

VILLAGE OF BELLEROSE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
50 Superior Road, Bellerose Village, NY 11001
Monday, September 16, 2019 - 7:30PM

In Attendance:

Mayor Kenneth Moore

Deputy Mayor Joseph Juliano

Trustee Daniel Driscoll

Trustee Kate Dorry

Village Clerk-Treasurer Rosaleen Shea

Village Attorney Richard Handler

Audience: 21

Mayor Moore opened the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:33PM. 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 Moore asked if there were any recording devices in the room. There were none.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Juliano, seconded by Trustee Dorry the Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Special Board of Trustees Meeting was unanimously approved.

Bills to be paid for the period were reviewed and on motion by Trustee Moore seconded by Deputy Mayor Juliano, the General Fund bills were unanimously approved. These were:

Aug. 23 – Sep. 06, 2019	totaling	\$ 6,718.16
Sep. 07 – Sep. 16, 2019	totaling	\$ 27,078.34

Treasurer's Report: August 2019:

General Fund -	\$ 1,515,339.89
Petty Cash -	\$ 500.00
Revenues -	\$ 41,450.69
Expenses -	\$ 166,078.89

Mayor's Report

Mayor Moore reported on the following:

- Resolution #19-09-16-1 & 2 - Health insurance policy for qualified active full-time employees was adopted as per the attached.
- Resolution #19-09-16-3 - Excise schedule of Village property (vehicle and equipment) was adopted as per the attached.
- Resolution # 19-09-16-4 - 2019-2020 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant application submission was adopted as per the attached.
- An update was given on the Belmont Project and the new Elmont station located between Bellerose Terrace and Elmont south of Superior Rd. near the Cross Island Parkway. It will be a 20 month project starting in late 2019. The Elmont LIRR Parking Lot will be on south side of station only, not in Bellerose Terrace. The Mayor and Village Clerk Shea met with the LIRR and Empire Development Corporation officials on September 4th. The Bellerose station will remain open. The Floral Park and Elmont stations will be ADA compliant and the Bellerose station is on a list for a future ADA upgrade. They toured the Bellerose station and reviewed the areas for improving safety and appearance with new lights, signs and painting at a minimum. The Mayor asked if the LIRR and Belmont Project officials could help fund a new firetruck to support emergency operations needed to protect communities surrounding the new development site.
- Mayor met with Senator Anna Kaplan on September 13th. Senator Kaplan was able to restore the \$125,000 Transportation grant promised by former Senator Phillips in 2018 for the Village Road Project. In addition, Senator Kaplan is securing an additional \$50,000 through a 2019 NYS SAM grant for the Road Project. The Mayor is grateful to Senator Kaplan and her staff for assisting Bellerose Village.
- Mayor met Legislator Thomas Muscarella and discussed needs of the Village related to roads, catch basins, a new firetruck and the Belmont Project among other items.
- Mayor met with contractor ORACO, LLP recently hired to perform the replacement of sidewalks through the Village. He thanked Maintenance Staff Buddy and Matt who canvassed the Village to map broken and

deteriorated slabs that qualified for replacement. The Village plans to repair and replace sidewalks starting next month and on a scheduled basis to be determined going forward.

- Due to a recent storm, the tree in front of 33 Pennsylvania Blvd. had to be removed as a large branch had broken off and it was dying. Mayor is working with the homeowners and Dreyer Tree Co. on its removal.
- Mayor met with Charles Puglisi, Webmaster to discuss updating the Village code and antiquated laws. Also discussed were quality of life rules and violations and updating the employee policy manual.
- The Village is seeking a volunteer to replace Mary O'Donoghue who served on the Joint Bellerose Business District Development Corporation (JBBDDC) for the past ten years. Please submit any request for consideration in writing to Village Hall.
- In response to inquiries, the new building under construction on the northwest corner of Little Neck Parkway and Jamaica Avenue in Queens is not open due to parking lot issues. A Certificate of Occupancy has not been granted yet.
- The Village of Floral Park recently filed a lawsuit against the Empire Development Corporation for an injunction to delay development. At this time, Mayor Moore proposes that Bellerose Village will not opt to join the lawsuit and will discuss further with the Trustees to evaluate the situation.

Deputy Mayor Juliano Report – none.

Trustee Driscoll

Trustee Driscoll reported:

- Thank you to the residents for attending the meeting and was happy to see a nice crowded room.
- Thank you to Mayor Moore for stepping up and “hitting the ground running” as the new Mayor.
- Thank you to the Bellerose Fire Department for a very moving 9/11 ceremony last week. He also reported that Jeanine Driscoll attended the Floral Park 9/11 Memorial and it was very largely attended.

