

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

MINUTES OF: July 15, 2025 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; Village Attorney Eileen Powers.

PUBLIC HEARING

Continuation of the public hearing to consider a Local Law adding **Chapter 101 (Exterior Lighting)** to the Village Code, to protect and promote the Village of Belle Terre's quality of life, unique character and the ability to view the night sky by establishing regulations and a process for review of exterior lighting.

The public hearing was called to order at 8 pm. A resident asked if there was a grandfather clause in the new code for existing lighting. The mayor explained it is not necessary because new codes only become effective after they are filed with the NY Department of State, as stated in section 101-4B. There was some discussion on enforcement of light trespass. A **Motion** to close the public hearing made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee Solo and passed unanimously. **Motion** to pass a resolution adopting **Local Law No. 4-2025** to add Chapter 101 (Exterior Lighting) to the Belle Terre Village Code. Made by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee von Oiste and passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING CONVENED AT 8:20 pm

I. MINUTES: of June were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: For June was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Doris Zinna for a class reunion on Saturday, August 23 from 4 to 11pm

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Sandak represented the village at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Mather Hospital's Frey Family Foundation Emergency Department. The area has all private rooms and all testing equipment is located in the emergency department. The Frey family are residents of Belle Terre and contributed much to this project.

V. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **BEACH:** The roof over the table on the beach has been raised and the ropes and anchors have been replaced.
2. **PARKS:** Poison ivy concerns have been addressed; the playground area has been re-mulched with the special playground mulch. We are reviewing options to improve the pickleball court by replacing the windscreen and resurfacing the court. We are continuing with the organic tick spraying, especially since the security cameras show a lot of deer in the park at night.
3. **ROADS:** Pothole and road edge repairs have been delayed because of weather, but

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should be started by next week. Additional drainage is being considered for several areas of the village. A resident asked about the installation of speed tables on Cliff Road. The board is waiting for additional proposals.

4. **YOUTH PROGRAM:** There are 77 full day campers registered this year as well as half day campers for the morning and afternoon programs, making a total of over 100 registered campers as well as daily guests. Director Samantha Abelson thanked Commissioner Schachner, the mayor and board of trustees and office staff for getting everything ready for the program. The camp was just inspected by Suffolk County. The Coastal Steward and Tasty Frosty are scheduled to visit the camp this week. The board said they would like to talk about extending the camp for an additional week or two next year to be more competitive with other programs in the area. Mayor Sandak thanked Francoise Schachner and Samantha for meeting with the board and making changes to the registration and enrollment policy. He noted that there are many more Belle Terre residents enrolled this year, as there are many new families in the village.
5. **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** The association hosted a great BBQ at the beach on July 3. The Gourmet Club usually meets every month. Anyone can attend.
6. **CONSTABULARY:** June was a very busy month with 63 calls for service.
7. **APPOINTMENTS; RESIGNATIONS:** A motion was made by Jacquelyn Gernaey to appoint Richard Harris to fill the unexpired term of Dave McAnaney as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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 \$120,092.52.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Gernaey, seconded by Trustee von Oiste to approve the list of appointments as attached. Motion carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

A resident asked if we have rules about noise disturbance. There is a noise ordinance in our code and there was discussion about how the village handles noise complaints. There were complaints about very loud noise coming from a specific property from several residents. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: APPOINTMENTS

Associate Justice	Michael Devine	unsalaried – 1 year
Associate Justice	John Reilly	unsalaried – 1 year
Attorney	Eileen A. Powers	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	Ken Weiss	unsalaried – 5 years
Zoning Board of Appeals Chair	Kathy Cleary	unsalaried – 1 year
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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	James J. von Oiste	unsalaried – 1 year
Building Commissioner	Leza Di Bella	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
Village Prosecutor	Martin Simon	per budget – 1 year
Harbor Management Commissioner	James J. von Oiste	unsalaried – 1 year
Historian	John Hiz	unsalaried – 1 year
Ethics Committee	James Altebrando	unsalaried – 3 years
Park Commissioner	Michael Solo	unsalaried – 1 year
Youth Program Commissioner	Francoise Schachner	unsalaried – 1 year
Traffic Commissioner	Rich Harris	unsalaried – 1 year

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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.