

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

MINUTES OF: March 19, 2024 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor: Bob Sandak, Deputy Mayor: Jacquelyn Gernaey

Trustees: James J. von Oiste, Michael Solo, Leza Di Bella

Others present: Clerk Treasurer Joanne Raso; Deputy Clerk Treasurer Barbara Sakovich
& Village Attorney Eileen Powers.

MEETING CONVENED AT 8:12 pm

I. MINUTES: A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo and passed unanimously.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Di Bella and passed unanimously.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Danielle Friedman for a 1st birthday party on Saturday April 13 from 11 to 3.
2. Leza Di Bella sponsoring PJ Prom Committee Physic Night fund raiser Thurs., April 11

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: The state budget, which is not yet finalized, has an effect on our budget as it determines the amount of state aid we receive. We have a motion tonight to pass a resolution urging the governor and state legislature to increase the AIM and CHIPS funding for villages. There are also motions to set up assignment funds and reserve funds.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. BEACH: Commissioner von Oiste had no report, but Mayor Sandak reported that he has spoken to the contractor who is building a sea wall for a resident on Seaside Drive, and has been using the beach parking lot for access, with the village's permission. They will repair any damage they caused, and have agreed to make repairs to the remainder of the parking lot while they are there, if the village so desires. We are waiting for an estimate.

2. PARKS: Commissioner Solo reported that organic tic spraying will start soon and continue throughout the season. We will be purchasing 3 exercise stations to add to the park along the walking trail.

3. ROADS: Five new drains have been installed in the village and about 20 drains throughout the village are scheduled to be pumped out starting at the end of the month. Commissioner Solo is also planning to add more drains if funds are available. He will be attending a state sponsored roadside and drainage workshop this month. He also met with a resident of Club Road to discuss the drainage issue there. While there, the resident requested a stop sign be placed on Club Road at Cedar Road to slow down the cars that speed down Club. The mayor stated that a traffic study found it is illegal to put a stop sign for the purpose of slowing down traffic.

4.COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: The mayor noted the annual Easter Egg Hunt and petting zoo is scheduled for Saturday, March 23.

5. HARBOR MANAGEMENT: Commissioner von Oiste reported the Harbor Management committee had its first meeting of the season last week and reviewed new MS4 regulations.

6. CONSTABULARY: Commissioner Sandak reported February was an average month with 28 calls for service.

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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 \$67,825.69
2. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee von Oiste, to transfer the balance from M & T Bank account ending in 8836 (Parks & Recreation Account/Capital Fund) to a NYCLASS subaccount for Capital Fund Reserve was passed unanimously.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Di Bella to transfer the balance in Flushing Bank Account ending in 0536 (Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund) to a NYCLASS subaccount for Unemployment Insurance Reserve. Motin carried.
4. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo to transfer money from NYCLASS General Fund to subaccounts for NYS Retirement Reserve, Repair Reserve and Constable Car Reserve and Snow & Ice Assignment. Motin carried
5. **Motion** by Trustee Solo to pass a resolution urging the governor to increase AIM funding for cities and villages across New York State in the 2024/2025 State Budget. Motion was seconded by Trustee von Oiste and passed unanimously.
6. **Motion** by Trustee Solo to pass a resolution to set the standard work day for the NYS Retirement System at 8 hours. Seconded by Trustee von Oiste and passed unanimously.
7. **Motion** by Trustee von Oiste, seconded by Trustee Di Bella to pass a resolution authorizing the village to enter an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Suffolk County Planning Commission regarding zoning referrals. Motin carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

There being no questions, the meeting was adjourned and the board went into executive session to discuss employee and payroll issues.