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Crystal Chissell

TREASURER
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COMMISSIONER
Michele Fuller
G. William Hunter
Sheila Jeanne Murchison
Linda Holmes Newton

Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Date: February 17, 2024

Attendees: Mayor Chissell and Commissioners Fuller, Hunter, Murchison, and Newton
The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Agenda Review:

The Commissioners reviewed the agenda and had no changes.

Citizens' Input

Citizens in attendance were invited to share announcements, comments and questions.

Journal Review and Approval

The journal for the January 2024 meeting will be considered for approval at the March 2024 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ronald Stokes presented a report documenting the period from December 1 through December 31, 2023. Commissioner Hunter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuller and was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Stokes reported that town funds are being held in a bank account that offers a higher interest rate than was previously offered.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chissell was present at the meeting but did not present a report due to illness.

Commissioners' Reports

Financial Planning - Commissioner Murchison had no report.

Government Operations - Commissioner Fuller reported that she has received an estimate for codification of Highland Beach ordinances. Commissioner Fuller will seek additional estimates from other companies as well.

Commissioner Fuller reported that a Memorandum of Understanding between the Frederick Douglass Museum and Cultural Center and the Town has been completed. The Town and the FDMCC will now move forward with arranging a more long term agreement.

Commissioner Fuller led a committee of citizens that has met over the past few months and to consider and make recommendations for policies governing use of Highland Beach facilities by citizens. The committee has submitted recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Fuller is Investigating options for heightened traffic control and security.

Planning and Zoning – Commissioner Hunter reported that the Appellate Court of Maryland ruled in favor of Highland Beach in Effect, Inc. v. Highland Beach Board of Appeals.

Public Works - Commissioner Newton reported that the Traffic Control Advisory Committee will meet late February.

Lattice work at the Frederick Douglass Museum has been repaired.

Commissioner Newton is seeking contractors to provide estimates for rebuilding the Bruce Ave pier.

Commissioner Newton is seeking an additional estimate for repairing the drain at Wayman and Bay Avenues.

Old Business

Nothing to discuss.

New business

Nothing to discuss.

Citizens Comments

The HBCA recreation committee met two weeks ago. They are planning events and want input from the community. Plans are being made for Memorial Day weekend, including a blessing of the beach, a potential open house at Town Hall, and a Juneteenth event. The HBCA is planning field trips. The HBCA membership committee will be sending an announcement soon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Zoom only).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by Crystal Chissell, Mayor