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one (1) of two (2) from Brunswick County that was invited to attend. Mayor Lammert reported that representatives of Senator Dole, Senator Burr and Congressman McIntyre were also in attendance as well as Col. Pullium from the Corp of Engineers and two (2) Brunswick County Commissioners. Mayor Lammert further reported that on April 24<sup>th</sup> the Village Council met with the Corps of Engineers in the Wilmington Office. At this meeting, the topics covered were the channel, the Mega Port, sand, the option of private sand placement and the funding for the November maintenance schedule.

**4. New Business**

4.1 Financial Statements—March, 2006

Ms. Boyd reported that \$182,000 of revenue was collected during the month of March. She advised that the Building Inspections Department collected \$41,000 in Building Permit Fees and the \$15,000 of the collected revenue came from Vehicle Permits. Ms. Boyd further advised that the Village collected \$136,000 in revenue for the water and sewer fund. Ms. Boyd reported that the majority of the expenses for the month of March consisted of routine maintenance of Village facilities and equipment.

4.2 Consideration and Approval of a Request to Support the 2006 National Lighthouse Day Celebration

Mayor Lammert reported that a request has been made from the Old Baldy Foundation for recognition of Lighthouse Day 2006. He explained that there are several programs planned as well an encampment on the lighthouse grounds, a reenactment of historical pirates and a black powder weaponry demonstration. Councilor Morris made a motion to support the 2006 National Lighthouse Day as well as the programs that the Old Baldy Foundation has planned in celebration. In a voice vote, with Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

*First Reading and Set Public Hearing Date*

4.3 An Amendment to the Ordinance of the Village of Bald Head Island's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Mr. McCall explained that the FEMA has worked with the State in the process of remapping the Bald Head Island flood zones. He advised that the Village Staff along with the retired Building Inspector Mr. Bruce reviewed the existing ordinance and used the model ordinance provided by the State to make the amendments to the existing ordinance. Mr. McCall reported that the Village Staff made one (1) recommendation to increase the base flood elevation to a two (2') foot freeboard. He advised that he has spoken with Emily Bonney with the ARC as well as Mr. Henry regarding the two (2') freeboard amendment. Mr. McCall reported that the Village will notify property owners via the local newspaper, mass mailings and email blasts. He further reported that the Village will hold a Public Hearing at the May 19, 2006 Regular Council Meeting to be held at the Village Fire Department.

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**5. Committee Reports**

5.1 Beach

**Anne Kane**

In the absence of Ms. Kane, Councilor Douglas reported that the Beach Committee made a recommendation, of which was approved by the Village Council, for the construction of thirty-three (33) doggie boxes to be located at each beach access that will hold poop bags for the purpose of cleaning up after the animals. Councilor Douglas emphasized that people need to be encouraged to use these bags to help keep the Bald Head Island beaches clean.

5.2 Finance

**John Knott**

In the absence of Mr. Knott, Mayor Lammert reported that the Finance Committee with the help of Ms. Boyd has been working on the Five Year Financial Plan.

5.3 Public Safety

**Don Tillman**

In the absence of Mr. Tillman, Councilor Morris reported that the Public Safety Committee made the recommendation to re-paint the reflective paint on the roadway that is currently on the roads of Bald Head Island. He advised that this request was approved by the Council at the morning work session.

5.4 Public Works

**Richard Mesaris**

There was nothing to report from the Public Works Committee at this time.

5.5 Transportation

**Wayne Lambert**

In the absence of Mr. Lambert, Mayor Lammert reported that Mr. Fulton presented barge rates to the Transportation Committee at their last meeting. He advised that it appears the rates have changed.

**6. Monthly Reports**

6.1 Manager's Report

**Manager Middleton**

Mr. Middleton reported that he has completed his meetings with all of the Village Department Heads and is working on completing the budget documents. He advised that a Special Meeting has been set for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to present the proposed budget to the Village Council.

