



**TOWN OF BELLEAIR SHORE  
TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY OF BELLEAIR BLUFFS CONFERENCE ROOM  
2747 SUNSET BLVD, BELLEAIR BLUFFS, FL 33770  
MINUTES**

Mayor Blume called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

Present upon roll call, Commissioner Tolbert, Commissioner Lally, Commissioner Cain, Mayor Blume, and Attorney Lewis. Absent, Vice Mayor Storie and Town Clerk Palmer.

Consideration to Approve Agenda

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

Comments from the Public on any Agenda Item (3) THREE MINUTES

Belleair Beach Resident Joseph Manzo commented on the upcoming proposed Ordinance 2026-01, Shark Ordinance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2025

Commissioner Lally moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

Sheriff's Report

Sargent Bley reported for December 2025 – there were 156 directed patrols, seventeen house checks, ten ordinance violations were issued, and ten parking citations were issued. No crashes occurred.

Code Enforcement Report

Deputy Trump reported for December 2025 – 30 entries were logged. Due to the weather, there was no ATV activity. Deputy Trump reported he is following up on two cases for blighted properties. The violation regarding the tree in the right of way is now being managed by Pinellas County.

Suncoast Fire Report

No report.

Treasurers Report – December 2025

Mayor Blume asked the commission if they had any questions or concerns. No one had any comments.

Counsel Report

Attorney Lewis reported he has been working on the new ILA with Vice Mayor Storie, Mayor Gatis and Attorney Trask. A draft ILA has been reviewed by himself and Vice Mayor Storie. Attorney Lewis hopes to report on this at the next meeting, possibly having a draft for Commission review and comments.

Attorney Lewis reported he has been working with Commissioner Lally regarding the draft language for the petition for the ECL to be placed on the town website. There will be a form on the website for residents to electronically sign. Before moving forward, we wanted to bring to the board to review the language and approval. To implement the process there will be a fee of approximately \$150.00. The commission was supplied with a copy of the language for review. Mayor Blume would like to wait to place this item on the next agenda. After discussion Mayor Blume opened the discussion for public comments. Commissioner Lally explained the petition is to remove the ECL line in Belleair Shore and 51% of the homeowners of Belleair Shore will need to sign to move forward with this. Commissioner Lally read in full the petition to the Commission and audience. An audience member asked if signs will be changed and if the town will recognize the mean high-water line. Mayor Blume stated signs may need to be changed and this has nothing to do with the mean high-water line. Belleair Beach resident Joseph Manzo commented on the removal of the line. Belleair Beach resident, Frank Bankard commented on sand being deposited on Belleair Shore. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tolbert moved to approve the language of the ECL petition and the expenditure of \$150.00, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

Second Reading and Advertised Public Hearing – Ordinance 2025-06 – Adding Section 40-146, Certified Recovery Residence

Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2025-06 by title. Mayor Blume opened the public hearing for public comment and commission comments. There being none, the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Tolbert moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-06, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-01 – Shark Fishing Prohibited

Attorney Lewis read Ordinance 2026-01 by title. Ordinance to fall in line with other municipalities. Mayor Blume opened the discussion for public comment. Belleair Beach resident Joseph Manzo commented regarding the legality of the ordinance. Mayor Blume asked for any comments from the Commission. Commissioner Tolbert commented on three incidents that happened on the beach in Belleair Shore. Commissioner Tolbert moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Cain. The voice vote was unanimous.

Updating Capital Asset Threshold Amount

Commissioner Tolbert moved to move the amount to \$5,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Lally. The voice vote was unanimous.

Comment Mayor/Commissioner on Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Lally commented on Section 30-53, prohibited activities. The code states any resident/homeowner can erect an umbrella larger than 7 ½ feet with proof of residency. Commissioner Lally stated she owns two homes on Belleair Shore and if family stays, they cannot erect a tent, etc., as they would not have proof of residency. Commissioner Lally would like to discuss it further at the next meeting or ask for a Special Meeting. Mayor Blume stated he would place this on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Mayor Blume stated the signs that were flapping have been repaired and the new signs have been installed.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items – (3) THREE MINUTES

Belleair Beach resident Frank Bankard commented on the fishing ordinance for Indian Rocks Beach.

Jospeh Manzo commented on the discussion Commissioner Lally had regarding Section 30-53.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Palmer*

Mary Palmer, MMC  
Town Clerk