

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

MINUTES OF: August 16, 2011 MEETING

PRESENT:

Mayor Ted Lucki

Deputy Mayor: Sheila Knapp

Trustees: Bob Sandak, Grant T. Geelan, Michael Sampogna

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

MEETING CONVENED: 8:10 p.m.

I. MINUTES of July meeting were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for July was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Roger Corcella, sponsoring R. Ishtique for an engagement party, Sat. Sept. 17, 2011
2. Dr. Fracchia sponsoring Dr. Gangat for a pre wedding celebration on Sat., Sept. 24, 2011

IV. Report of the Mayor:

- Thanks to Sheila Knapp and Dave McAnaney for seeing to the repair of the front entrance and the reinstallation of the eagle.
- The end of Cliff Road project is well underway. Thanks to Bob Sandak and Bill Raso for their efforts in overseeing the project. The State grant covered the cost of the erosion control part of the project. It will take a few years to complete the beautification phase. A resident has hired a renowned landscape designer to draw up plans for the area. We also applied for a grant to cover some of the cost of replanting the area, and although it was a long shot, we were recently notified that we were approved for a match grant of \$12,981. This is to be used to purchase specific trees and shrubs for the area.
- Thank you to the BTCA for a wonderful night at the annual Lobster Bake.
- Thank you to Françoise and her staff for a beautiful beach program this year.

V. LAW: No report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **Beach:** Commissioner Knapp reported a very good year. The beach passed the health department inspection with an A+ rating.
2. **Buildings:** Commissioner Geelan reported emergency repairs had to be done to the air conditioning unit for the Constable's office.
3. **Constabulary:** Commissioner Sandak reported July a very busy month with 53 calls for service, 28 of which were emergencies and 25 quality of life issues. There were 896 house watches and 51 summonses issued.
4. **Parks:** Commissioner Cornell-May reported the pirate ship is fine, but 2 of the benches were moved to the center of the park. Mike Sampogna reported that the 3 cement picnic tables were delivered to the Gatehouse today and he will arrange to have them brought to the park this weekend.
5. **Roads:** No report
6. **Youth Program:** No report

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7. **Cable/Technology:** Commissioner Weiss reported there was a misunderstanding with Cablevision. Regular cable service was installed at the beach, not the wifi hot spot we were expecting. Our application for a wifi hot spot is still being considered by Cablevision.
8. **Harbor Management:** Commissioner Knapp reported the bulkhead at the PJ Marina is repaired.
9. **Belle Terre Community Association:** President John Heidi thanked the Reale family for giving them a great deal on the catering for the Lobster bake, this was attended by about 90 people. Upcoming events include the Gourmet Dining Club on Sept. 17, Yappy hour at the Park on Sept. 25 (wine & cheese for the adults, bring your pets and a donation of pet food), Resident Cocktail party on Oct. 2 and Halloween party on Oct. 29. They are looking for volunteers to work on the train display.
10. **Conservation:** No report.

Summary of Deer Survey: 80 families responded to the deer survey that was sent out in the last newsletter. There were 24 responses in favor of allowing a bow hunt and 56 families against the idea. Some suggested alternative methods, such as birth control and deer repellent. Excerpts from some of the responses were read. The Board has decided that nothing will be done at this time.

VII. MOTIONS:

1. **MOTION to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers # 3 for payment.**
Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak **Seconded:** Trustee Grant Geelan **All Approved.**
2. **MOTION to approve a 3% retroactive pay raise for the Youth Program Lifeguards.**
Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak **Seconded:** Trustee Mike Sampogna **All Approved.**

VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

Several residents commented on the ruts on the side of Cliff Road, and overgrowth of brush along the sides of most of the roads in the Village. It was suggested that the Board put aside money in next year's budget for road maintenance, even if it means increasing taxes. It was also suggested that a note be put in the next newsletter to remind residents to maintain the property in front of their homes. One resident thanked the Board, BTCA and Beautification Committee for doing a good job in doing what they do for the Village.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Raso
Village Clerk-Treasurer