

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

MINUTES OF: July 18, 2023 MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor: Bob Sandak; Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

Trustees: Richard Harris, James J. von Oiste, Michael Solo

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

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:10 pm

I. MINUTES of June were accepted as corrected.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for June was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Linda Sbarra for a birthday party on Saturday, August 5.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Sandak announced the retirement of Deputy Clerk Treasurer Louise Smit, who gave written notice this week. She will remain on the job for about three months to help train a replacement.
- The storms this past week have created havoc in the village. Road commissioner Solo has been meeting with contractors to discuss clean up and what can be done to prevent future washouts, such as installing new drains with larger capacities.
- As this is the annual organization meeting, the list of appointments to the various boards and commissioner positions will be made tonight. The list is available to anyone who wishes to see it.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner von Oiste reported there is some damage in the beach parking lot from the heavy rains that has to be addressed.
2. **BUILDINGS:** Commissioner Harris was notified of a leak in the roof of the community center.
3. **PARKS:** Commissioner Solo reported the tick spraying is continuing at the park and trimming has been done around the perimeter of the park as well as along the sides of the roads. He is still working on finding an authorized installer for the repair of the park equipment
4. **ROADS:** Pothole repairs were completed at the end of June and the road paving at 7 locations in the village was completed last week. Roadside erosion is a problem that he is currently working on with several contractors. He has contacted our landscaper to clear areas of the roads that had accumulated debris from the torrential rains and is evaluating additional drainage in areas of the village. He is also contacting the contractor to start cleaning the existing drains.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** Commissioner Schachner said she is happy to see so many Belle Terre children registered in the program. Director Samantha Abelson stated that registration started out slow but they have a good number of campers attending and enjoying the program. It was decided that they meet with the Board to discuss ideas to market the program and to get camper to register early, so that appropriate staff can be hired.

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- 6. HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** Trustee Solo attended the last meeting of the harbor management committee, where they discussed getting WiFi to the harbor and the problem of the understaffed harbor patrol.
- 7. CONSTABULARY:** Commissioner Sandak reported there were 38 calls for service in June.
- 10. APPOINTMENTS; RESIGNATIONS:** A new handyman has been hired and the annual list of appointments is attached.

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 \$285,630.95
- 2. Motion** by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to pass a resolution authorizing the Village Attorney to initiate litigation against Canelas & Son Property Services Corp. in connection with the damage and removal of trees owned by and located on village property. Passed unanimously.
- 3. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo to pass a resolution authorizing the Village Attorney to execute an agreement with Grit Consulting, LLC to provide professional services as needed for code enforcement purposes in the village. Motion carried.
- 4. Motion** by Trustee Solo, seconded by Trustee Harris to approve the list of appointments as attached. Motion carried.
- 5. Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to transfer \$20,681.47 from the capital fund to the general fund to pay for services related to the Seaside Drive subdivision. Passed unanimously.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident reported large, deep ruts along the side of Bell Circle, a result of heavy rain and the fact that vehicles often need to drive off road to pass construction vehicles parked on the side of the road.

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: APPOINTMENTS

Associate Justices	Michael Devine	unsalaried – 1 year
	Jack Reilly	unsalaried – 1 year
Attorney	Eileen A. Powers	per budget – 1 year
Village Prosecutor	Tim McNulty	per budget - 1 year
Deputy Mayor	Jacquelyn Gernaey	unsalaried – 1 year
Fiscal Officer	Jacquelyn Gernaey	unsalaried – 1 year
Planning Board Chair	Anthony Gitto	unsalaried – 1 year
Planning Board Member	John Heide	unsalaried – 5 years
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair	Dave McAnaney	unsalaried – 1 year
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	George Wissman	unsalaried – 5 years
Assessor	Frank Aragona	per budget – 1 year
Board of Review	Full Board of Trustees	unsalaried
Fire Marshall	Todd Stumpf	per budget – 1 year
Road Commissioner	Michael Solo	unsalaried – 1 year
Beach Commissioner	Jim von Oiste	unsalaried – 1 year
Building Commissioner	Richard Harris	unsalaried – 1 year
Constable Commissioner	Bob Sandak	unsalaried – 1 year
Safety Coordinator – NYMIR	Bob Sandak	unsalaried – 1 year
Technology Advisor	Ken Weiss	unsalaried – 1 year
Harbor Management Commissioner	Jim von Oiste	unsalaried – 1 year
Historian	John Hiz	unsalaried – 1 year
Ethics Committee	Chris McAndrews	unsalaried – 3 years
Park Commissioner	Michael Solo	unsalaried – 1 year
Youth Program Commissioner	Francoise Schachner	unsalaried – 1 year
Official Newspapers:	The Port Times Record, Newsday	
Official Depositories:	Flushing Bank M & T Bank First National Bank of Long Island	

Regular Meetings to take place on the **Third Tuesday** of the month at 8 pm (Work Session at 7 pm). **Work Sessions** on the **First Tuesday** of the month at 6 pm.