

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

**MINUTES OF:     September 19, 2023 MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor: Bob Sandak

Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

Trustees: James J. von Oiste, Michael Solo

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

Absent with prior notice: Trustee Richard Harris

**MEETING CONVENED AT 8 pm**

**I. MINUTES** of August was accepted as read.

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

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to report.

**IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- A bulletin board has been ordered and will be installed across from the Gatehouse so it can be seen as you exit the village.
- We will renew our snow removal contract with B & B Maintenance Services.
- A motion will be made this evening regarding the subdivision of village property on Seaside Drive. The property is being subdivided so that if a future mayor and board decide to sell the property, the section along the beach where the cabanas are will always remain the property of the village.
- The board met with an investment advisor earlier to get information on NYCLASS, a corporation that only services municipalities and provides the opportunity to invest funds in short term investments, carefully chosen to yield favorable returns while keeping funds liquid. We will be making a motion tonight to participate in that program.
- We are working hard to get new storm drains installed in the village. Because of the cost, we need to find a company that holds the state or county contract, or put it out to bid.
- Seaside Drive, which was dug up by PSEG, will be repaved. After meeting with representatives of PSEG, whose intention was to just patch the holes, they were agreeable to repave the whole road.

**V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

- 1. BEACH:** The erosion and runoff damage done to the beach parking lot has been repaired. Cabanas will be removed by the end of the month.
- 2. PARKS:** Tick spraying will continue through November. Replacement parts for the broken equipment have been ordered, and a sign has been posted to ban the use of motorized bikes and scooters. A solution has been found for adding security cameras at the park, and they should be installed by the end of next month.
- 3. ROADS:** Contractors that have the county contract to install new drainage have been contacted and we are waiting to get prices. The problem is that they are so busy, it will be weeks before they can begin work. The drain cleaning company will be back in the village to clean out a few more drains. Roadside erosion issues are also being addressed.

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At this point, several residents of Bell Circle voiced their complaints about the conditions on Bell Circle such as construction vehicles driving the wrong way on the one-way road and parking on the sides of the road, causing erosion on the road edges. They also complained about commercial vehicles and a bobcat parked on a neighbor's property, when there is no construction in progress or permits for construction in place. Also piles of dirt on the property that washes into the road whenever it rains. The members of the board assured them that the building inspector would be sent there to assess the situation and issue summonses where necessary. They also requested the vegetation at the intersection of Bell Circle and Cliff Road be cut back for better visibility when exiting Bell Circle.

Because the discussion went on for so long, the remainder of the commissioner reports were bypassed and the board proceeded with the motions.

### **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 \$41,366.47.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Solo, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to pass a resolution acknowledging the required examination of Justice Court records was passed unanimously.
3. **Motion** by Trustee von Oiste, seconded by Trustee Gernaey to exercise the option to extend the snow removal contract with B & B Maintenance Services for a second year, as stipulated in the current contract, was passed unanimously.
4. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo to pass a resolution authorizing the subdivision of village owned property on Seaside Drive was passed unanimously.
5. **Motion** by Trustee Solo, seconded by Trustee Gernaey was passed unanimously to transfer \$11,532.94 from the capital fund to the general fund to pay for services related to the Seaside Drive subdivision.
6. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to authorize the Mayor Sandak and any duly elected subsequent mayor to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019

### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm