



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 16, 2019
Belleair Bluffs City Hall
6:00PM

Town of Belleair Shore **Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Deborah Roseman, Commissioner Niewiarowski, Commissioner Blume, Attorney Regina Kardash, Linda Fisher Forward Pinellas, Wayne and Nancy Ayers Beach Bee.

6:00 pm Call to order by Vice Mayor Roseman

Oath of Office

Oath of office was executed to Commissioner Deborah Roseman.

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Commissioner Niewiarowski to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

Comments from the public on any agenda item:

There were no comments from the public on the agenda.

Approval of minutes from the March 26, 2019 meeting:

It was moved by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Commissioner Niewiarowski to approve the agenda. The voice vote was unanimous.

Sheriff's Report

Commissioner Blume noted that things have changed and there are new players every week. It is concerning. There are multiple issues and he feels as though everything has escalated a little higher. He has not expressed this opinion that the policing is not as good as it was. Not through lack of effort but lack of knowledge. Feels that there is an escalation of situations on the beach and the accesses. Notes that he sees alcohol issues. Unpermitted parking in the beach accesses. Vice Mayor Roseman noted that she had to vacate a homeless man from her property, jumping over a locked gate, taking a shower and sleeping on her outdoor furniture. Counsel Kardash noted that Pinellas County has recently received calls from other cities that the homeless would like to relocate here and the County was asked if there were homeless housing near the beach. The Town of Belleair Shore has also received two calls with the same request. Wayne Ayers noted that he called the Police the other night for loudness at Morgan Park and the Police were there

quickly. Consideration was also taken that Belleair Shore residents have not been calling with their problems. Commission requested that an email be sent to Captain Mike Leiner.

Treasurer's Report and Approval of Expenditures:

Clerk/Treasurer, Barb Colucci went over balance sheet and P&L. P&L Numbers pointed out that funds needed to be transferred from old account to new. Also \$5,708.92 open bills had to be cleared from Quickbooks by adding a credit to this fiscal year numbers since our previous year audit has already been done. After doing this voiding of old bills in Quickbooks, we were able to transfer the accurate amount of \$15,148.33 to the new bank account. Clerk/Treasurer presented March 2019 expenditures Duke Energy \$284.03, Persson & Cohen Attorney \$360.00, Pinellas County Sheriff \$2964.00, Clerk/Treasurer Salary \$896.50, Waste Connections did not clear and will show double in April expenditures. It was moved by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Commissioner Niewiarowski to approve both the treasurers report and expenditures. The voice vote was unanimous.

Regular Town Meeting tabled at 6:14pm

Public Hearing Ordinance 2018-01

Opened at 6:14pm. Ordinance 2018-01 (DEO Comprehensive Plan) read by Counsel. Second and Final reading.

No public opinion expressed. Commissioner Blume questioned what is different from the previous DEO Plan. Linda Fisher noted that this is just a required update that the State of Florida requires every 7 to 10 years. This is to update any terminology or statutory references that are required. Any updates required by Pinellas Countywide plan are also updated. Linda Fisher is our consultant from Forward Pinellas. She noted that there is very little substantive change, but noted that on page 10 objectives (chapter 6.3-6.6) were changed to go along with the Parallel Flood Act adopted by the State of Florida in 2015. Coastal Communities must adopt policies, strategies and engineering solutions to deal with flood hazard and sea level rise. Linda Fisher noted that as a coastal community we are already doing a lot. This is just a matter of reiterating what we are already doing and checking the boxes that need to be checked in the language of the Ordinance. Commissioner Blume also had questions on beach renourishment. He stated that his understanding of the lack of renourishment on Belleair Shore is because we are a semi-private beach. He believes that we do pay taxes to have that done and the 'break' at Belleair Shore is a hindrance when renourishing the beaches North and South of us. Counsel noted that we do not take tax payer dollars to renourish our Belleair Shore beach because we do not allow the general public on our beach. Commissioner Blume noted that residents of Belleair Shore pay a renourishment fee on their taxes. Counsel noted that there is nothing in the DEO report that changes anything about the beach renourishment situation. Commissioner Blume believes that Belleair Shore should receive beach renourishment because we pay taxes that go to the renourishment. Counsel noted that the issue with the renourishment (controlled by the Army Corp of Engineers) is that residents are required to give an easement in order to receive the renourishment. Commissioner Blume noted that the Army Corp of Engineers were driving up and down Belleair Shore easement during the last renourishment. Believes that our Belleair Shore

beach is being abused and we do not get renourishment. Commissioner Blume also noted that Belleair Shore residents own to the mean high tide line. He also noted that some residents in Redington have walls and fences marking their property. Counsel noted that residents would have to release a general public easement on their properties in order to receive renourishment. Commissioner Blume again noted that residents pay taxes for renourishment. It was also noted that in order for Belleair Beach to receive renourishment

Counsel noted that there is a calculation that is done by the Army Corp of Engineers for renourishment funds. For every 'X' amount of beachfront that a city or town has, there must be 'X' number of public parking or mobile mobility spots. Creating these spots is how Belleair Beach received their renourishment funding. Commissioner Blume conceded that he does not believe that the residents of Belleair Shore would like to allow full public access to the beach. Believes Belleair Shore residents love the privacy that is afforded them without full public accesses. Wayne Ayers noted that Belleair Beach has always been renourished because the previous administration coordinator was not as stringent with the requirements needed. The easement rule was not enforced strictly They are now strictly enforcing all rules pertaining to this issue. Redington Shores issue is that they still need easement signatures from Condominium associations to be able to renourish again. These easement signatures are a concern for beachfront communities.

It was moved by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Commissioner Niewiarowski to approve Ordinance 2018-01 at the Second and Final reading. The voice vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing Closed 6:32pm

Regular Town Meeting resumed 6:32pm

PSTA Email

Counsel spoke regarding PSTA countywide referendum taxation email from a citizen advocate. Counsel questions the veracity of this email, so Counsel questions whether or not to pursue this. Commissioner Blume suggests we ignore this email

Budget Millage Calendar

Presented by Treasurer, so Commissioners can keep dates open for key TRIM deadlines.

9.5.19 Proposed Budget and Millage Rate Public Hearing

9.17.19 Final Public Hearing

Counsel recommended Treasurer bring a draft budget to May meeting so Commission has more time to work on this.

Miscellaneous

Commission agreed to clerk, Barbara Colucci becoming a notary for the Town.

Availability of Commissioners for May 21, 2019 Regular Town Meeting.

Mayor	Yes
Blume	No
Niewiarowski	Yes
Roseman	Yes
Piscitelli	No Will be out until November meeting.

Mayor/Commissioner comments on non-agenda items:

None.

Public comments on non-agenda items:

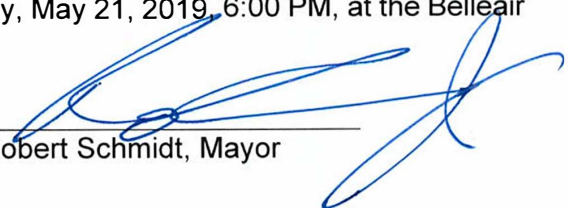
Wayne Ayers reported that there will be signs put on Belleair Causeway that bikes will now have to be walked in the pedestrian walk. Bikes can only be ridden on the street in the bike lane.


Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM made by Commissioner Niewiarowski, seconded by Commissioner Blume. The voice vote was unanimous.

The next regular Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6:00 PM, at the Belleair Bluffs City Hall, 2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL.

5/21/19
Date Approved

APPROVED: 
Robert Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Barbara Colucci, Town Clerk