



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

(INCORPORATED 1922)

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MAYOR

William H. Sanders III

COMMISSIONER

Eric Baugh

Eric Brewington

Benjamin Secundy

TREASURER

Sheila Jeanne Murchison

Board of Commissioners' Meeting

July 24, 2021

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

Citizens' Input

Comments were received from citizens.

Journal Review and Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Baugh to approve the journal from June 26, 2021; it was seconded and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Murchison gave the Treasurer's report and stated that Highland Beach is in good shape financially.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sanders selected a Town Manager – Lisa Miller Scott –after an extensive interview and reference checks. Commissioner Secundy made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Scott at a rate of \$35 per hour; it was seconded and approved by all.

Mayor Sanders attended the Four Rivers Coordinating Committee meeting and reported that the 20-year anniversary of the organization would be celebrated in November; that a site directors' meeting is scheduled for September 21st; that the Banneker-Douglass Museum was still closed; and that some museums were beginning to reopen.

A new auditing firm is being considered. The town is required to file a Uniform Financial Report annually in lieu of a full. The next full audit will take place in 2023.

The mayor also noted that the weekly COVID-19 Municipal leaders calls have now been scaled back to biweekly, with the next meeting in August. Also, the mayor reminded attendees about the need for continued vigilance to take all necessary precautions that we can, noting that the pandemic was not over, and serious new concerns with new variations,

such as Delta. Commissioner Baugh affirmed the continuing risks and the need for continued vigilance, and noted particularly the need to protect children and those that cannot be vaccinated.

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Secundy reported that the playground equipment replacement and repair is delayed.

Commissioner Brewington reported that the sand (that was in the yellow bins) was distributed on the beachfront. He also reported on spraying repellent to repel geese, and on traffic/pass security issues.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Commissioner Baugh brought up the smoking on the beachfront issue (that was raised at the HBCA meeting). The Mayor and all Commissioners agreed that there is no need for "no smoking" signs, and that this is something HB would be difficult to enforce.

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 August 28, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Zora Lathan, Temporary and Former Highland Beach Town Manager