

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

MINUTES OF: September 17, 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 pm

I. MINUTES: Minutes of August were accepted as corrected.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Paula Dwyer for a memorial service for Yvonne Dwyer on Saturday, September 28.
2. Peter Esposito sponsoring Melissa Miceli for a 1st birthday party on Saturday, Nov. 2

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sandak reported that Suffolk County has set up a system for residents who suffered damages from the torrential rains in August to apply for assistance, but there is an income cap in order to be eligible for this aid. However, FEMA will be offering help to affected residents as well as municipalities.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** Commissioner von Oiste reported that most of the damage caused by the August rainstorm at the beach, as well as the parking lot and ramp, have been repaired. The beach is now officially closed and cabanas will start being removed by the end of the month.

2. **BUILDINGS:** Commissioner Di Bella reported she is getting estimates to replace the broken pocket door in the kitchen at the community center.

3. **PARKS:** Commissioner Solo said he is getting good feedback on the exercise equipment installed at the park, and is looking to install three more stations. The bench on the pickle ball court is damaged and will be replaced.

4. **ROADS:** Commissioner Solo reported he met with representatives of Suffolk County and toured the village to assess damages from the August rainstorm. The village should be eligible for FEMA aid to correct drainage problems. He is also reviewing which drains need to be cleaned and where new drains are needed, as well as where roadside erosion control is needed.

5. **CONSTABULARY:** Commissioner Sandak reported August was a busy month with 60 calls for service.

VII: MOTIONS:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Di Bella was passed unanimously to approve for payment the abstract of audited vouchers in the amount of \$43,198.02

2. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo to pass a resolution to authorize the court clerk to make an application for a JCAP grant up to \$10,000 to improve court facilities and operations. Motion carried

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3. **Motion** by Trustee von Oiste, seconded by Trustee Gernaey, was passed unanimously, to approve the application for Youth Program funds.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident of Northwind Drive complained that a neighbor put up a roof over their patio which blocks her view of the harbor, which, in her opinion, will bring her property value down. She also stated that blocking someone's view is against the law. After some discussion, the board told her they would have the building inspector visit both her and her neighbor's property to determine if a building permit is required, as he would be the one to make that determination.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.