

**REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF TRUSTEES - INC. VILLAGE OF BELLE TERRE
55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre, NY 11777**

MINUTES OF: May 15, 2007 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor Ted Lucki

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Robert Sandak, Grant T. Geelan, Joanne Cornell-May

Others Present: Eileen A. Powers, Village Attorney, Joanne Raso, Village Clerk-Treasurer

MEETING CONVENED: 8:05 p.m.

I. MINUTES were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Fire Protection Contract from Port Jefferson Fire District
2. Letter from Suffolk County Parks Dept. Re: Piping Plover protection program at McAllister Park.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Ethel Curley sponsoring a college graduation party on Saturday, June 2
2. Caroline Engelhardt, Bat-Mitzvah, Saturday, June 9
3. Linda Schreiber sponsoring Maryhaven annual prom, Thursday, June 7

IV. Report of the Mayor: Mayor Lucki introduced Kevin & Jack from the Port Jefferson Volunteer Ambulance Company to review the LOSAP (Length Of Service Award Program) referendum which will be on the ballot in June. They explained the service award program and stated that they are the only ambulance company in Suffolk County without a LOSAP program. They answered some questions from the audience and said the Ambulance Company will be sending information to all Belle Terre residents so they can review it before the vote in June.

Other items the Mayor covered:

- Introduced Terry Elkowitz, who is being appointed to the Planning Board and Vincent DeStefano, who will be the new Planning Board Chairman.
- Corrected recycling schedule calendars are available at the Village Office.
- Expressed his personal support of the LOSAP program. Some discussion followed
- Thanks to committee who worked on Earth Day
- Board met with Building Inspector and visited building site at 10 Cliff Road. Minutes of that meeting are attached.
- Mayor also met with a resident of Cliff Road who was concerned about her neighbor's renovation being too close to her property line. After walking the site, she was assured that everything was in order.
- Mayor Lucki explained that there is a lot of change happening in the Village right now, including the Wall project and three houses being rebuilt right on Cliff Road.

V. LAW: Village Attorney Eileen Powers had no report.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. Beach: Commissioner Knapp first wanted to respond to last month's question about the Gatehouse copyright. Any image of the gatehouse is protected under the copyright and can only be used with permission of the Board. As for the beach, she has spent the winter trying to find a solution to the problem of losing the cabanas to bad storms, including putting them on the east side of the parking lot. Discussion followed. Also there is a new person who will be putting up and taking down the cabanas.

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2. Buildings: Commissioner Geelan reported the Community Center interior is complete. As far as the exterior is concerned, the front steps need some work, which will be done in the near future.

3. Constabulary: Commissioner Sandak reported that April was a quiet month. He reviewed the statistical report.

4. Parks: Commissioner Cornell-May reported some vandalism at the park, which has been repaired.

5. Roads: The tractor has been repaired and was delivered today. We are waiting for the Town of Brookhaven to come in to sweep the roads so that pothole repairs can be made.

6. Youth Program: Commissioner Schachner reported the applications are being submitted to the Village office.

7. Cable/Technology: Commissioner Weiss stated they are working on a history page for the web site.

8. Harbor Management: No report

9. Belle Terre Community Association: Next event is the 4th of July party

10. Conservation: No report.

Wall Project Update:

- Shrubs have been transplanted away from the wall.
- Tree removal is scheduled for May 21, with stump removal to follow
- Demolition of the wall, being done by a company owned by a village resident at no cost, is scheduled for the end of May
- Bricks are to be delivered the first week in June
- Wrought iron fencing is being fabricated.

VII. MOTIONS:

1. MOTION to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers # 12 for payment.

Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak **Seconded:** Trustee Joanne Cornell-May All Approved.

2. MOTION to appoint Terry Elkowitz to the position of Planning Board Member to fill the unexpired term of Chuck Darling.

Made by: Trustee Sheila Knapp **Seconded:** Trustee Bob Sandak. All Approved.

3. MOTION to appoint Vincent DeStefano Chairman of Planning Board to fill unexpired term of John Lovett.

Made by: Trustee Grant Geelan. **Seconded:** Trustee Joanne Cornell-May . All approved.

4. MOTION to pass a Resolution designating the Village Hall, 55 Cliff Road as the Village polling place, and that the Village election shall take place on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, the polls shall be open from 12 noon to 9 pm (prevailing time), at which election the stated offices are to be filled for the terms as per the attached resolution which the Village clerk is to publish in the official newspaper and post in 6 conspicuous places.

Made by: Trustee Sheila Knapp **Seconded:** Grant Geelan All Approved.

5. MOTION to pass a Resolution that the Inspectors of Election appointed by this Board to perform duties with respect to the annual election to be held on the 19th Day of June 2007, shall meet no later than four days before Election Day, June 19, 2007, to commence the preparation of the register of Voters at the office of the Village Clerk between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for said purposes, and that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to cause this resolution to be published no later than ten days prior to such Election Day and if further directed to post a printed copy of this resolution in at least three public places in the Village.

Made by: Trustee Grant Geelan Seconded: Trustee Sheila Knapp All Approved.

6. MOTION to pass a Resolution to place a referendum on the June 19, 2007 Village Election to vote on the proposed length of service award (LOSAP) for the Port Jefferson Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Made by: Trustee Sheila Knapp Seconded: Trustee Joanne Cornell May All Approved.

7. MOTION to accept the Fire Protection contract with Port Jefferson Fire District.

Made by: Trustee Joanne Cornell May Seconded: Trustee Bod Sandak All Approved

8. MOTION to adopt LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2007, an amendment to Chapter 161-21 of the Belle Terre Village Code and to authorize the Village Clerk to publish the Notice of Adoption.

Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak Seconded: Trustee Sheila Knapp All Approved.

VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

A resident commented that the house on the corner of Quail Run & Club Road still has 2 trailers on the property and wanted to know what was being done about it. Constable Commissioner Sandak reported that the trailers are being ticketed each day.

Another resident complained that LIPA had done some tree trimming and left the branches on the side of the road in front of his house and wanted to know if the Village was going to have it removed.. The Mayor explained that the Village does not have the personnel to routinely pick up debris along the roadsides and it is the homeowners responsibility to maintain the property in front of their homes.

There being no further business , the meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Raso
Village Clerk-Treasurer