



VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK
Budget Hearing Meeting
Log Cabin – 640 NE 114th Street
Biscayne Park, FL 33161
Thursday, September 21, 2017
6:30 PM

Mayor Tracy Truppman
Vice Mayor Jenny Johnson-Sardella
Commissioner Harvey Bilt
Commissioner Roxanna Ross
Commissioner William Tudor

Village Manager Krishan Manners
Village Attorney John Hearn
Village Clerk Marlen D. Martell

FY 2017/18 1st BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

ROLL CALL OF THE CITY OFFICIALS:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Mayor Tracy Truppman. Present at the meeting were Mayor Tracy Truppman, Vice Mayor Jenny Johnson-Sardella, Commissioner Harvey Bilt, Commissioner Roxanna Ross. Commissioner William Tudor arrived shortly thereafter. Additional staff in attendance were: Village Manager Krishan Manners; Village Attorney John Hearn; and Village Clerk Marlen D. Martell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Mayor and Commissioners.

Mayor Truppman asked for a moment of silence for those people affected by the damage left behind by Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria such as; Monroe County, Collier, Texas, the Caribbean Islands, Cuba, Puerto Rico just to name a few.

In addition, acknowledging assistance from the State and Federal agencies sending a number of trucks and personnel to help with the recovery of the Village. Currently, only two homes are without electricity. Also, thanked the residents for their patience, the employees, police staff, public works department, the Village Manager and Police Chief who stayed through the hurricane and slept in the Village for seven days. It was inspirational to see the amount of support demonstrated by Village residents helping one another. One last story worthy of mentioning, our Police Chief and two officers went out in the middle of the storm to help someone that was hurt.

PUBLIC COMMENT - *Comments from the public relating to topics that are on the agenda.*

Mayor Truppmann opened the meeting for **Public Comment** for agenda items.

The following person(s) made comments on the record:

Bob Anderson

Janie Anderson

Chuck Ross

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Commissioner Tudor joined the meeting.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2017-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE 2017-18 MILLAGE RATE AT 9.70 MILS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION UPON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

PUBLIC COMMENT - *Comments from the public relating to ordinances.*

Public Comment open for discussion on Ordinance 2017-03 first reading to adopt the millage rate for the Village.

Aleksandr Bernhard, 1015 NE 120 Street, made comments on the record.

Public Comment closed

Village Manager recognized the increased property tax collected was based on the increase in property value. That amount would be necessary to offset the proposed additional homestead exception increase which will impact the Village by about \$300,000.00

Commissioner Ross motioned for the approval to set the millage rate, seconded by Commissioner Bilt. Motion passed 5-0

Ordinance 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 FOR THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Open Request for Public Comment – There was none

Beatrice Galeano went over the highlights. The current budget is 2.8 million and 197,000 excess revenues. This is a 10% increase in property value. The additional ad valorem increase of \$168,000.00, places the city in a good position to earmark this amount. FEMA reimbursements to the Village for debris removal and other cost must also be considered.

Mayor Truppmann broke down FEMA reimbursement disbursement 75% from FEMA, the State pays 12.5% and the Village is responsible for 12.5%. Based on conference calls with the Governor although the question was posed to determine a dollar value, a number was not mentioned and the amount reimbursed by FEMA would be based on documentation submitted. No preapproval amount has been set by the Governor's office.

Attorney Hearn recognized that FEMA handles each storm differently. Reimbursements may not be possible until the summer.

The Village Manager had to hire a monitoring company as part of FEMA requirements to attest to the debris being removed from the Village. This service was necessary and with such short notice and limited companies available to provide this service we were lucky to secure this company at an estimated cost of \$116,000.00.

Commissioner Ross recommended reaching out to our insurance carrier FMIT for possible GAP insurance or other financial assistance until the Village is reimbursed by FEMA. At that time FMIT had not been contacted, but Attorney Hearn stated they need to be contacted to rule out what is covered by our policy. Although, the Village did not sustain structural damage it is a good idea to contact them. In the past most municipalities were not eligible because without substantial damage they did not meet the deductible.

Ms. Galeano continued with budget changes such as an increase of \$4,500 education and travel for the Commissioners. The Administrative budget was reduced by \$52,000 due to changes in staff and other savings. The police department due to administrative changes was decreased by \$30,000. The building department decreased because that is a direct correlation to permits issues. It is a revenue neutral department with inspectors receiving 60% of permit fees. Code Compliance has increased by 16% by adding a part time code compliance officer. In public works the position of public works manager was removed and added an additional laborer. The parks and recreation department was increased by \$45,000 for the addition of a parks and recreation supervisor and \$30,000 for re-sodding the athletic field, which can be discussed and reconsidered at this meeting. Overall the budget has decreased by 4%.

Village Manager was making one change to decrease in the FRS. It was discussed to change the Clerk to the Senior Management FRS contribution, but based on the uncertainties in ad valorem it is best to continue with the current contribution of 7.92%. This is not a reflection on the Clerk or the senior level of her position it is based on the finances of the Village.

Ms. Galeano summarized the road fund which addressed maintenance and employees. The Citizens Independent Transit Trust (CITT) fund has to be allocated 80% for transportation and 20% for transit projects. There is a possibility the Village's 12.5% cost for debris removal might be paid out of that fund.

Commissioner Ross was concerned about the undesignated \$197,000 and she would rather have a location for this surplus. Possibly \$50,000 towards reserves, 147,000 towards hurricane expenses, etc...

At this time the consensus of the Commission was to hold off on making unnecessary purchases and hold off on assigning the \$197,000 until the Finance Manager had an opportunity to review the Village's fund balance policy.

Commissioner Bilt motioned to adopt the budget as presented, seconded by Commission Ross. Roll call vote, motion passed 5-0.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

Thursday, September 28, 2017 – 2nd FY 2017/18 Budget Hearing at 6:30pm

NEXT REGULAR VILLAGE COMMISSION MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

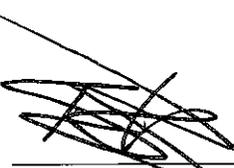
ADJOURNMENT

With no further items for discuss, meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Commissioner Bilt motioned for adjournment, seconded by Mayor Truppman. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Commission approved on: 11/2/17

ATTEST:

(SEAL)



Tracy Truppman, Mayor



Marlen D. Martell, Village Clerk