



MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
Log Cabin - 640 NE 114th Street
Biscayne Park, FL 33161
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00pm

1 Call to Order

Mayor Tracy Truppman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2 Roll Call

Mayor Tracy Truppman - present

Vice Mayor Jenny Johnson-Sardella - present

Commissioner Harvey Bilt - present

Commissioner Roxanna Ross - present

Commissioner William Tudor - present

Present from staff were:

Interim Village Manager Krishan Manners

Village Clerk Marlen D. Martell

Village Attorney John Hearn

Interim Police Chief Nicholas Wollschlager

Public Works Manager Mario Matos

3 Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor requested a moment of silence, for the passing of Former Mayor, Commissioner and longtime resident of the Village of Biscayne Park, James (Jim) Reeder. Services will take place Friday, May 5th at 11:00am in the Chapel of Miami Shores Community Church.

4 Presentations

4.a Presentation by Graeme Pentland representative of Employee Benefits Solutions (EBS) recommending AvMed Health Insurance as a comparable health insurance in comparison to the previous carrier Aetna while providing a 12% saving for the Village.

4.b Presentation by Interim Chief of Police - The department is in the process of hiring two Officers. Also, in the month of April less speeding tickets were issued due to having the radar guns recalibrated.

5 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to the Agenda

At this time, any member of the Village Commission or the Village Manager may request to add, change, or delete items from the agenda.

No changes were made to the agenda.

6 Public Comments Related to Agenda Items / Good & Welfare

Comments from the public relating to topics that are on the agenda, or other general topics.

Dan Samaria: Was hoping a final decision would pass tonight. Preferably selecting the current Interim Village Manager.

Susan Weiss: PAMM Inside/Out event is taking place on Saturday, May 6 at the Ed Burke Recreation Center. A bus tour will be leaving at 11:30am and returning at 4:00pm.

Rosemary Wais: Stated to the Commission to think carefully on who to select as the new Village Manager. Currently, the Village is headed in the right direction by hiring a new Finance Director, new Public Works Manager, and the only vacant position is of a Park and Recreation Manager. The current Interim Manager came to the Village to help when needed. A new manager would not understand the needs and problems in this Village and they would be on a learning curve, while our current Manager understands the Village and most importantly the community. He is here because he wants to be here and to quote Fred Jones "to be all that we can be."

Janie Anderson: Was in agreement with the previous resident. The individual intangibles are more important than specifics.

Judi Hamelburg: Attended the meet and greet and felt Mr. Kutney's credentials were stronger than the other candidates, but after speaking with him there were two concerns. First, was the request for a higher salary, second would he leave if he got a higher salary. A direct answer was not provided. The other applicant, an Attorney, has not attended meetings and has not been involved in the Village. The current Interim Manager has treated the Village with grace and dignity.

Linda Dillon: Supports the current Manager 100%.

Andrew Olis: He is the man.

Fred Jones: clarified "For the Best we can be." Be all that we can be is the Army's recruiting slogan.

6.a Response to prior public comments and inquires.

NONE

7 Information / Updates

- 7.a 2014/2015 CAFR (Audit) update was provided by Pablo Llerena, GLSC & Co., the CAFR is in DRAFT form because the final CAFR will be available once a letter is received from the bank stating the loan created to offset the cost to renovate the Log Cabin and Village Hall are in compliance.

Beatrice Galeano updated the Commission by providing the accomplishments of the month; accounts payable are current, substantial deposits have been made, the loan agreement for the renovation/construction of Village facilities are in compliance and once the 2015 CAFR is closed and the 2016 CAFR is submitted accurate financial numbers will be available to prepare and submit a proper budget.

- 7.b Selection of Village Manager - Mayor and Commissioners discussed the selection of the Village Manager. The Mayor was concerned as to the removal of resident review interview questions. The additional step was inadvertently removed when the Commission decided to expedite the process due to the retirement of the Village Clerk. It was not intentional.

Interim Village Manager left the dais for the Commission to discuss the final selection.

The Mayor asked Village Clerk Martell if the extension of the hiring process would have an impact on the Village. Village Clerk Martell respectfully mentioned the importance of a number of timeline sensitive issues that must be addressed within the next few months.

The Commission unanimously agreed it was in the best interest of the Village to finalize the selection of a Village Manager. The Commission decided each Commissioner would write his/her selection and forward the recommendation to the Village Clerk to be tallied.

The recommendations were submitted to the Commission and the result was unanimous for Mr. Krishan Manners. 5/0.

Commissioner Ross motioned to hire Mr. Krishan Manners as Village Manager, seconded by Commissioner Tudor.

All in favor: Mayor Truppman, Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella, Commissioner Bilt, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Tudor.

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 5/0

12.b Was added to discuss the Manager's contract.

Newly selected Village Manager Manners thanked the residents and the Commission for their support.

- 7.c Log Cabin rental fee waiver request - Ms. Alli Stone and Martha Hernandez were present to respectfully request a fee waiver of the use of the Log Cabin for a Teacher appreciation event.

Commissioner Ross motioned to draft and adopt a resolution for the waiver of the log cabin as a donation to their 501c3 organization and the applicant would submit a deposit of \$500.00, returned upon inspection, seconded by Commissioner Tudor.

All in favor: Mayor Truppman, Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella, Commissioner Bilt, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Tudor.

