

**VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

May 13, 2011
Bald Head Association

COUNCILORS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Andrew Sayre
Councilor Gene Douglas
Councilor Art Morris
Councilor John Pitera

STAFF PRESENT: Calvin R. Peck, Jr., Village Manager
Chris McCall, Asst. Manager/ Shoreline
Protection Manager
Deb Straub, Finance Director
Chip Munna, Public Safety Chief
Charles Baldwin, Village Attorney
Debra Talbert, Village Clerk

1. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Mayor Sayre called the May 13, 2011 Council Work Session to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Sayre asked on additions to the agenda. Councilor Douglas requested Dog Park issues to be added on the work session agenda. Calvin requested the Debris Management contract issues should be discussed. Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Pitera made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

2. Presentation from Doshier Hospital Board of Trustees

Edgar Haywood, President and CEO, and Don Hughes, Member of Board Trustees gave a presentation on a proposed 2011 Hospital Tax Rate Resolution. Don Hughes reviewed of a letter addressed to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners from the medical staff of Doshier Memorial hospital asked for support for the planned renovation of the Patient Care Wings. Doshier Hospital's inpatient rooms were constructed in the 1970s and do meet current handicap accessibility, fire safety, patient privacy and security requirements. The Resolution would request the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners to set the Doshier Hospital tax rate at 4 cents per \$100 valuation to begin 2011-2012 tax year.

Mayor Sayre questioned the number of beds for the hospital. There will be 25 beds, with single occupancy.

Mayor Sayre asked if Smithville Township included all of St. James. Only 20% of St. James was included. Mayor Sayre stated his concerns with 20% coverage. Don Hughes stated only the Brunswick County Commissioners can redraw the Smithville Township lines to include all of St. James and Boiling Spring Lakes.

Councilor Douglas asked if Doshier Hospital and Brunswick Community Hospital have discussed the issues with duplication of services. Medical staffs have discussed these issues and are working on a solution. Councilor Douglas stated his concerns with the duplicate services and the increase in insurance.

Mayor Sayre asked on the timeframe for the consideration of adoption of 2011 Hospital Tax Rate Resolution. The budget meeting for the Brunswick County is May 16, 2011 and should be presented prior to the budget meeting.

Calvin stated his concerns with the severe budget restraints on government agencies. Calvin questioned the timing of a 4 cent tax increase. Don Hughes reviewed the Resolution that was approved May 2000 to benefit the Doshier Hospital of 4 cents per \$100 property valuation through tax year 2031, yet in 2007 entered into an agreement with Brunswick County to voluntarily

reduce the approved 4 cent tax rate to 2.25 cents to provide tax relief associated with the extraordinary increase in Smithville Township property values by the 2006 property revaluation. Mayor Sayre stated the request should be placed on the afternoon agenda. Councilor Douglas stated his support is contingent upon non duplication of services with existing hospitals. Mr. Haywood stated the concerns are being researched and follow-ups are being done. Mayor Sayre this will be added to the afternoon meeting for discussion.

❖ *Handout with approved Council Minutes*

3. Review of Council Meeting Agenda

2.2- Chief Munna spoke on the presented Resolution for the National Incident Management System.

3.1- Attorney Baldwin reviewed the Harbor Timber Groins Restoration Project agreements. These documents will be signed by all parties today. The Olsen & Associates task order will be presented to Council for motion to approve.

3.2- Calvin reviewed the annual agreement with BHI Limited for the collection of Daily Permit fees.

4.1- Calvin reviewed the 1st Reading and setting the public hearing for the 2011/12 budget.

4.2- Deb Straub reviewed the health insurance premiums and coverage for the Village employees. Calvin stated the renewal of health insurance must be approved by Council at this Council meeting.

Council and staff discussed the additions to the afternoon agenda. Additions will include discussion on a Doshier Hospital Resolution and discussion on Debris Contracts.

4. Committee Recommendation of Usage of Segways

Councilor Morris reviewed the Public Safety/ Transportation committee recommendation .

The recommendation for operation of a segway is to include a:

Valid driver's license,

Safety helmet,

No segway allowed on any beach or access,

Operation only allowed during daylight hours,

No distracting additions to the segway,

Perform Manufacturer specific training, and

Persons renting a segway on BHI must sign a release stating that they have received specific training and agree to hold both the Rental agent and Village harmless.

Calvin asked for direction from Council to move forward. Council agreed for the 1st Reading/ & set Public Hearing for the June 24, 2011 Council meeting.

5. Budget Discussion

Discussed during the Review of Council Agenda

6. Financial Report

Discussed during the Review of Council Agenda

7. Manager's Report

Calvin discussed the upgrade on ATMC wireless communications for the island. This upgrade is scheduled for completion by September 2011. The operation of service will be Monday-Thursday.

Mayor Sayre reviewed a meeting with the State concerning ownership of the boathouse. The State has agreed to the ownership, yet claims to have no monies for restoration. The State presented two options either a gift in place or there can be a 50 year lease for \$1 a year and the

organization would be responsible for the restoration and maintenance. If there was a lease agreement, the organization would be a non-profit. The Village will be working with all entities on the island for a community effort. Jim Henry stated there is different funding levels and has volunteered to prepare drawings and estimation of the cost for repair. Chris Webb reviewed the cost and fundraising issues of Old Baldy. Chris asked if this could be a community based project. Old Baldy Foundation board has concerns with the stabilization issues and the cost to repair. The board does not want to take on this task. Mayor Sayre stated Phase 1 will complete the stabilization of the boat house. With further research, the boathouse will be possibly moved to a different location. Staff and Council discussed the options of funding. Calvin stated the state has no monies and if the community does not restore the state will remove the boathouse. Stephen Boyette will keep in contact with the state with the upcoming issues and report back to Council.

8. Debris Management Issues

Calvin reviewed the Debris Management contract bidding and contractors. The recommended contract will be awarded to Bamaco Inc. as the primary contractor for Phase II- C&D Debris Removal and Vegetative Debris Removal/Disposal contract and Byrd Brothers Emergency Services as the secondary award. The recommended contract will be awarded to Byrd Brothers Emergency Services for 2011-2013 Phase II- Sand Debris, Removal, Sifting & Placement services and Bamaco Inc. as the secondary award. The recommended contract will be awarded to Byrd Brothers Emergency Services as the primary contractor for 2011-2013 -Dangerous tree and Hanging Limbs Removal and Disposal contract and Bamaco Inc. as the secondary award. This will be a 2 year contract for a reduction in administrative cost.

This contract must be pre-approved by Council for any FEMA assistance.

9. Dog Park Issues

Councilor Douglas reviewed a proposed dog agility class to be offered at the dog park. The classes would be offered June – August. The Parks and Recreation Committee have discussed this proposal. Councilor Douglas asked Council if there were any concerns. Councilor Pitera asked the timeframe of the class. The class will be offered Monday- Thursday for one week session. This will continue until August. Attorney Baldwin will prepare a Dog Agility Training Release and Indemnity Agreement to be signed by the trainer and students.

10. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11 (a)(1),(3), and (5)

- ❖ Village of Bald Head Island vs. US Army Corps of Engineers

Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143.318.11(a) (1), (3) and (5), Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to enter into Closed Session at 10:30 a.m., with Councilor Pitera made the motion with all in favor. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session at 11:47 a.m., with Councilor Pitera made the motion with all in favor. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

11. Adjournment

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to adjourn at 11:48 a.m., with Councilor Douglas made the motion with all in favor.

(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)

Mayor Andy Sayre

ATTEST:

Debra C. Talbert, Village Clerk