

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

MINUTES OF: September 21, 2021 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak, Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

Trustees: Richard Musto, Richard Harris, James J. von Oiste

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

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES of August were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for August was accepted

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. L. Lucki sponsoring D. Brandman for a dinner dance on Saturday, October 16
2. L. Alter sponsoring Joe Carotenuto for a Christening on Sunday, October 17
3. H. Bruckner for a party on Saturday, September 25

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Deer hunting season starts October 1. NYSDEC sets the rules for hunting. Hunters must be licensed, can use long bows only and must be invited to hunt on a resident's property. The Village is not notified of how many deer are taken, that information is only reported to the DEC.
- A state of emergency was declared after Hurricane Ida, allowing the Village to apply for recovery funds from FEMA. A resident from Northwind Drive wanted to put on record his thanks to the Village for protecting the residents of that street when the road collapsed as a result of the heavy rain. The road has since been repaired and new drainage installed.
- The youth program was held this summer and even though the enrollment was less than usual, the program was successful and was self-sufficient.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. BEACH:** Commissioner von Oiste reported the cabanas are coming down and the restrooms have been sanitized and closed for the winter.
- 2. BUILDINGS:** Commissioner Harris reported he has been in contact with a contractor to get an estimate for installing a generator at the Community Center so that it can be used as an emergency shelter.
- 3. PARKS:** Commissioner Musto reported the trimming of the boxwoods at the gatehouse and the trees along the walking path at the park is complete. Heavy rain has made a mess of the playground mulch, which will be replaced in the spring.
- 4. ROADS:** Commissioner Solo reported about 69 potholes and a few sink holes have been repaired throughout the Village. Excessive storm runoff created some deep gullies along the sides of some of the roads and the contractor will be back in the Village to fix those areas. We are currently getting estimates for storm drain cleaning and looking for areas that need additional drains installed.
- 5. HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** Commissioner von Oiste reported the Harbor Commission will have a virtual meeting in November to review the activities of the summer.
- 6. CONSTABULARY:** Commissioner Sandak reported 25 calls for service in August.

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VI: MOTIONS:

- 1. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to approve abstract of audited vouchers #'s 336, 337 & 338 for a total amount of \$62,730.01 for payment. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Harris to transfer \$15,000 from Capital Fund to General Fund to cover the cost of roofing & siding on the auxiliary lifeguard building. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion** by Trustee Musto, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to exercise the option to extend the snow removal contract with Suffolk Snow Services for a second year, as stipulated in the current contract. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to pass a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with ClerkBooks Municipal Accounting for the purchase, implementation and maintenance of a new computer software system for Village records. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Musto to pass a resolution acknowledging the required examination of Justice Court records. Motion passed 4/0 with one abstention.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

- A resident brought up a visibility problem on Beach Road at High Path due to shrubbery planted by the previous owner along High Path which is now encroaching on the roadway.
- A resident questioned how much clearing can be done on a property. It was suggested she check the Village code book.
- Discussion on responsibilities of tree trimming when it comes to dead branches hanging over the roadway.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.