

VILLAGE OF BELLEROSE
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR BOARD MEETING
50 Superior Road, Bellerose Village, NY 11001
April 17, 2017
7:30PM

In Attendance:

Mayor Henry J. Schreiber
Deputy Mayor Joseph Juliano
Trustee Margaret Hagan
Trustee Kenneth Moore
Trustee Daniel Driscoll
Village Clerk-Treasurer Rosaleen Shea
Village Attorney Richard Handler
Audience: 12

The Mayor opened the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30PM. He led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked for a moment of silence for all the Armed Forces and First Responders.

Mayor Schreiber then opened the Public Hearing to enable the Board of Trustees to hear public comment regarding the proposed budget for 2017-2018. He stated that he had prepared the proposed budget and sent the final draft to the Board of Trustees for its review.

A posted synopsis of significant expenses outlined in the budget for everyone to review and the proposed budget (see attached) was presented by Mayor Schreiber:

- The proposed 2017-2018 Budget reflects a 0.9% increase which averages approximately \$27 per household per year.
- After thirty years of no increase, the proposed budget reflected an increase in the line item for the salaries of elected officials from \$9,000 to \$14,400 total.
- Police coverage in the Village is \$455,000 this year.
- Garbage and refuse collection costs the Village approximately \$220,000 annually.
- The Fire House Bond will cost the Village approximately \$28,000 this year.
- The Hydrant rentals cost the Village approximately \$45,000 annually.
- There is a Tax Certiorari reserve of \$85,000 and a line item for a Bi-Annual Audit for \$10,000.
- The Village has incurred some major expenses over the past year. We put new windows in the Village Hall and a new boiler in the Firehouse. \$35,000 is allocated for future Village Hall and Maintenance Shed building repair.

The Mayor met with grant coordinator Charles Puglisi and a municipal application for grant funding of \$125,000 for capital projects has been made to the State through Assemblywoman Solages.

The Mayor stated that he believed the proposed budget to be prudent and fiscally responsible. He asked if the Board of Trustees had questions and/or comments, and as there being none he opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Public Comment

- Andrea Saccente questioned the cost and reporting of the Midland garbage contract.

- Howard Tripmacher asked questions about the cost of streetlights under line item A5182.4. Fran Altman inquired as to the Village possibly considering LED lights for streetlights. Trustee Moore responded that he met with contractors on the electric utility bills and streetlight costs and options earlier this year. Trustee Moore recommended against LED lights at this time. Trustee Hagan commented that the LED lights could be a possible quality of life issue because they are very bright and could be bothersome to homes near streetlight locations.
- Lynn Sherman questioned the police coverage for the Village. The Mayor responded that Car 317 covers Bellerose Village and Bellerose Terrace and that Car 317 is called away to support Nassau County at times. Bellerose Village has a contract with the Nassau County Police Department and pays the same tax rate to the Police Department directly rather than through The Town of Hempstead.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Juliano, seconded by Trustee Hagan the public hearing was closed at 8:16PM.

On motion by Mayor Schreiber, seconded by Deputy Mayor Juliano the Regular Board of Trustees meeting was re-opened at 8:17PM.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Juliano, seconded by Trustee Driscoll the Minutes of the March 20, 2017 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting and the Annual Organization Meeting of April 3, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Bills to be paid for the following period were reviewed and on motion by Trustee Moore seconded by Trustee Hagan, the bills were unanimously approved. These were:

General Fund Bills to be paid in the period

March 16 – March 31, 2017	totaling	\$ 8,539.84
April 1 – April 17, 2017	totaling	\$ 65,973.18

Treasurer’s Report: March 2017:

General Fund -	\$	878,352.31
Petty Cash -	\$	500.00
Revenues -	\$	28,910.57
Expenses -	\$	79,072.75

Mayor’s Report

On motion by Deputy Mayor Juliano, seconded by Trustee Moore the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 was passed unanimously with the following roll call:

Trustee Hagan - AYE	Deputy Mayor Juliano- AYE
Trustee Driscoll - AYE	Trustee Moore - AYE
Mayor Schreiber- AYE	

The Mayor asked for the Police Report.

