

**VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
July 19, 2013
2:30 p.m.
Location: BHA**

COUNCILORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Andrew Sayre
Councilor Gene Douglas
Councilor Art Morris
Councilor Bob Helgesen

STAFF PRESENT:

Calvin R. Peck, Jr., Village Manager
Chris McCall, Asst. Manager/
Shoreline Protection Manager
David Cox, Systems Administrator
Karen Ellison, HR/ Communications
Caroline Mitchell, Director of Public Safety
Deb Straub, Finance Director
Captain John Gruber
Lt. Nick Terrell
PSO Herbie Bryant
Charles Baldwin, Village Attorney
Debra Talbert, Village Clerk

1. Call to Order / Approval of Agenda

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Mayor Sayre called the July 19, 2013 Council Session to order at 2:30 p.m. Calvin Peck stated Item 3.2- Public Safety Complex Feasibility Study Contract has been added to the agenda. Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Councilor Douglas made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

1.2 Recognition of Employees

Mayor Sayre and Council recognized Public Safety Captain John Gruber, Lieutenant Nick Terrell and Officer Herbie Bryant for acts above and beyond the call of duty. The officers responded and rescued a family from a beached vessel on Bald Head Shoals on the night of July 4, 2013.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Adoption of minutes on June 19, 2013 Council Work Session

2.2 Adoption of minutes on June 19, 2013 Council Meeting

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Helgesen made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

3. Old Business

3.1 Rat Issues

Calvin stated there will be distribution of information to be presented today on reports of increased populations of rats on Bald Head Island. The residents of Figure 8 Island brought in a specialist from NC State and followed suit to host Dr. Michael Waldvogel earlier this week.

Information was shared that there are more rats this year than in the past, due to lower number of fox (believed to be caused by distemper). There are Cotton rats that are seen outdoors typically not a threat to humans. The Roof rats invade structures and can cause considerable damage. Property owners need to be vigilant to inspect their homes and make sure it is sealed to prevent rat intrusion. Outdoor baiting should only be undertaken by professionals as there is considerable risk of accidental poisoning of children/pets and of secondary poisoning if baiting is done improperly. Calvin stated all non-resident property owners are particularly cautioned to have their homes inspected and subsequently checked on a regular basis.

3.2 Public Safety Complex Feasibility Study Contract

Calvin reviewed the proposed agreement/contract with Garner & Brown Architects for the Bald Head Island Public Safety Building Feasibility Study. Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the feasibility study to begin with the Public Safety complex. Councilor Morris made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

4. New Business

4.1 Re-Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustments members

Mayor Sayre reviewed the action to re-appoint Judy Porter and Dana Quanstrom to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a 3 year term.

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve re-appointment of Judy Porter. Councilor Morris made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve re-appointment of Dana Quanstrom. Councilor Morris made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

4.2 Re-Appointment of Planning Board members

Calvin reviewed the action to re-appoint Bob Porter and Larry Lammert to the Planning Board for a 3 year term.

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve re-appointment of Bob Porter. Councilor Douglas made motion with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve re-appointment of Larry Lammert. Councilor Douglas made motion with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

4.3 Resolution Opposing the Implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012

Mayor Sayre reviewed the proposed Resolution.

***WHEREAS**, Congress approved and the President signed into Law the Biggert-Waters Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and*
***WHEREAS**, the Act would eliminate subsidies for Flood Insurance, and*
***WHEREAS**, the Biggert-Waters Act removes subsidized rates (pre-FIRM rates) for many structures and allows rates to increase by 25% per year until actuarial rates are achieved effective July 1, 2013, and*
***WHEREAS**, the 25% rate increase for properties in the floodplain would include, but is not limited to, any residential property that is not a primary residence properties, from 10 percent to 20 percent effective July 1, 2012, and*
***WHEREAS**, the increase in flood insurance premiums will financially impact many homeowners currently living along the coast next to rivers, estuaries, bays, sounds and oceans, that lawfully constructed their homes as allowed by the National Flood Hazard Area and will likely result in foreclosures and owners that need coverage choosing to cancel their flood insurance.*
***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Bald Head Island, North Carolina opposes the implementation of the Biggert-Waters Act as currently adopted due to the dramatic financial impact that it will have on coastal residents residing in Special Flood Hazard Areas throughout the United States.*
This Resolution adopted this 19th day of July, 2013.

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the presented Resolution. Councilor Helgesen made motion with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

4.4 Resolution Requesting the Return of Brunswick County to the Wilmington Metro Statistical Area

Mayor reviewed the proposed Resolution.

