

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

MINUTES OF: August 15, 2023 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak; Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey
Trustees: Richard Harris, James J. von Oiste, Michael Solo
Others present: Clerk Treasurer Joanne Raso
Absent with prior notice: Village Attorney Eileen Powers

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES of July were accepted as read

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for July was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Danielle Friedman; bridal shower, Saturday, September 16 from 11 am to 2 pm
2. Jean Thomas, sponsoring Jennifer Rogers; birthday party, Saturday, Oct. 14 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The torrential rains have been causing problems with drainage on our roads. We are working on how to effectively make use of funds available from our budget and from the state to rectify the problems. We have identified approximately 10 locations in the village where additional drains are need.
- Work is being done on Seaside Drive by PSEG contractors to upgrade the underground wiring. The road conditions are bad right now, but we have been assured by PSEG that proper repairs will be made when the job is complete.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** The raft and ropes will be removed by Labor Day weekend, lifeguards last day will be Labor Day
2. **BUILDINGS:** The roof leak at the community center has been repaired and some other issues with the roof will be addressed.
3. **PARKS:** Tick spraying at the park will continue until tick activity subsides. Repairs have been made to the gazebo.
4. **ROADS:** We are waiting for proposals for roadside erosion repairs. Also looking to put in new drainage in certain areas of the village. We recently had 15 to 20 drains cleaned.
5. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** There is a beach bonfire scheduled for this Friday, with live music and free ice cream. Other events are being planned for October.
6. **CONSTABULARY:** July was a very busy month with 46 calls for service.

VII: MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo was passed unanimously to approve for payment the abstract of audited vouchers in the amount of \$196,313.44.

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2. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Harris to pass a resolution to adopt the updated Discrimination and Harassment Policy. Motion carried.
3. **Motion** by Trustee von Oiste, seconded by Trustee Harris, to adopt new rules, regulations and fees for the use of the Vincent Bove Belle Terre Community Center. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

- A resident of Bell Circle said the silt fence installed on a neighbor's property to prevent runoff did not work because it was installed 6 inches above ground level, allowing the dirt to run under the silt fence.
- A resident asked if there are any plans to do something to the large tree in front of the community center to keep it safe and healthy.
- A resident asked if the intersection of Camp Woodbine Road and Cliff Road could be maintained to allow for better visibility when coming out of Camp Woodbine. She also commented on the overgrowth on Seaside Drive going down to the beach, asked about having a bicycle rack installed at the beach.
- Other comments included a question about the marina project and installation of an additional bulletin board for posting of meeting signs on the southbound side of Cliff Rd.