

TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORES
Town Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
City of Belleair Bluffs Mayors Conference Room
2747 Sunset Blvd, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770
Minutes

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Tolbert, Vice Mayor Storie, Attorney Lewis and Mayor Blume.

Consideration to Approve Agenda

Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Comments from the Public on any Agenda Item

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2023; January 17, 2024

Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the minutes for December 19, 2023, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous. Vice Mayor Storie moved to approve the minutes for January 17, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Sheriff's Report

Corporal Munoz reviewed the Code Enforcement activity involving two verbal warnings regarding damaged fences and the other regarding bicycles on the beach. Corporal Munoz also reviewed the Law Enforcement activity with the Commission. Vice Mayor Storie commended the deputies regarding an incident at his home and their quick and professional response.

Treasurers Report – December 2023; January 2024

Town Clerk Palmer reviewed with the Commission the financials for both months, including expenses paid. Commissioner Tolbert asked about the money paid to Verizon in the amount of \$1,166.00. Town Clerk Palmer will investigate this expense and report back to the Commission. Mayor Blume asked Town Clerk Palmer to contact the auditor regarding the ARPA money and using it as a Standard Allowance. Discussion ensued regarding moving the Towns funds from Regions Bank to Valley Bank. After discussion, Commissioner Tolbert moved to move the town funds from Regions Bank to Valley Bank, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous. Mayor Blume reported the town closed the Money Market at Regions bank and moved the money to Florida Prime. Vice Mayor Storie moved to ratify the closing of the Money Market at Regions bank and the money moved to Florida Prime, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous. Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis reported that Attorney Kardash is working on the Parking Ordinance with the Sheriff's office.

Appointment of Commissioners

No candidates came forward. This item will be on the next agenda.

Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator

Vice Mayor Storie moved to appoint Town Clerk Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Acceptance of Annual Financial Report Ending Fiscal Year 2023

Vice Mayor Storie moved to accept the Annual Financial Report ending Fiscal Year 2023, seconded by Commissioner Tolbert. The voice vote was unanimous.

Potential Form 6 Litigation

Attorney Lewis reported that the case has been filed in both Federal Court and State Court. There are a fair number of municipalities involved. After discussion, Vice Mayor Storie asked Attorney Lewis if Attorney Kardash sent the letter to Belleair Beach regarding the litigation fees.

Appointment of BIG-C Members

Mayor Blume appointed himself as Mayor to attend the meetings and moved to appoint Vice Mayor Storie as Alternate 1 and Commissioner Tolbert as Alternate 2. The voice vote was unanimous.

Mayor/Commissioner Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Vice Mayor Storie stated he would like to get information out to the citizens regarding obtaining sand, boulders, etc. Any equipment needed to place sand or boulders on the beach would require a permit. This is through the Department of Environmental Protection. Information can be placed on the website and a letter could be sent to the residents with the information and contact information. Resident Daniel Clarke explained the different levels of permits needed. Mr. Clarke also spoke about the sand fences they have installed, and they are already collecting sand. Vice Mayor Storie has two suppliers to purchase boulders from. After discussion the consensus was to send a letter to the residents and Mr. Clarke will get information together for the letter.

Mayor Blume commented on the financials regarding an expenditure for Quickbooks monthly charge, which was more than what was approved. Town Clerk Palmer will investigate this matter. Mayor Blume also commented on the insurance increase and would like to look into other insurance companies for the town.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Belleair Beach resident, Yoli Redero commented that there is misinformation on the new signs regarding umbrellas and tents and ECL and Mean High Water verbiage. Mrs. Redero would like to have information on the No Smoking Ordinance. After discussion, the Commission thanked Mrs. Redero for her comments.

There being no further business Commissioner Tolbert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Storie. The voice vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk