

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

MINUTES OF: August 18, 2020 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak, Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto

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

Absent with prior notice: Trustee Caroline Engelhardt

PUBLIC HEARINGS-CODE CHANGES

The public hearings convened at 8 PM.

- 1. Local Law No. 2 of 2020-** to amend Chapter 170 (Zoning) by declaring that, except for enumerated reasons, the use of helicopters or seaplanes for landing or taking off within the Village of Belle Terre, is prohibited. There was discussion as to whether or not the Trustees considered having a public helipad in the Village before passing this law to prohibit them. Village Attorney Powers noted that the law could always be changed by having another public hearing if it was decided that a helipad would be beneficial.
Motion to close Public Hearing was made by Trustee Gernaey and seconded by Trustee Knapp.
Motion to adopt changes was made by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee Knapp and passed unanimously.
- 2. Local Law No. 3 of 2020-** to amend Chapter 161 (Vehicles & Traffic) to clarify the imposition of late penalties for failure to answer a summons. There was discussion about the situation at the end of Anchorage Road and McAllister Park. Mayor Sandak explained that the land was donated to Suffolk County by the McAllister family to be used as a passive park, with access only by water. Legislator Kara Hahn decided that as a county park, it should be available for use by all Suffolk County residents, and put in the parking area without consulting with the Village. There was further discussion on measures that could be taken to stop people from parking on the street, blocking access for emergency vehicles. It was suggested that NYSDEC should get involved.
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REGULAR MEETING

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:40 pm

I. MINUTES: Motion was made by Trustees Knapp to dispense with the reading of the July minutes. Seconded by Trustee Musto and motion carried.

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

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Letter from Justice Cherches advising that the courts records are available for examination by the auditor.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Chesterfields will be starting work on the revetment wall at the bottom of the bluff at the end of Cliff Road to reduce erosion. We have been approved for a \$100,000 grant from the State and the balance will come out of the capital fund. Several years ago, work was done at the top of the bluff to help stabilize it. Work should start next week.
- A new septic system was installed at the Gatehouse this week. The over 100-year-old cesspool failed and the office was without facilities for a few days until the emergency work could be done, after obtaining a permit from Suffolk County Health Dept.
- We were very pleased with the speed at which our contractor was able to clean up the Village after Tropical Storm Isaias. Many areas outside the Village still have debris along their roads.
- A new water main has been installed on Camp Woodbine Road. Upon the insistence of the road commissioner, SCWA has agreed to pay the Village \$40,000 to pay for a full restoration of the road, instead of just a patch.
- We will be designating several handicap parking spaces in the parking lot at Knapp Beach

V. LAW REPORT: Village attorney Powers reported that the sale of the property to Russo has finally been completed.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. CONSTABULARY:** A certificate of appreciation was given to Constable Frank Zeoli, along with a promotion to rank of sergeant.

VII: MOTIONS:

- 1. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 293, 294, 295 & 296 for a total amount of \$172,974.03 for payment. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion** by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee Knapp to pass a resolution to appoint Village Attorney Eileen A. Powers to represent the Zoning Board of Appeals interests in the matter of the Article 78 proceeding initiated by Scott Accardo. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion** by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Musto, to pass a resolution acknowledging the required examination of Justice Court records. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to transfer up to \$65,000 from the Capital Fund to the General Fund to cover the cost of renovations to the Beach Pavilion. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to transfer the proceeds of the sale of property to Russo (\$75,000.) to the Capital Fund from the General Fund. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Topics discussed:

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- A new resident complained that he was being unfairly targeted for working on the reconstruction of his house. He received summonses for working on weekends and after hours. He thinks the codes should be changed to allow contracted work on Saturdays.
- A resident wanted to know what the Article 78 proceeding was about. It was explained that it means the applicant is accusing the Zoning Board of not following proper procedure in making their determination on his appeal.
- In conjunction with the beach pavilion renovation and making the restrooms handicap accessible, it was asked if a mat to make beach access easier and beach wheelchairs were being considered. Those items will be considered at the next budget meeting.
- It was suggested that a committee be formed to assess all Village buildings for ADA compliance. Mayor Sandak appointed Naji Nizam to chair that committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.