

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

MINUTES OF: October 20, 2020 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak,

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Jacquelyn Gernaey, Richard Musto, Caroline Engelhardt

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

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:05 pm

I. MINUTES: Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes made by Trustee Knapp; seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for September was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Naji Nizam asking that the Village consider paving the parking lot at Knapp Beach to facilitate use by individuals with mobility related disabilities.
2. email from Larry Miele asking if a section of Buena Vista could be made a one-way street

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Working on setting up a packet of information and code restrictions to be given out to new residents who may not be aware of Village rules.
- A suggestion box has been added to the Village website
- Tow away zone signs have been added to the no parking signs along Anchorage Road and at the circle.
- We have a new handyman/landscaper. A retiree who started work two weeks ago.
- We will be ordering more No Soliciting/No Trespassing signs as some people are requesting them.
- Deer hunting season started October 1. Hunters can only go on property where they are invited.
- Mayor met with members of the Planning Board to discuss the subdivision of a 4 acre lot on Seaside Drive owned by the Village, so that the section of the lot that is on the beach can be preserved for the use of the Village for the placement of cabanas.
- The revetment project for bluff stabilization at the end of Cliff Road has been completed.
- Mayor is looking into getting discounted rates for gas and electric for the entire Village.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. BEACH:** Commissioner Knapp reported the cabanas and beach equipment have been put away for the season.
- 2. ROADS:** Mayor Sandak reported that Bill Raso has retired from the Road Commissioner position and Michael Solo has been appointed in his place.
- 3. COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** All events have been cancelled for the rest of the year due to COVID.
- 4. CONSTABULARY:** September had 32 calls for service.

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VII: MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 300, 301, 302 & 303 for a total amount of \$350,331.94 for payment. Motion carried.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Engelhardt, seconded by Trustee Musto to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a local law amending Chapter 103 (Noise) of the Village Code by limiting exceptions for construction and maintenance on weekends and holidays. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to transfer \$96,050.24 from the capital fund to the general fund to pay for the portion of the bluff stabilization project not covered by the SAM grant. Motion carried.
4. **Motion** by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee Gernaey to approve the list of appointments as attached.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Topics discussed:

- Beach buildings: A resident asked what else, if anything, is planned at the beach. Finishing touches on the renovated building will be completed in the spring. The plan is to purchase a used storage container and cover it to look like the main building. This will be used to store the lifeguard equipment. The other building will also be repaired. Bulletin boards will be added for educational materials, new lighting and an alarm installed in the building.
- A resident suggested the Mayor connect more to the public and listen to their concerns. He has suggested installing cameras at the park, putting an electronic gate at the beach and coming up with a way to show detours when roads are closed due to downed power lines or trees after a storm.

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

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: APPOINTMENTS

Associate Justices	Michael Devine	unsalaried – 1 year
	Jack Reilly	unsalaried – 1 year
Attorney	Eileen A. Powers	per budget – 1 year
Village Prosecutor	Richard Harris	per budget - 1 year
Clerk Treasurer	Joanne Raso	per budget – 2 years
Deputy Clerk Treasurer	Louise Smit	per budget – 2 years
Deputy Mayor	Sheila Knapp	unsalaried – 1 year
Fiscal Officer	Jacquelyn Gernaey	unsalaried – 1 year
Registrar	Joanne Raso	per budget – 2 years
Deputy Registrar	Louise Smit	per budget – 2 years
Planning Board Chair	Anthony Gitto	unsalaried – 1 year
Planning Board Member	Ken Weiss	unsalaried – 5 years
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair	Dave McAnaney	unsalaried – 1 year
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	Kathy Cleary	unsalaried – 5 years
Assessor	Frank Aragona	per budget – 1 year
Board of Review	Full Board of Trustees	unsalaried
Road Commissioner	Michael Solo	unsalaried – 1 year
Beach Commissioner	Sheila Knapp	unsalaried – 1 year
Assistant Beach Commissioner	James von Oiste	unsalaried – 1 year
Building Commissioner		unsalaried – 1 year
Constable Commissioner	Bob Sandak	unsalaried – 1 year
Safety Coordinator – NYMIR	Bob Sandak	unsalaried – 1 year
Conservation/Environment	Dave McAnaney	unsalaried – 1 year
Harbor Management Commissioner	Sheila Knapp	unsalaried – 1 year
Historian	John Hiz	unsalaried – 1 year
Ethics Committee	Chris McAndrews	unsalaried – 1 year
Park Commissioner	Caroline Engelhardt	unsalaried – 1 year
Youth Program Commissioner	Francoise Schachner	unsalaried – 1 year
Official Newspapers:	The Port Times Record, Newsday	

Official Depositories: Empire National Bank/Flushing Bank
People's United Bank
First National Bank of Long Island

Regular Meetings to take place on the **Third Tuesday** of the month at 8 pm (Work Session at 7 pm). **Work Sessions** on the **First Tuesday** of the month at 6 pm.

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