

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

MINUTES OF: May 19, 2020 MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

PRESENT: (meeting was held via video conference)

Mayor: Bob Sandak

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto, Caroline Engelhardt

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing convened at 8 PM. Mayor Sandak stated that because of the pandemic, this hearing was postponed from April. Residents were asked then to submit any questions or comments to the office to be answered tonight. None were received. Trustee Gernaey gave a brief presentation of the budget and there were no questions from any of the viewers. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee Engelhardt and passed. A motion to accept the 2020/2021 budget in the amount of \$1,402,225.16 was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the tax rate of \$28.45 per one hundred dollars of assessed value was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Engelhardt and passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

I. MINUTES: Motion was made by Trustee Gernaey to dispense with the reading of the April minutes, seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously.

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fully executed refuse contract and performance bond from Maggio Environmental.
2. Invitation from PJFD to participate in the July 4th parade, if it is not cancelled.
3. Fully executed contract from the PJ Fire District for 2020/2021.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A new lighted buoy has been installed to mark the rock off Knapp Beach that is not on the nautical charts.
- Knapp Beach will be open for the summer. Cabanas will be put up, but we are waiting for guidance from the County as to whether the Youth Program will be able to operate.
- There are problems with parking on Anchorage Road and at Knapp Beach. Two Constables are on duty during the nice weather. Many tickets are being written when people don't heed warnings that no parking is permitted on any Village road.
- Still participating in daily phone calls with Suffolk County Executive, Town and Village officials throughout the county for updates on the pandemic.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported that lifeguards have been hired and the beach will be ready to open at the usual time. Cabanas will be put up and have always been placed at least 6 feet apart.

VII: MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 285 & 286 for a total amount of \$38,118.07 for payment. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Topics Discussed:

- A new resident expressed his concerns about being able to obtain permits for renovations and tree removal in a timely manner. He also asked about getting parking stickers for the beach.
- A resident suggested the Village raise parking fines to discourage non residents from parking on Village streets.
- Resident's concern about the increase in traffic due to people coming to McAllister Park and also speeding.