*WHEREAS, the Village of Bald Head Island is a vital member of the southeastern North Carolina economic community; and
WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau has completed the 2010 Decennial Census and has reported population, demographic and income figures for all counties, municipalities and Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the country; and
WHEREAS, based on population growth patterns in southeastern North Carolina and northeastern South Carolina between 2000 and 2010, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget recently announced the realignment of the nation's metropolitan areas; and*

WHEREAS, one of the realignments included removing Brunswick County from the Wilmington Metropolitan Statistical Area and placing it in the Myrtle Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS, while MSA's crossing state boundaries is not unprecedented, the change could have a major adverse impact on the way southeastern North Carolina is viewed by economic development prospects and investors; and

WHEREAS, in past census reports, commuting patterns were among the primary reasons a community was recognized to be part of a particular MSA and commuting patterns demonstrate that the vast majority of Brunswick County residents commute to New Hanover County and other North Carolina counties, not to South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, area Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Agencies and elected officials that represent other jurisdictions in southeastern North Carolina believe this new affiliation will not only negatively impact Brunswick County's development efforts, but those of the other counties in the Wilmington MSA, namely Pender County and New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County has a regional focus on economic development and that focus and affiliation and marketing strategy has been aligned with the Wilmington MSA for many years; and

WHEREAS, it is the strong desire of Brunswick County to remain in the Wilmington MSA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Bald Head Island does hereby request that the U.S. Office of Management and Budget revise its recent metropolitan area alignment by returning Brunswick County, North Carolina to the Wilmington Metropolitan Statistical Area.

This Resolution adopted this 19th day of July, 2013.

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the presented Resolution. Councilor Morris made motion with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

4.5 Proclamation- National Lighthouse Days

Mayor Sayre reviewed the proposed Proclamation.

WHEREAS, the Village of Bald Head Island is proud to welcome Horatio Sinbad, Lt. Brown and the Crew of the Meka II, Blackbeard's Crew, Braze, Cascabel, Rusty Cutless, Stynky Tudor, Shadow Players, Motley Tones and the Wenches of Syrens Call who will spend August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in our Village as the guests of the Old Baldy Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Bald Head Island has been safe haven for Pirates over the years and we hope to continue the tradition with Pirate Pub Night and the National Lighthouse Day activities; and

WHEREAS, the Old Baldy Foundation has shown great efforts to maintain and preserve the Old Baldy Lighthouse, built in 1817, the oldest standing lighthouse in North Carolina and to ensure that the 2013 National Lighthouse Day Celebration is a success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Sayre, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Village of Bald Head Island, do hereby proclaim August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th to be

"National Lighthouse Days"

In our Village, and on behalf of the Village Council and all of our residents, tender to our honored guests a most cordial and sincere "Welcome" to the Village.

This the 19th day of July, 2013

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the presented Proclamation. Councilor Douglas made motion with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

4.6 June Financial Statement Report

Deb Straub reviewed the financial statement for the month of June 2013. This statement is pre-audit and is subject to change. The general fund total operating revenues is ahead of prior years and budget primarily due to property and accommodation taxes. The general fund total operating expenditures are below budget and prior year. The utilities fund total operating revenues have exceeded budget and prior year primarily due to the rate changes. There was \$184,629 fund balance appropriation was budgeted to balance the annual budget. The projections for year-end indicate only \$74k will be needed. The utilities fund expenditures are slightly below budget. The capital outlay includes purchases of a new water & sewer taps. 93% of Phase 1 of the WWTP Re-use project is complete.

The beach fund balance is \$526k (awaiting FEMA reimbursement for repair of 5 groin sandtubes and payment for final close out of BH Creek dredging project) This will total \$1m.

The Village facilities construction/ expansion fund less than \$1k. With the proposed 13/14 budget will include \$350k to transfer from the General Fund. The stormwater management fund is \$53k and the infiltration pond system fund is \$45k.

Deb Straub stated in the Managers contingency budget was at \$40k and there was a transfer of \$37k. \$3k went towards the Wounded Warriors program. \$19k went towards paving, \$6k went towards hydrants in the harbor, \$4,500 was used for I.T. issues for Public Safety, \$700 went towards the Village Live Oak tree dedications.

Mayor Sayre gave recognition to Deb Straub for all the hard work she has done this fiscal year.

5. Manager's Report

Calvin stated Joanne Bruce, Postmaster will be retiring effective September 27, 2013. There will be a retirement banquet September 27, 2013 between 1-3 pm to be held at the Bald Head Association building.

Calvin reviewed the beach safety for Brunswick County. Bald Head Island has had training and has prepared for the concerns of water rescues. Calvin stated the Village is more prepared than most communities with beach safety.

Chris McCall spoke on the procedure of planting sea oats along the dunes. Chris suggested to the public when going to the beach off of the access to walk straight for approximately 20 feet to avoid damaging the new growth of sea oats.

Charlie Himes asked on the operation of a vehicle that was traveling on the beach the past Thursday. Chris McCall stated the Corps of Engineers was on the beach doing studies.

6. Comments, Reports and Questions

6.1 Bald Head Association- Carrie Moffett introduced Andrea Combs as the Architectural Review Coordinator.

6.2 Stage II- No Comment

6.3 Bald Head Island, LTD- No Comment

6.4 Bald Head Island Conservancy- No Comment

6.5 Bald Head Island Club- No Comment

6.6 Citizens- No Comment

6.7 Mayor and Council- No Comment

7. **Adjournment** -

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to adjourn at 2:58 p.m. Councilor Douglas made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

Andy Sayre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra C. Talbert, CMC/NCCMC
Village Clerk