

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

MINUTES OF: September 18, 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: 8:20 p.m. after a public hearing

I. MINUTES: Motion made by Trustee Bob Sandak to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Mike Sampogna, all approved.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for August was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Thank you card from Ann Henry

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith sponsoring Charles Sottillo for an engagement party Sat. 10/13

IV. Report of the Mayor:

- Mayor Lucki explained that the local laws passed tonight are the first step to getting a cell tower and/or marina in the Village. These laws will allow the Board to consider issuing special use permits for cell towers and/or marinas. The next step is to decide if we will put a cell tower and/or marina, and if so where.
- Deer activity seems to have increased, partly because of the disruption of their habitat at the end of Hemlock Path, where a new house is being constructed.
- The survey for parents of the youth program will be going out next week. We hope to evaluate the program to see where improvements can be made.

V. LAW: No report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **Beach:** Commissioner Knapp reported the cabanas have all been taken down and the beach is officially closed for the season.
2. **Buildings:** Commissioner Geelan reported the annual floor maintenance for the Community Center is scheduled for the last weekend in September.
3. **Constabulary:** Commissioner Sandak reported that August had 28 calls for service, 16 of which were emergencies. There were 56 summonses issued and 574 house checks.
4. **Parks:** Commissioner Sampogna reported the new fence has been installed at the park.
5. **Roads:** Commissioner Raso reported the pothole repair is completed, we are getting estimates for drains on Bell Circle and the bottom of Seaside Drive and a request for road striping has been submitted to Town of Brookhaven to stripe Cliff Road and Crooked Oak Road.
6. **Youth Program:** As reported earlier, the survey will be mailed to participants next week.
7. **Cable/Technology:** Commissioner Weiss reported he has a meeting scheduled with Cablevision next week.
8. **Harbor Management:** Commissioner Knapp reported there will be a public meeting in November.
9. **Belle Terre Community Association:** This Sunday is Yappy Hour at the Park, a fund raiser for Save a Pet. This Saturday is the Gourmet Club's Brazilian night. The Resident party is Sunday, October 14 and an adult Halloween party is scheduled for Saturday, October 27.

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10. Conservation: No report

VII. MOTIONS:

1. MOTION to approve Abstract of Audited Voucher #4 for payment.

Made by: Trustee Bob Sandak **Seconded:** Trustee Mike Sampogna **All Approved.**

2. MOTION to appoint John Senesi as Village Accountant.

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

3. MOTION to approve the application for Youth Program Funds.

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

4. MOTION to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a Local Law adding Chapter 4 to the Village Code to change the residency requirements in that all appointed officers and the Village Justice be electors & residents of Suffolk County

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

Village Attorney Eileen Powers explained the reason we need to pass a local law to change residency requirements is that small municipalities such as ours according to NYS law can decide, by Local Law, to use a person who is not a Village resident, but is a resident of Suffolk County to serve in an appointed position.

VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

Trustee Geelan reported that the reason new street signs have not been installed yet is that other projects, such as drain clearing and traffic sign installation had to be done first. Work on installing new street signs will start soon.

A resident brought up the increase in the deer population and asked if the Board had considered a sterilization program. The Mayor asked if she could get some information for the Board to consider.

Trustee Mike Sampogna announced that there will be a kick off meeting next week for the proposed marina project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Raso
Village Clerk-Treasurer

