

**Village of Bald Head Island**  
**Council Meeting**  
May 16, 2008  
Location: Bald Head Association

**Councilmembers Present:** Mayor Larry Lammert, Mayor Pro Tempore Andy Sayre, Councilman Gene Douglas, Councilman Art Morris, Councilman John Pitera

**Staff Present:** Village Manager Calvin Peck, Assistant Village Manager/ Planning Director Chris McCall, Finance Director Deb Straub, Executive Assistant/ Human Resource Officer Dawn Reno, Police Lt. Shaun Freeman, Chief of Emergency Services Chip Munna, Public Works Director Ben Liddle, Utilities System Operator David Suther, Systems Administrator David Cox, Attorney Charles Baldwin, Daralyn Spivey with Development Services, Interim Village Clerk Debbie Talbert recording the minutes.

**Others Present:** Suzanne Dorsey with BHI Conservancy, BHI Director of Communications, Joyce Fulton, Anne Boozell, President of Bald Head Association; Ben Brown with State Port Pilot

**Residents Present:** Jane Johnson, Brenda Quanstrom, Joe Brawner, Diane Mesaris, Ray Webb, Bob Porter, Win Stevens, Brooks Powell

**1. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda** **Mayor Lammert**  
Mayor Lammert called the May 16, 2008 Village Council Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Councilmember Pitera made a motion to approve the Council Meeting agenda as presented. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion 5-0)**

**2. Consent Agenda**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes**

- April 11, 2008 Work Session
- April 11, 2008 Regular Session

**2.2 Franchise and Agreement**

Chip explained the agreement to Council, stating this is a franchise with the County for ambulance services. This is a yearly mutual aid agreement to be signed by the Mayor. Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion 5-0)**

### **3. Old Business**

#### **3.1 Update on Engineered Beach Project**

Calvin stated the Council is looking at completing an engineered beach in 2009, which will cost about \$15 million upon its completion. FEMA will reimburse the Village for losses caused by storms. Councilman Douglas told the public about the meeting with Peter Ravella and reported that Mr. Ravella will help the Council and property owners work out a method of funding the engineered beach costs.

Councilman Douglas made a motion to hire Peter Ravella in relation to this project. Mayor Lammert entertained motion for approval, with all in favor.

**(Motion 5-0)**

### **4. New Business**

#### **4.1 Financial Statement- April 2008**

Deb Straub stated that the large expenditures for the month is the Public Works and Utilities building construction.

#### **4.2 Managers Recommended Budget Fiscal Year 2008/2009**

Calvin presented the balanced budget. He stated the lagoon upgrades to meet requirement of the Club are an Island wide issue and should not be a Utility cost. He further explained the tax rate will be .26 cents and will require another \$750,000 in fund balance if Council approves the budget

Brooks Powell inquired about costs associated with the Village Hall expansion, with Calvin answering that there is no final estimate as the bid process is not complete and Council has not authorized construction of the building project.

#### **4.3 Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation**

Mayor explained to the Citizens that Congress and the President have designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls as National Police Week.

Mayor stated the Council feels that it is important to recognize the Bald Head Island Police and thanked the officers for all they do.

### **5. Committee Reports**

#### **5.1 Beach**

Councilman Douglas stated the committee has recommended renovating eight beach accesses.

#### **5.2 Finance**

Mayor stated the Finance Committee has completed the 5-year plan. He further stated there will be a Liaison Committee started and volunteers are needed to go to the Brunswick County meetings held twice a month.

### **5.3 Public Safety-**

Councilman Morris reminded everyone June 1, 2008 is when registering a cart for the first time with the Village of Bald Head Island shall be equipped with the following golf cart manufacturer or golf cart dealer installed devices:

- **Front head lights, rear tail lights, rear brake lights, rear view mirror, parking brake and seatbelts for all seating positions on the golf cart.**

### **5.4 Public Works- No Comment**

### **5.5 Transportation-**

Councilman Pitera stated that the Transportation Committee did not meet, however he reminded everyone that there is overnight parking in the Harbor for a fee of \$5.00 per evening.

### **5.6 Friends of the Library-**

Jane Johnson spoke about Friends of the Library's new service whereby, upon order, books will be delivered to the Island. Hence, interested persons must either go to the library's Southport location to sign-up or order via the internet catalog at [www.librarybrunSCO.net](http://www.librarybrunSCO.net).

The materials will be delivered to the Island on Wednesdays and will be available at the Association Building between the hours of 2:45 and 4:00 p.m. with drop-off of previously borrowed books between Noon and 1:00 p.m. of the same day.

## **6. Monthly Reports**

### **6.1 Manager's Report-**

Calvin reported that The Division of Coastal Management has completed the draft maps on the Inlet Hazard area and will schedule a meeting with the Village for review.

Calvin addressed the Golf Cart Insurance issue to the public, explaining that the issue affects persons holding out of state driver's license, only. He further reported that he has been working with Bonner Stiller's office and the N.C. Department of Insurance and hopes to have a ruling on the matter very soon.

Calvin stated that the Building Code Council has approved the commercial fire alarm change request and the new ordinance is now in effect.

### **6.2 Police Report-**

Lt. Freeman thanked the Council and Mayor for the Peace Officer Memorial confirmation.

Lt. Freeman stated one of the officers, while taking the trash out, was attacked by a raccoon and is having rabies shots. He reminded everyone to report unusual behavior of wildlife by calling 911.

Shawn reminded the Public to not drink and drive and to report unusual or dangerous behavior to the police.

### **6.3 Fire/EMS Department-**

Chip explained that the police officer who was attacked by the raccoon had to receive rabies shots because the raccoon was not caught and it was a preventive measure.

Chip reminded everyone there is a Public Forum on Hurricane Preparedness at Odell Williamson Auditorium behind Brunswick Community College in Supply on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Chip stated the Fire Department had two working fires on May 7<sup>th</sup> and wanted to thank the Staff and Volunteers.

## **7. Comments, Reports and Questions**

### **7.1 Citizens-**

Win Stevens commented to Calvin that in reference to the Engineered Private Placement, he wanted better communication to the taxpayers on beach funding options. Calvin replied that Peter Ravella is now under contract and will be speaking informatively to the Public with regards to this issue.

### **7.2 Bald Head Island Association-**

Anne Boozell stated there was a Public Hearing today at the association meeting on allowing temporary open house signs. The Board's decision was not to allow open house sign.

Anne also reported there will be a Beach Cleanup on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **7.3 Bald Head Island, Ltd. - No comment**

### **7.4 Bald Head Island Conservancy-**

Suzanne spoke about calls the Conservancy received in reference to animals. She stated that the Conservancy should be contacted to evaluate all animals and that no one else should have any contact with the prey.

Suzanne stated interns are arriving this weekend and will be in training.

She reported that there will be a Cray Fish Boil May 23, 2008.

Suzanne informed all in attendance that there has been one false turtle crawl.

Lastly, Suzanne stated that there will be a Public forum on Sea Turtle Protection to be announced in June.

### **7.5 Bald Head Island Club- No comment**

### **7.6 Mayor and Council-**

Mayor stated the position for Village Clerk has been filled by Joy Davis whose first day with the Village will be May 28.

## **8. Adjourn**

With no additional items for discussion the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. In a voice vote, all in favor. **(Motion 5-0)**

The May 16, 2008 Village Council Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Approved:

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Larry Lammert, Mayor

Attest:

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Joy Barrow Davis, Village Clerk