

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

**MINUTES OF: January 17, 2023 MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Bob Sandak

Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

Trustees: Richard Harris, James J. von Oiste

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

**MEETING CONVENED AT 8:05 pm**

**I. MINUTES** of December were accepted as read.

**II. TREASURER'S REPORT** for December was accepted.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Letters requesting use of the Community Center:**

1. J. von Oiste sponsoring a surprise party on Friday, February 10 from 7 to 12.

**IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Sandak apologized for the late start which was the result of a meeting with a traffic engineer at the work session. The engineer did a study to see what the village might be able to do to slow down speeders. He also reviewed our stop intersections and safety measures, which the board will now take into consideration.
- Mike Solo has been asked to replace Richard Musto as trustee, and will be appointed tonight.

**V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

1. **BUILDINGS:** Commissioner Harris reported the concrete slab for the generator has been poured and the generator should be installed in a week or two.
2. **ROADS:** Commissioner Solo said he is continuing to monitor the roads for anything that needs immediate repairs.
3. **CONSTABULARY:** Mayor Sandak reported there were 466 calls for service for the year 2022. The month of December had 44 calls for service.
4. **APPOINTMENTS; RESIGNATIONS:** The board announced the appointment of Mike Solo as trustee to fill the unexpired term of Richard Musto, who resigned last month.

**VII: MOTIONS:**

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Harris was passed unanimously to approve for payment the abstract of audited vouchers in the amount of \$41,114.00.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Harris, 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** by Trustee von Oiste, seconded by Trustee Harris, to pass a resolution to designate and publish offices and terms to be filled at the Village election on June 20, 2023. Motion carried.

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- 4. Motion** by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee von Oiste, to pass a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with VanBrunt, Juzwiak & Russo, P.C. to provide legal services to the village in connection with the subdivision of village owned property on Seaside Drive. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion by** Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee von Oiste, to pass a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with VHB to provide professional services as needed to the planning board. Motion carried.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

- A resident of Cliff Road said he was glad to hear that the board is looking at the problems on Cliff Road; speeding and poor visibility for example. He says speed tables work better than stop signs to slow down traffic. Another resident agreed that although they do not look nice, speed tables do work to slow down traffic. There was some discussion and the board will take the suggestions under advisement.