Police Commissioner Report

Police Commissioner Tamparo read the following police report:

March 2017

- 6 Parking violations issued
- 4 Moving violations issued
- 5 Accidents
- 1 Aided

Mayor Schreiber stated the following:

Parking tickets issued by Code Enforcement Officer

- **March 2017** - 45 Tickets

Mayor's Report continued

Mayor Schreiber reported on the following:

- Competitive bids for the Village Grounds Maintenance (Landscaping) Contract resulted in one (1) bid received. Ron Nadolny Landscaping submitted a bid to the Village for a three (3) year contract with no price increase.

On motion by Mayor Schreiber, seconded by Trustee Hagan the contract for Grounds Maintenance was awarded to Ron Nadolny Landscaping and was passed unanimously.

- He met with Congresswoman Kathleen Rice earlier today to try to get various funding for Village projects. It was a positive meeting.
- The potholes throughout the Village will be filled before Memorial Day. The street sweeper was recently repaired.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Handler presented the Tax Certiorari Settlement Chart for 2016-2017 and requested Board of Trustees approval. (See Attached.)

On motion by Mayor Schreiber, seconded by Deputy Mayor Juliano the Tax Certiorari Settlement Chart for 2016-2017 was passed unanimously with the following roll call:

Trustee Moore - **AYE**
Trustee Hagan - **AYE**
Mayor Schreiber - **AYE**

Deputy Mayor Juliano - **AYE**
Trustee Driscoll - **AYE**

The Mayor thanked Attorney Handler for his diligence and hard work on this matter.

Highway/Public Works Commissioner Report

Mayor Schreiber reported that he recently met with Highway Superintendent George Braun to survey the village roads and annual repairs. They are investigating costs for repaving at least one street in the Village and that will cost about \$150,000 to do it the "right way". Superintendent Braun is updating a Village-Wide Street Repaving Proposal estimated prior at \$2.5 million for review by the Mayor and Board of Trustees. For 2017-2018 the usual roadway repairs only are planned.

Fire Department Report

Commissioner Christ spoke about the following:

- The BFD responded to one (1) call on April 1, 2017 that was a malicious false alarm on Commonwealth Blvd and Ontario Rd at 04:55AM. 18 members responded.
- Tuesday evening fire drills are ongoing.
- The BFD is working with local politicians for potential grant funds.
- The Department will be having a drive for members.

Recreation Commissioner Report

Recreation Commissioner Morfessis proposed June 29, 2017 to July 14, 2017 as the Bellerose Village Summer Camp dates.

Historian Report

Historian Alan Woodruff reported the following:

- He thanked the Board for his reappointment and for approving his new budget.
- He is still working on the plaque.

Trustee Moore

- Trustee Moore congratulated Mayor Schreiber and Deputy Mayor Juliano on their re-election and Trustee Driscoll on his being elected trustee.

Trustee Hagan

- Trustee Hagan also congratulated the recently elected officials.
- She is looking into an “app” that is free of charge for commuters who use the LIRR Munimeter to have the option to pay via phone.

Trustee Juliano – No report.

Trustee Driscoll

- The Mayor and Trustees welcomed Trustee Driscoll to the Board. Trustee Driscoll thanked the Mayor for his hard work on the budget. He thanked the residents for voting for him and looks forward to working with the Board and to serving the Village.

Mayor Schreiber announced the following:

- JBDDC Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30PM
- Women’s Club Meeting, May 9, 2017 at 1PM
- ARC Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7PM
- Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:30PM
- Tree Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:30PM
- COURT Session, Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 6PM

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM, on motion by Trustee Moore, seconded by Deputy Mayor Juliano and unanimously approved.

The meeting opened for public comment at 8:55PM.

After all those who wished to be heard, having been heard and there being no further discussion, Deputy Mayor Juliano motioned to close the public meeting. Trustee Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:56PM.

Submitted,

Rosaleen Shea

Rosaleen Shea
Village Clerk - Treasurer