



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

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Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Date: May 28, 2022

Attendees: Mayor Sanders and Commissioners Fuller, Murchison, and Secundy. The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Citizens' Input

Comments were received from citizens.

Journal Review and Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Murchison to approve the journals from March and April, and the budget hearing journal. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Murchison gave the Treasurer's report and stated that the current balance is \$372,053.63. There are a lot of projects underway, resulting in higher spending, but the town is still in great shape.

Mayor's Report

Paving for the pickleball will cost \$5,875. Additional costs for a portable net will bring the total to just over \$6,000. Many people in the community are very excited about having a pickleball court. A location is still being sought to for a tennis court. A motion was made by Commissioner Secundy to pave the front of the RainScaping Park, allowing it to be used for a pickleball court as well as a parking area. The motion was seconded and carried. Residents on both sides of the RainScaping Park have been informed and there have been no objections.

Due, in part, to the prohibitive cost of putting the electric lines underground, electrical backup systems will be installed at the museum building and town hall. This system would eliminate

the need for the existing gas generators and gas tanks at the town hall, as well as provide the museum with functionality that it has not had before. The cost, which would be paid from the American Rescue Act funds, would be \$31,050 for the town hall (18.5 kilowatt system), and \$27,025 for the museum (15 kilowatt system). A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Secundy and seconded. The motion was carried.

The budget hearing was held last week. The 2023 assessed valuation rate for Highland Beach this year will be 0.1505 per \$100 dollars, which is the same as last year. The total tax rate for 2023, including Anne Arundel County will be 1.0535 per \$100 assessed valuation, which is a small reduction from 2022. A motion to approve the budget ordinance for 2023 was by Commissioner Murchison and seconded. The motion was carried.

The annual certification of the Maryland Dept. of Transportation revenue has been submitted.

The Chesapeake Employees insurance has been renewed.

Permits are in for the pavilion and the installation of 2 sheds. Funding for the pavilion has been approved. Once we get the permit done and hear back from the Dept. of General Services the project will be ready to commence - possibly later this summer.

The drain assessment report has been received. The mayor walked the entire community with the contractor, Marvin's Landscaping, with the report in hand. The intention is address everything recommended in the report. All drains in the community were reviewed to determine what needs to be done for each. A proposal has been requested which would amend the existing contract so that the routine maintenance that is done in the summer will incorporate any issues having to do with drainage. The hope is to have a proposal to present to the Board at the next meeting. In the interim, the mayor will ask Alvin to address the area of immediate concern, the area at the corner of Douglass Ave. and Walnut Ave.

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Brewington (reported by Mayor Sanders) – The pier repairs have been completed and the pier is now open. Street repairs and paving will be done at the same time as the paving for the pickleball court. Paving is planned for portions of lower and upper Lake Ave. and a great deal of Bay Ave. The paving repairs will not be patching, but complete repaving of the affected area. Preventive maintenance is also planned.

Commissioner Secundy – No new zoning applications. The four new lounge chairs for the beach are awaiting assembly in the town hall.

Commissioner Fuller – No report

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Citizens' Input

The meeting was again opened for citizens' input.

Set next meeting date and adjourn

The next meeting was set for 11 a.m. on June 25, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Miller Scott, Town Manager