayor has met with the manager from Thermacell who told him the tubes were tested extensively in Rhode Island and found to be very effective.

V. LAW REPORT: No Report.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** The beach is officially closed for the season. The gazebo and beach buildings have been re-roofed, courtesy of resident Jeff Brett.
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:** Adult Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 26.
9. **CONSERVATION:** No Report.
10. **DEER COMMITTEE:** No Report.
11. **CODE REVIEW:** No Report.
12. **CONSTABULARY:** August had 37 calls for service, 11 of which were emergencies. There were 86 summonses issued and 477 house checks.

VII: MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 263, 264 & 265 for a total amount of \$116,393.86 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to approve the application for Youth Program funds. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** to appoint Todd Stumpf to the position of Fire Marshall at the rate of \$35 per hour for each inspection conducted. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15.