

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

MINUTES OF: May 15, 2012 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: 8:15 p.m.

I. MINUTES of April meeting were accepted as read.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for April was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Fully executed copy of Fire Contract
2. PJFD invitation to Board to attend 125th anniversary parade and block party, Sat., June 9

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Lucy Kozlowsky, sponsoring Nancy Miller for a birthday party on Sat. July 28

IV. Report of the Mayor:

- The Village has reached an understanding with Yuri Farber for the sale of about ½ acre of Village property adjacent to his for the amount of \$150,000. The property is about 26' wide and 600' long. As part of the agreement, he will also re-vegetate the top of the bluff to keep it stable.
- All residents have been invited to a dinner at the circle on June 7 to thank the Beautification Committee for their dedication and hard work over the last several years

V. LAW: No report.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **Beach:** Commissioner Knapp reported about 5 more families have signed up for cabanas this season. Cabanas will start going up the first week of June and the beach should be up and running by July 1. A resident questioned the lighting at the beach during the overnight hours, saying it was a form of light pollution. Sheila explained the lights are needed to defer vandalism and will be needed for the new security cameras.
2. **Buildings:** Commissioner Geelan reported painting of the interior of the community center has been completed and he is in the process of getting estimates for energy efficient windows. Youth Program Commissioner Françoise Schachner asked if Commissioner Geelan could look at the door of the arts & crafts shack at the beach, as it is in disrepair and may need replacing.
3. **Constabulary:** Commissioner Sandak reported the "men in orange" seen in the Village this week were inmates from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Dept. training program. They worked on Upper & Lower Devon, Sts. Orchard & Cliff, Bell Circle & Buena Vista and at the end of Cliff Road, cleaning out dead/downed trees and vines, saving the Village an estimated \$60,000. Some residents commented they were not comfortable having inmates working in the Village. Commissioner Sandak assured them that they are not hardened criminals; they are serving time for offenses such as DUI, nonpayment of child support or nonpayment of traffic tickets. They are scheduled to come back again next week. Discussion followed and it was decided the residents should be notified by email when they are scheduled to return.
Regular monthly report: In April there were 36 calls for service, including 13 emergencies. There were 738 house checks and 69 summonses were issued. Our burglary rate remains about zero, while surrounding areas have found it climbing.

4. **Parks:** Trustee Sampogna reported a parks and landscaping steering committee has been set up to work with the contracted landscaper and the beautification committee. The post & rail fence at the park is being replaced.
5. **Roads:** Commissioner Raso reported we are getting estimates for the repaving of portions of Park Lane & Alta Vista and pothole repairs will be done in a few weeks. We will look into the drainage problem on Bell Circle.
6. **Youth Program:** Commissioner Schachner reported the registration letters went out at the end of April and registrations are coming in. The program starts on July 2.
7. **Cable/Technology:** No report
8. **Harbor Management:** Commissioner Knapp reported the Town of Brookhaven is considering Privatizing the marina. The Town is also now charging \$25 for parking stickers.
9. **Belle Terre Community Association:** Upcoming events: Boating Safety class this Saturday, Gourmet Dining Club Fish & Chips dinner, June 2, July 4th party at the beach, July 21 Garden Tour, lobster bake in August.
10. **Conservation:** No report.

VII. MOTIONS:

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

Made by: Trustee Mike Sampogna **Seconded:** Trustee Sheila Knapp **All Approved.**

2. MOTION to pass a resolution giving the Mayor authority to sign an agreement with the Town of Brookhaven for the removal of snow and ice for the remainder of calendar year 2012, upon approval of the Village Attorney. Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak. **Seconded:** Trustee Grant Geelan. **All Approved.**

VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

A resident noticed a surveyor on the property behind her and was concerned about an existing dilapidated greenhouse on the otherwise vacant property.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Raso
Village Clerk-Treasurer