Mr. Middleton reported that there have been alligators roaming the Island. He advised that an alligator decided to relocate to the Maritime Market area last week. He further advised that the Village has managed to move the alligator to the Alligator Lookout on Stede Bonnet.

Mr. Middleton reported that Barnhill Construction started mobilization of equipment for the spring paving project today. He advised that the Village has piggybacked with Bald Head Limited and both projects together should be complete within a two (2) week timeframe.

Mayor Lammert advised that Mr. Middleton has tendered his resignation and will be leaving employment with the Village on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

6.2 Police Department

**Chief Herring**

Chief Herring reported that March was a normal operating month. He advised that the Police Department issued twenty-nine (29) citations. He further advised that they

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are also in the process of hiring part-time officers for beach patrols. Chief Herring commented that these officers should be in place before the Memorial Day Holiday. At this time, Chief Herring introduced Deb Dellinger. He advised that Deb is the latest Police Officer hired by the Village and was previously employed by Oak Island Police Department.

6.3 Fire/EMS Department

**Chief Munna**

In the absence of Chief Munna, Captain Kiser reported that the Fire/EMS Department had a total of twenty-three (23) calls during the month of March. He advised that the Department had a total of nine (9) fire calls, thirteen (13) EMS calls and one (1) rescue call. He further advised that the new beach truck has arrived and is currently on the mainland being equipped. He emphasized that the Department is hoping the new beach truck will be on the Island before the Memorial Day weekend. Captain Kiser further reported that the new Fire Engine should be on the Island in June or July.

**7. Comments, Reports and Questions**

7.1 Citizens

Mr. Gober asked what the likelihood is that Bald Head Island will get sand in the fall. Mayor Lammert advised that even if funding does not come through the Presidents budget, the Corps should do some selective dredging which should place some sand on Bald Head Beaches.

Mr. Gober commented that he has heard lots of talk about moving the channel. He asked if there is truth to this talk. Mayor Lammert advised that the channel was the reason why he was invited to the meeting of the ports authority.

Mr. Gober asked who will be in control of the dog poop patrol. Mayor Lammert advised it had never become an issue on Bald Head before but if it does, the Police Department will control the problem.

7.2 Bald Head Island Association—Bob Porter President

There were no comments from the Bald Head Association at this time.

7.3 Bald Head Island, Ltd.—Joyce Fulton

There were no comments from the Bald Head Limited at this time.

7.4 Mayor and Council

Mayor Lammert commented that the Island is continuing to grow. He advised that the Building Inspections Department issued fourteen (14) new home permits during the month of March. As of the end of March a total of fifty-two (52) new home permits had been issued this fiscal year. This time last year a total of forty-eight (48) permits had been issued.

Mayor Lammert commented that he sat in on a meeting regarding bird flu. He has asked Chief Munna to speak on this topic at the May meeting.

Mayor Lammert reported that last year during the hurricane, eighty-six (86) roads were blocked in Brunswick County. He advised that Brunswick County is growing every day. He advised that the Mega Port could be a blessing as far the roads of Brunswick County is concerned. He reported that the Mega Port will handle seventy five percent

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(75%) of the port volume by rail. The other twenty-five percent (25%) will travel by roads which is approximately one thousand (1000) container will be moved from the port each day on trucks. Mayor Lammert reported that the Village Attorney, Charles Baldwin was invited to visit Washington DC with the Port Officials to lobby for the Mage Port. That is where Mr. Baldwin is at today. Mayor Lammert emphasized that the Village Council and Official have met with several Representatives and voiced their concerns and these concerns are being heard and acted on by these Representatives.

There were no additional comments from the Village Council at this time.

**8. Adjourn**

With no additional items of discussion, Mayor Lammert entertained a motion to adjourn the April 28, 2006 Village Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre made the motion to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Larry Lammert, Mayor

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Amy R. Candler, Village Clerk

