

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

MINUTES OF: October 16, 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: 8:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES of September meeting were accepted as corrected.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT for September was accepted.

III. CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters requesting use of the Community Center:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Ioannou, Sunday October 21 for a 1st Birthday party

IV. Report of the Mayor:

- The resident party on Sunday was well attended
- Condolences to the family of one of our long time residents, Sheldon Katz, who passed away last week

V. LAW: No report

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

1. **Beach:** Commissioner Knapp reported the beach buildings have been winterized and the gazebo has been pulled back to the base of the cliff. We are getting ready to install the security cameras.
2. **Buildings:** Commissioner Geelan reported the semiannual floor maintenance is done. Set up for the Toys for Tots Train display will begin the first week in November. Work has begun on the street sign posts and a purchase order will be issued this week for the actual signs.
3. **Constabulary:** Commissioner Sandak reported September was slower than average month with 23 calls for service, 10 of which were emergencies. There were 658 house checks and 24 summonses issued.
4. **Parks:** Commissioner Sampogna reported the parks steering committee met to discuss a long range plan for the park. It will probably take three or four months to come up with a plan, but they should be ready to go by spring. The old swing set will be taken out and replaced.
5. **Roads:** Commissioner Raso reported he is scheduling the drain installation for Bell Circle & Nonowantuc Trail.
6. **Youth Program:** No report
7. **Cable/Technology:** Commissioner Weiss reported two modems have been installed at the beach, one for the security cameras, which we will pay for, and the other for the Wi-Fi hot spot, which Cablevision will supply. Ken also met with surveyors to look at the end of Cliff Road to install service for security cameras. He noted that dealing with Cablevision has been a pleasure, as he has been able to easily contact someone to respond to his requests.
8. **Harbor Management:** No report

- 9. Belle Terre Community Association:** Lori Lucki reported that last month's Yappy Hour at the Park was a well run, well attended event. Linda did a wonderful job of organizing activities and refreshments. The resident cocktail party was also a success. The adult Halloween Party scheduled for Oct. 27 may have to be cancelled if we do not received enough paid responses by the end of this week. The gourmet club dinner for October was cancelled, but they are working on a date for November. Volunteers are needed to serve on the board of the BTCA.
- 10. Conservation:** No report.
- 11. Marina Committee:** Mike Sampogna reported the committee has its second meeting scheduled for tomorrow. They are looking into the steps necessary to pursue this project and are talking to an environmental consulting company.

VII. MOTIONS:

1. MOTION to approve Abstract of Audited Vouchers # 5 for payment.

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

2. MOTION to pass a resolution setting a public hearing to consider a Local Law adding Chapter 23 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: Trustee Mike Sampogna **Seconded:** Trustee Grant Geelan **All Approved.**

VIII. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

A resident asked why the minutes aren't posted to the web site right after the meeting. It was explained that the minutes are posted after they are approved by the Board. For example, minutes taken in September are read and approved by the Board in October, then posted on the web site after the October meeting.

Another resident asked how the Board can promote better attendance at these meetings. It was noted that when an issue comes up that the residents don't agree with, they will attend a meeting.

It was also asked if anything was being done about the rocks a resident placed along Cliff Road in front of his property, as they are too close to the road edge and considered a hazard.

As requested last month, Jean looked into the possibility of treating the deer with birth control. She found out that it's not as easy as it sounds. The deer first have to be subdued with a dart, and then vaccinated with the birth control. It would be very costly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Raso
Village Clerk-Treasurer