

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

**MINUTES OF: August 21, 2012 MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor** Ted Lucki

**Deputy Mayor:** Sheila Knapp, **Trustees:** Bob Sandak, Grant T. Geelan, Michael Sampogna

**Others Present:** Joanne Raso, Village Clerk-Treasurer

**Absent (prior notice):** Eileen A. Powers, Village Attorney

**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.**

1. Good Shepherd Hospice, planning meeting on Sept. 6 for scheduled walk on Oct. 6.

**Letters requesting use of the Community Center:**

1. Board of Election; primary election, Thursday, September 13.
2. Mike Sampogna, sponsoring reception & awards ceremony for Alternatives for Children sports car rally, Saturday, September 15
3. Mrs. Singh, dance rehearsals 4 weeks, 1 hour per week, September/October

**IV. Report of the Mayor:** There was vandalism at the end of Cliff Road circle. The road blocks were moved a car drove over the grass and shrubs. We are working on having it repaired and will install a barrier along the grass to prevent this from happening again.

The Port Jeff Country Club is working on a program to get new golf members. We are trying to work with the golf pro to arrange a lesson program for new golfers.

**V. LAW:** No report

**VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

1. **Beach:** Commissioner Knapp reported it is only 2 weeks until the end of beach season. If there is no storm threat, the cabanas can stay up until mid September.
2. **Buildings:** Commissioner Geelan reported the door on the arts & crafts building has been installed, as well as the windows at the Community Center. The semiannual floor maintenance will be scheduled for September or October.
3. **Constabulary:** Commissioner Sandak reported 32 calls for service including 15 emergencies and 17 quality of life. There were 555 house checks and 40 summonses issued, 38 for illegal parking.
4. **Parks:** Commissioner Sampogna reported the pavilion is completed and ready for final inspection, thanks to Kathy & Jean. A new picnic table has been ordered to be placed under the pavilion. The installation of the fence was delayed because we negotiated getting a better post & rail fence for the same price. A suggestions was made to try selling the pirate ship on Craig's list rather than eBay.
5. **Roads:** No report
6. **Youth Program:** No report
7. **Cable/Technology:** Commissioner Weiss reported Cablevision is interested in looking at the Park and the beach as possible hot spots. A representative from Cablevision will be in contact with the Village after Labor Day. A resident asked about the availability of FIOS in the Village. According to Verizon, FIOS data and voice is available, but not video.

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8. **Harbor Management:** Commissioner Knapp there are 7 more moorings in the harbor than last year and the Town took in \$2975 more in fees. The Setauket Yacht Club is sponsoring a regatta on Sept. 8 to raise money for pancreatic cancer research.
9. **Belle Terre Community Association:** The next Gourmet Club dinner will be a Brazilian theme on September 22.
10. **Conservation:** No report.

**VII. MOTIONS:**

1. **MOTION** to approve Abstract of Audited Voucher # 3 for payment.

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

2. **MOTION** to pass a resolution setting a public hearing for proposed **Local Law No. 2 of 2012** amending Chapter 170 of village code to add wireless communications towers and marinas as permitted special uses within the Village. Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012 at 8 pm.

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

3. **MOTION** to pass a resolution setting a public hearing for proposed **Local Law No. 3 of 2012** adding Chapter 168 to the village code to authorize and regulate wireless communications towers within the Village. Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 8 pm.

**Made by:** Trustee Grant Geelan **Seconded:** Trustee Bob Sandak **All Approved.**

**VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.**

Beautification Committee reported the blue spruce at the end of Cliff Road which was transplanted in the spring is dying. The Mayor said he will have Chris from Cases' Creek look at it to see if it can be saved.

Mike Sampogna reported on the formation of a marina/yacht club committee made up of interested residents to see if a small marina is practicable at the end of Anchorage Road. They will meet in September to start a feasibility and financial study and talk about what is involved to pursue this project.

A resident asked if the pothole repair crew will be back in to complete repairs on the side roads, and also asked if the "Welcome to Belle Terre" sign that was taken from Old Homestead Road will ever be replaced, as the Beautification committee wants to plant around it. Trustee Sandak replied that estimates were just obtained and a new sign will be ordered soon.

There was some discussion on the overgrowth along the sides of the road. The Village has arranged for the dangerous intersections and obstacles to traffic to be cut back, but urge residents to maintain property along the road near their homes. A resident also commented on the dangerous situation created by a homeowner placing rocks along the road in front of their home stating they are too close to the road and don't allow any room for a pedestrian or vehicle to move out of the way of oncoming traffic.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Raso  
Village Clerk-Treasurer