



# TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

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## MAYOR

William H. Sanders III

## TREASURER

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## COMMISSIONER

Eric Brewington

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Benjamin Secundy

## Board of Commissioners' Meeting

**Date:** June 25, 2022

**Attendees:** Mayor Sanders and Commissioners Brewington, Fuller, Murchison, and Secundy. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

### Citizens' Input

There were no comments from citizens.

### Journal Review and Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Secundy to approve the journal from May 2022. The motion was seconded and carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Murchison gave the Treasurer's report and stated that the current balance is \$354,357.26. Town remains in good standing.

### Mayor's Report

After the approval of the pickleball court last month, actions arose causing the decision to not move forward with the installation. Commissioner Secundy made a motion to rescind the approval of the installation of a pickleball court at the RainScaping park. The motion was seconded and carried.

The annual Anticipated Debt Survey was submitted to the state. The amount of anticipated debt was \$0.

The Legit insurance renewal has been submitted. We are waiting for Legit to come back with the new rates for the coming fiscal year.

The report of official tax rates for the coming fiscal year has been submitted to the county and state, so the town is ready for tax collection.

The pavilion project is waiting for official permit approval. There is one outstanding issue, but we are very close to approval. Grant funding was received from the state and is in the budget for FY 2023. We are waiting for the grant agreement from the Dept. of General Services. Once received and signed by the mayor, a meeting will be scheduled with the state budget committee, who also signs the agreement. Once this process is completed, assuming the permit has been approved, the project can begin.

The drainage assessment implementation has stalled due to difficulty with getting responses from contractors, presumably because it is a small job. The mayor will reach out to additional contractors.

The mayor and Zora Lathan met with the new President/CEO of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Ms. Hilary Falk. At this meet and greet the mayor and Ms. Lathan took the opportunity to talk about beach erosion and the Living Shoreline Project, and to make sure that she is aware that CBF is a partner with Highland Beach in this effort. She committed to helping Highland Beach put together a workshop for Highland Beach and outside communities about living shorelines and shoreline erosion, as well as other initiatives that CBF has already committed to.

### **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Secundy – A zoning application is expected in the near future.

Commissioner Fuller – Proposed a discussion of instituting penalties for infractions of the beach usage guidelines and offered to prepare a draft with the Board's input. The mayor added that a possible tiered fee structured for beach permits may also be worth discussion as a means of achieving better compliance.

Commissioner Brewington – The pier is completed. A conversation with the town's attorney was suggested to add teeth to the beach ordinances and to establish a system of due process.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Citizens' Input**

The meeting was again opened for citizens' input. There were no comments.

**Set next meeting date and adjourn**

The next meeting was set for 11 a.m. on July 23, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Miller Scott, Town Manager