Trustee Dorry

Trustee Dorry reported:

- The annual JWCB Garage Sale was a very nice event and a success. Thank you to Kathy Woodruff for running it and to all of the volunteers.
- She and the staff met with representatives of the LIRR last week and toured the Bellerose station to request clean-up and repair of the station and the platform. Crumbling concrete, painting, new lighting, and new fences were among the list of needs. The Bellerose station was built in 1960 and is in need of attention, especially in anticipation of the increased rail traffic due to the Main Line Corridor expansion project from NYC and the Belmont Project. She asked that the LIRR be a good neighbor to Bellerose Village and will report on the progress in future meetings.

Village Attorney's Report

Attorney Handler reported:

- He worked with the Board of Trustees on various resolutions and contracts.

Tree Board Report

Chairman Mike Maxwell reported:

- The tree at 33 Pennsylvania Blvd was removed.
- Bonkowski Arborists checked on maples in the Village that may potentially need to be removed.
- There is a tree on the sidewalk at Surber Realty and Sanchez house that needs to be looked at and may have to come down. (Northwest corner of Commonwealth and Huron).

Highway/Public Works Report – none.

Fire Department Report – none.

Police Commissioner's Report

August 2019

- 0 Parking violations issued
- 13 Moving violations issued
- 4 Accidents
- 0 Aided

Tickets Issued By Code Enforcement Officers: 98 Tickets

Mayor Moore announced the following:

- Justice Court Session, Wednesdays, September 18 & October 16, 2019 at 6PM
- Arbor Day, Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 11AM
- BZA Hearing – 250-72 Jericho Tpke Matter, Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7PM
- JBBDDC Meeting, Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:30PM
- Women’s Club Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 1PM
- ARC Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7PM
- Columbus Day Holiday, Monday, October 14, 2019 – Village Hall Closed
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:30PM
- Tree Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 8 & 29, 2019 at 7:30PM

Mayor Moore – New Trustee Appointment

Mayor Moore announced that he is appointing Kathleen Woodruff to fill the vacant Trustee position due to his being appointed Mayor. Mayor Moore swore Kathleen Woodruff in as Trustee.

Village Clerk Rosaleen Shea asked to address the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Ms. Shea thanked the Board of Trustees on behalf of herself and Court Clerk-Deputy Clerk Kathleen O’Malley for the medical insurance payments towards their healthcare costs. Ms. Shea also thanked the taxpayers for their support and stated that she and Ms. O’Malley truly enjoy their positions and serving the Mayor, Board of Trustees and residents of the Village.

On Motion by Mayor Moore, seconded by Trustee Driscoll and carried the business meeting was closed at 8:06PM and opened for public comment.

- R. McGrade asked Mayor Moore about his professional background.
- A. Byrnes requested permission to research new sidewalk replacement techniques.
- Karen Sa reported that the plant in the planter in front of Chase Bank on Jericho Turnpike is dead. Mayor will have Maintenance follow-up.
- A. Soller, ARC Chairperson congratulated Mayor Moore. She reported that the ARC does a great job and asked that the Board of Trustees recognize their efforts, especially Deanne Loos who writes the ARC minutes. Mayor Moore recognized the ARC and thanked them.
- M. Kiley advised that she submitted her name last year to volunteer to serve on the ARC.
- M. Talty asked when the terms end for the newly appointed mayor and trustee positions. Mayor Moore responded that the appointed mayor position is to complete the first year of former Mayor Schreiber’s term and a one year term for the mayor position will be on the ballot in March 2020. There will be two open trustee positions on the ballot including Ms. Woodruff’s position in March 2020.
- Fred Beuchler of Hudson Rd inquired as to the Road Project and expressed concerns about utilities and curbs.
- G. Seeger expressed concerns about storm drains on the east end of Superior Rd. and requested a noise barrier due to the LIRR removing the trees on the south side of Superior Rd. along the Right of Way.
- A. Soller asked if the Village is replacing curbs. She has a problem on her curb at 11 Commonwealth Blvd.
- M. Kiley asked if the new Village policy is for cement curbs. The Village responded yes. She thanked Mayor Moore for personally responding to her regarding the tree at 33 Pennsylvania Blvd.
- M. Talty expressed concerns about the icy winter conditions of the sidewalks between Michigan and Superior Rds. (west side) and about the quality of the sidewalk contractor.

After all those who wished to be heard, having been heard and there being no further discussion, Mayor Moore motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Juliano and unanimously passed. The meeting closed at 8:29PM.

Submitted,

Rosaleen Shea

Rosaleen Shea
Village Clerk-Treasurer