

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

MINUTES OF: April 20, 2021 MEETING and PUBLIC HEARINGS (held virtually)

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

PUBLIC HEARING-BUDGET

The public hearing convened at 8 PM. Mayor Sandak highlighted some of the budget items, such as funds for: ADA improvements at the Community Center and Knapp Beach, backup generator for the Community Center, extra Constabulary coverage, new software for office accounting, new storage building at Knapp beach and extending hours for Village handyman. Residents were asked to submit any questions or comments to the office and those who did were answered by the Mayor or Village Clerk. As there were no questions from any of the viewers, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Engelhardt and passed. A motion to accept the 2021/2022 budget in the amount of \$1,498,396.05 was made by Trustee Engelhardt, 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 Musto, seconded by Trustee Knapp and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING-CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Village Attorney Powers spoke about the negotiations she and Cable/Technology Commissioner Weiss conducted with cablevision representative Frank Alleva, which resulted in the presented Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement. There being no questions, a motion was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to close the public hearing. A motion to pass a resolution to accept the Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement as approved by the Village Attorney was made by Trustee Musto and seconded by Trustee Knapp. All approved

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED AT 8:15 pm

I. MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Trustee Knapp to dispense with the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report for March. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gernaey and passed unanimously.

II. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Invitation from PJ Fire Dept. to participate in the Independence Day Parade on Monday 7/5

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Susan Solo for a Baby Shower on Saturday, July 24

III. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Sandak & Beach Commissioner Knapp are looking into purchasing a storage building to be used by the lifeguards as a break room and equipment storage. It will be made to look like the new beach pavilion

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- As of now, we are planning to open the beach program, with COVID precautions. Applications will be going out by next week.
- The Village received a fiscal stress monitoring score of 3.3 from the NYS Comptroller, which indicates no designation of fiscal stress.

IV. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. BEACH: Commissioner Knapp has met with plumbers and electricians to obtain estimates to complete the work at the beach building. She is also getting prices to purchase new beach parking stickers.

2. ROADS: Commissioner Solo is working on identifying pothole areas throughout the Village and will be getting estimates for repairs.

VII: MOTIONS:

1. Motion Made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers #'s 320, 321, 322 & 323 in the amount of \$50,605.04 for payment. Motion carried.

2. Motion Made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to approve the appointment of the Inspectors of Election as follows: A. Lee Paige, Betsy Joyner and Judy Zaino. Alternate Inspector Kathy Yunger. Further, that a stipend of \$195 be paid to those persons who serve on Election Day. Motion carried.

3. Motion Made by Trustee Engelhardt, seconded by Trustee Knapp, to give the Mayor authority to sign a contract with the Port Jefferson Fire District upon approval of the Village Attorney. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Naji Nizam asked if the beach mat and other ADA items were included in the proposed budget. He was invited to attend the next Board work session, along with the other members of the ADA compliance committee to discuss the matter. He also brought up the matter of nonresidents using the park.