



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 18, 2020
Virtual Meetings

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

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PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Schmidt, Vice Mayor Roseman, Commissioner Tolbert, Commissioner Niewiarowski, Commissioner Blume, Attorney Regina Kardash, Captain Leiner

Roll Call:

Mayor Schmidt called to order the Regular Town Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call conducted by Town Clerk: Mayor Schmidt-here, Vice Mayor Roseman-here, Commissioner Niewiarowski-here, Commissioner Blume-here, Commissioner Tolbert-here, Regina Kardash-here.

6:00 pm Call to order by Mayor Schmidt – Counsel noted the Virtual Meeting Procedures

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Vice Mayor Roseman and seconded by Commissioner Tolbert to approve the agenda. The roll call vote was unanimous excluding Mayor Schmidt (lost connection).

Comments from the public on any agenda item:

No comments.

Treasurer's Report, Approval of Expenditures and Budget Worksheet:

Clerk/Treasurer, Barb Colucci went over balance sheet and P&L. June 2020 expenditures: Regions Bank Svc Chg \$30.81, Clerk/Treasurer salary \$896.50, Saltmarsh Cleaveland and Gund \$6000.00 CAFR, Verizon \$70.15, Saltmarsh Cleaveland and Gund \$4000.00 CAFR, Persson & Cohen \$2700.00, Waste Connections \$793.20, Trask Daigneault Special Magistrate \$585.00, Duke Energy \$253.04, US Treasury \$540.00 Quarterly 941, Pinellas County Sheriff \$2850.00, Fast Signs \$3295.61. It was moved by Commissioner Dorothy and seconded by Commissioner Blume to approve both the treasurers report and expenditures. The roll call vote was unanimous. Treasurer noted that rolled back rate is .5823, reduced code enforcement to \$5000 and take away gate maintenance and moved the court fine revenue up to \$6000.00. This will be discussed at the Sept. 15, 2020 meeting and the first public hearing for budget. It was moved by Commissioner

Blume and seconded by Commissioner Tolbert to approve these changes. The roll call vote was unanimous

Sheriff's Report

Captain Leiner reported no crime. Arrests were noted as 4 on our report. This concerned Captain, so he did some research in the Dept geo-coding, found the problem and will have it corrected and provide an updated report. Commissioner Blume questioned if the ordinance change for the umbrellas has made the municode yet. Captain advised that it takes time for municode to update and Captain noted that he is providing the ordinance to the officers. Captain noted that per direction from the Town, the officers had not yet been enforcing that part of the code. Mayor Schmidt noted that there were 3 or 4 bikes going faster than the cars on Gulf Blvd (going 30 to 35 mph). Commissioner Blume noted he did see them and Vice Mayor Roseman agreed. Captain noted that there were no calls for service on this. Mayor noted it was about 7:00 or 7:30pm, close to sunset.

Sheriff's Contract was discussed. Code Enforcement was added to the contract. Standard language, not to exceed \$5000/yr. It will be based on what the Town needs only. Commissioner Blume questioned the hourly rate, on whether it is any day of the week or any day. It was moved by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Vice Mayor Roseman to approve the contract. The roll call vote was unanimous excluding Mayor Schmidt (lost connection).

Code Enforcement

Clerk noted that the Town received an email on August 18, 2020, that Steve Buckner resigns effective the end of August 2020.

Gun Ban - Mayor

Mayor Schmidt noted that he received an email regarding the possible gun ban in the state and wanted to let the Commission know about it. Commissioner Tolbert questioned if the Town itself would have to trigger this state law. Counsel noted that this particular section of the law deals specifically with riots and the rioters (unlawful assembly) cannot be in possession of a firearm on public property.

Mayors Council Pinellas County Fee

Mayor Schmidt is seeking approval of the Commission to not pay the \$300.00 annual fee to belong to the Mayor's Council at this time. Commissioner Tolbert questioned if this was an association of Mayor's where they communicate on matters. Mayor noted that it is a monthly luncheon meeting with a guest speaker. Vice Mayor Roseman supported the Mayor's position.

Availability of Commissioners

September 15, 2020

Mayor	Yes
Blume	Yes
Niewiarowski	Yes

Roseman	Yes
Tolbert	Yes

September 28, 2020

Mayor	Yes
Blume	Yes
Niewiarowski	Yes
Roseman	Yes
Tolbert	Yes

Mayor/Commissioner comments on non-agenda items:

None.

New Business

Counsel noted that there is a statutory process involved in the selection of an auditor that the Town needs to follow. It means the designation of a committee and advertisement and collection of bids mandatory by state statute. Counsel can put this together for the Town for our September meeting. Mayor noted that he had wanted to present the quote to the Commission that Commissioner Blume solicited from his accounting firm. It was moved by Vice Mayor Roseman and seconded by Commissioner Blume to have Counsel start the process of the Auditor selection process. The roll call vote was unanimous. Counsel noted that evaluation factors need to adhere to according to state statute when Commissioner Blume questioned if any other Commissioners had firms that would be interested.

Vice Mayor Roseman moved to select the Town Commission as the Town Selection Committee for the Auditor Selection process, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Public comments on non-agenda items:

Lynn Rives City Manager Belleair Beach, just wanted to touch base to find out if there is any opportunity to relax the umbrella ban in the beach accesses that residents of Belleair Beach use. Stated that the majority of residents enjoy the beach and would like to use the accesses with shade in the accesses only. Mayor Schmidt noted that he had been out of Town and apologized for this. Noted that the Town of Belleair Shore has always had an excellent relationship with the City of Belleair Beach and certainly are striving to maintain that relationship. Mayor feels there are some pretty strong feelings about these umbrellas. Mayor said he would welcome the opportunity to meet. Lynn Rives noted that he is speaking about allowing umbrellas between the access walls only, but it is our Town ordinance and up to the Town. Doug Seith 320 Gulf Blvd, commented that the challenges that he has had are the large square umbrellas and being berated and chastised when people come up on their dune and are asked to move. It is tough to know where to draw the line and strike a good balance. Clerk interjected that the signs at the south end of the beach were being installed tomorrow. Clerk was questioned as to how the signs have come down. Clerk noted that the Town was 'told' that people were taking them down. Clerk also noted that this next time the signs cannot be set in concrete, but there are special plates that were

being installed and farther down into the sand, so they should not be easily removed. Concrete could not be done due to beach erosion. Clerk noted that there is a considerable difference in influx from the South to the Town when the signs are up. Mayor opened for comments from the Commission on allowing the umbrellas in the accesses only. Commissioner Dorothy questioned on how this would be enforced. Commissioner Blume was questioned by the Mayor on how he felt about it, as he lives on an access. Commissioner Blume stated that he had started a discussion with Lynn Rives but since we received a letter of 'intent to sue', he does not feel comfortable making any comments at this time.

Adjourn:

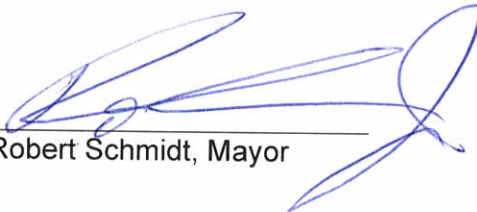
Motion to adjourn made at 6:50 PM by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Adjourn: 6:50 PM

The next Town Meeting will be Tuesday, October, 2020 6:00 PM along with the Final Public Hearing for Budget and Millage on September 28, 2020 6:00pm. Virtual

9.15.20
Date Approved

APPROVED:


Robert Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST: B. Colucci

Barbara Colucci, Town Clerk