

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

MINUTES OF: March 21, 2023 MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor: Bob Sandak

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

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

Absent with prior notice: Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 8 PM.

A public hearing to consider the request of Mr. Patrick O'Brien of 21 Seaside Drive, for a certificate of exemption from Village Code Section 106-3(C), which states that "the parking or storage of recreational vehicles, other than in an enclosed garage, is prohibited".

Mr. O'Brien explained that he works from home and is having extensive renovations done to the interior and would like to be able to move from the house to the RV when things like floor refinishing and painting are being done. The RV (a 40' Class A RV) will be parked behind the front line of the house. He plans to build a garage to house the vehicle, but cannot do so until he can have work done to stabilize the bluff.

One resident said he had no objection to temporarily parking the RV, but expressed concern about what a garage big enough to house a 40' RV would look like. Mayor Sandak explained that was not the issue for this public hearing, but would be addressed by the Planning Board when a building permit is applied for. Another resident who could not attend this hearing, but sent an email, also had no objection, as long as there was a time limit imposed of no more than 1 year.

Discussion followed. The board stated that granting an exemption does not indicate permission to build a garage. That would be up to the Planning Board. There was further discussion regarding the time limit to be imposed, if the exemption is granted.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Trustee Harris to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Trustee Solo and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Harris to grant a certificate of exemption from Village Code §106-3 C, to allow for the outdoor storage of a recreational vehicle at 21 Seaside Drive for six (6) months, beginning March 22, 2023, based upon the hardship as presented by the applicant, with the opportunity to request and be granted six month extensions without need for additional public hearings. Motion was seconded by Trustee von Oiste and passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED AT 8:25 pm.

I. MINUTES of February were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for February was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Nicole Delgado sponsoring PJHS Wrestling banquet, Friday, April 28th at 6 pm
2. Frank LaBarbera sponsoring Nancy Crockett for a celebration of life, Saturday, July 15th at 1 pm
3. Rich Harris for a birthday party on Sunday evening, May 21st

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IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- The spring bulk trash pickup will be scheduled for April 17
- The air conditioning unit in the court room broke down several months ago. We applied for a grant from the state unified court system to replace it. That grant application was approved and will allow us to replace the A/C unit as well as get blinds or shades for the court windows and a lectern.
- The village received a fiscal stress rating from the State Comptroller's office, which shows the village is in good financial condition.
- The cleanup of dead wood throughout the village is continuing. Aronica is doing a great job and the village is looking good.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner von Oiste reported he will soon be ready to send out the cabana letters and hopes to have them up by Memorial Day. Bollards have been installed in front of the beach building to prevent vehicles from hitting the columns.
2. **BUILDINGS:** Commissioner Harris is looking into installing charging stations in the community center now that the generator is installed, so residents will be able to come and charge their electronic devices in the event of a power failure. He is also looking to get a new refrigerator for the kitchen.
3. **PARKS:** Commissioner Solo reported he is arranging for organic tick control measures for the park. This mild winter will mean more ticks. He is looking at people, pet, bird and butterfly friendly treatments. Also, some of the pickleball screening will be replaced rather than repaired and he is also looking to install exercise stations along the walking path at the park.
4. **ROADS:** Commissioner Solo is planning to use the paving company that holds the Town of Brookhaven contract to do road repairs this year. He already has a list of roads to be considered for repaving. The number of potholes is much less this year, thanks to a mild winter.
5. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** Mayor Sandak reported there will be a beach program again this year.
6. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** Scheduled events: community garage sale this Saturday.
7. **HARBOR MANAGEMENT:** will be meeting at the end of the month
8. **CONSTABULARY:** Commissioner Sandak reported 31 calls for service in February.

VII: MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** by Trustee von Oiste, seconded by Trustee Solo was passed unanimously to approve for payment the abstract of audited vouchers in the amount of \$112,146.34

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

There being no questions or comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.