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 5/0

8 **Consent Agenda**

8.a Approval of Minutes

Regular Commission Meeting - April 4, 2017

Special Commission Meeting - April 19, 2017

8.b Acceptance of Board Minutes

Planning & Zoning - April 3, 2017

Code Compliance Board - April 10, 2017

Biscayne Park Foundation - April 17, 2017

8.c **Resolution 2017-25**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA **APPROVING THE SELECTION OF AVMED AS THE VILLAGE'S HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

8.d **Resolution 2017-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA **AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES WITH GRUBBS EMERGENCY SERVICES, LLC; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Commissioner Ross motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella.

All in favor: Mayor Truppman, Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella, Commissioner Bilt, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Tudor.

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 5/0

9.a **Ordinance 2017-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA **CREATING NEW SECTION 2-37 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, ENTITLED "PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD";** PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Comment was opened

Chuck Ross: Congratulated Village Manager Manners and thanked Mr. Samaria for volunteering to pay the rental fee for the teacher appreciation event. Went on about the deferment of this item. Felt the members should have the credentials to take on this task and staff is limited. This should be brought up in the future.

Fred Jones: Disagreed with the Ordinance because the Village currently has Public Safety issues and a Crime Watch group that meets 4 or 5 times a year. This board would not accomplish much and there are other boards that are not fully filled.

Janey Anderson: Felt they were referring to two different issues and supported the board.

Commissioner Ross asked to amend the Ordinance by removing Section 2-37 d.2.

Commissioner Tudor accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Tudor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01 first reading as amended, seconded by Commissioner Bilt.

All in favor: Mayor Truppmann, Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella, Commissioner Bilt and Commissioner Tudor.

Opposed: Commissioner Ross

Motion carries: 4/1

9.b **Ordinance 2017-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA **CREATING NEW SECTION 2-38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, ENTITLED "GRANT WRITING ADVISORY BOARD";** PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Public Comment was opened

Fred Jonas: A board is not necessary to go after grants. The Mayor has written grants. This board would sit around and accomplish nothing.

The Mayor replied that she has written grants but the Village is missing out on additional funding that could be obtained through grants. This is a much needed revenue essential to the community.

Commissioner Tudor made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-02 on first reading, seconded by Commissioner Bilt.

All in favor: Mayor Truppman, Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella, Commissioner Bilt and Commissioner Tudor.

Opposed: Commissioner Ross

Motion carries: 4/1

10 Resolution

10.a Resolution 2017-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, **ESTABLISHING THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Beatrice Galeano, Finance Director explained the small decrease in solid waste assessment fee was due in part by lower salaries and benefits.

Commissioner Ross motioned to approve Resolution 2017-21, seconded by Commissioner Tudor.

All in favor: Mayor Truppman, Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Tudor.

Opposed: Commissioner Bilt

Motion carries: 4/1

11 Old Business

These items are generally discussion items that have been previously discussed by the Commission and new information or updates are available by either a member of the Commission or the Administration.

NONE

12 New Business

These items are generally discussion items that have been requested by members of the Commission or the Administration.

12.a Standardize Contracts for Key Positions - Requested by Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella

This request was brought forth to create consistent contracts for vendors, Village Manager, etc...

Village Attorney Hearn explained that standardizing would only apply to certain contracts because others would have an RFP process, indemnification, sovereignty, etc... But he would work with the Vice Mayor to standardize as many contracts as possible.

- 12.b Village Manager Contract: The Village Attorney will negotiate a contract that is retroactive to this Commission meeting.

13 Request for placement of items on next meeting agenda

Through general consensus a member of the Commission may request an item be placed on the next agenda for discussion (New Business) or as a Resolution/Ordinance.

The Village Manager Contract is to be placed on next month's Commission meeting.

14 Reports

- 14.a Village Manager: Spoke about the completion of the 2014/2015 CAFR and immediately starting the 2015/2016 CAFR. Also, a contract to hire the Interim Police Chief as Police Chief has been negotiated. In addition, the Chief will be sworn-in at the next Commission meeting.

- 14.b Village Attorney : Will be scheduling a meeting previously cancelled regarding water issues. Board members are also subject to Sunshine Law. The meeting held to rank the selection of a Police Chief is not an issue because the process was stopped. Individual ranking for recommendation is permitted, also it does not apply to fact finding committees such as the Art Board determining where to place the art pieces provided by PAMM.

- 14.c Board / Committee Reports: *No committee report*
Biscayne Park Foundation
Parks & Parkway Advisory Board
Public Art Advisory Board

- 14.d Commissioner Comments: *No committee report*
Vice Mayor Johnson-Sardella - *None*
Commissioner Bilt - *None*

Commissioner Ross - Reminded residents of funeral services scheduled for Friday, to pay respect to the passing of Mayor/Commissioner and long time resident of the Village Jim Reeder.

Commissioner Tudor - Excited about the hiring of a number of positions such as; Police Chief, Village Manager and Finance Director.

Mayor Truppmann - Reminded everyone about the Workshop/Forum scheduled for the following Saturday to discuss code issues, driveways and landscaping.

15 Announcements

Saturday, May 6th - Community Forum/Workshop at 9:00am

Saturday, May 6th - PAMM Inside/Out Spring Community Day at 11:30am

Monday, May 8th - Code Compliance Meeting at 7:00pm

Monday, May 15th - Planning & Zoning Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Monday, May 29th - Village Hall Depts. are Closed in Observation of Memorial Day

Monday June 5th - Planning & Zoning Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Our next regular Commission meeting is Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 7:00pm.

16 Adjournment

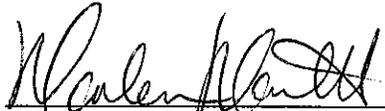
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Commission approved on : 6/6/17

Attest:



Tracy Truppmann, Mayor



Marlen Martell, Village Clerk