

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

MINUTES OF: January 19, 2020 MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting held virtually via RingCentral Zoom.

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 CONVENED AT 8 PM

Mayor Sandak stated that because of technical difficulties, this meeting was not being recorded.

This public hearing is being held to consider passing Local Law 1-2021, which will add Chapter 11 to the Village code. This chapter will allow the Village to put out to bid, the total amount of natural gas and/or electricity being purchased by Village residents in order to get a better price for the cost of these utilities. This could result in a decrease of 5 to 7 percent on gas and electric bills. Residents who do not wish to participate can opt out at any time.

There being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Trustee Sheila Knapp to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Trustee Musto and passed unanimously.
Trustee Engelhardt made a motion to pass a resolution to adopt Local Law 1-2021 as presented. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gernaey and passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

I. A motion was made by Trustee Knapp and seconded by Trustee Gernaey, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report. Motion carried.

II. CORRESPONDENCE:

Fully executed copy of Second Extension of Highway Agreement with Town of Brookhaven

III. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The Board has decided to purchase two new welcome signs to be placed at entrances to the Village, one on Fairway Drive and one on Cliff Road near the Gatehouse. These will match the one on Old Homestead. We will also have the sign that is hanging on the lawn of the Gatehouse refurbished.
- The Board also discussed the suggestion of putting an electronic gate at the entrance to Knapp Beach. Companies we have spoken to have said it would be a very high maintenance issue due to the salt water and sea air. The Board has decided this is not something that is needed at this time.
- The heating unit at the community center is not working properly and will be repaired.

IV. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. BEACH:** Sand is starting to come back after being washed away during the last storms.
- 2. ROADS:** Drain clearing is still an issue, as we don't have someone to come in on a weekly basis to remove the leaves and debris from the drains. We will see if our lawn maintenance company is interested in a contract to do this work.

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VII: MOTIONS:

- 1. Motion** made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers #'s 311, 312 & 313 in the amount of \$ 54,378.80 for payment. Motion carried
- 2. Motion** made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a Local Law to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion** made by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Gernaey to pass a resolution to designate and publish offices and terms to be filled at the Village Election on June 15, 2021. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion** made by Trustee Engelhardt, seconded by Trustee Musto to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider repealing Chapter 21 (Board of Park Commissioners) of the Village code as Park Commissioners will be covered by proposed Chapter 21 (Commissioners). Motion carried.
- 5. Motion** made by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee Engelhardt to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a Local Law adding Chapter 20 (Commissioners) to the Village code to codify and clarify the role of commissioners within the Village. Motion carried.
- 6. Motion** made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Knapp to pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Good Energy, L.P. to act as Community Choice Aggregation Program Administrator, upon approval of same by Village Attorney. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Topics discussed:

- Ordering of more No Soliciting/No Trespassing signs
- Sign at the park needs to be updated
- Security cameras at the park