



# TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

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## MAYOR

William H. Sanders III

## TREASURER

Sheila Jeanne Murchison

## COMMISSIONER

Eric Brewington

Michele Fuller

Sheila Jeanne Murchison

Benjamin Secundy

## Board of Commissioners' Meeting

**Date:** August 27, 2022

**Attendees:** Mayor Sanders and Commissioners Fuller, Murchison, and Secundy. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

### Citizens' Input

Comments were received from citizens and the mayor.

### Journal Review and Approval

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

### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Murchison gave the Treasurer's report and stated that the total in checking and savings is \$296,298.54. A number of current projects have resulted in greater spending, but the town is still in good standing. Commissioner Fuller asked about recent legal expenses for two law firms. Mayor Sanders explained that these are ongoing expenses related to the litigation for the Bruce Ave. zoning case.

### Mayor's Report

The contractor engaged to implement the recommendations from the drainage study has encountered delays requiring the start date to be pushed to the end of September. Citizens will be notified when the work starts.

Work on the Douglass museum has been completed, including the repair and repainting of the porch. The porch will likely need to be repainted every year.

The company whose application to build on the Bruce Ave. lot was rejected by the Planning and Zoning Commission is now suing the town and asking the court to intervene and grant the company the right to build. Legal fees continue to mount, and a report of how much has been

spent to date will be provided to the Board. The town's right, as a chartered municipality, to set its own rules for planning and zoning is being defended. Special thanks were given to Commissioner Secundy, Planning and Zoning Chair Craig Herndon, and Board of Appeals Chair Nat Smith for their work on this case.

The routine False Claims Report has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General.

### **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Secundy – no report

Commissioner Fuller – Proposed modifying the fee for beach usage for 10-24 guests from \$250 to \$100 and maintaining the \$250 fee for 25-50 guests. Mayor Sanders stated that if all commissioners were in agreement it would be placed on the agenda as an action item at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Brewington – not present

### **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 September 24, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 12.07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Miller Scott, Town Manager