

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
7:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Council Vice Chair Janice McClanaghan reconvened the meeting from Executive Session at 7:30 pm. In attendance were council members Marlene Bellini, Anita Langer, Christopher Mannix and Carol O'Donnell. Also in attendance were District Manager Lisa DiBello and Harbormaster Mike Tortolani. Council members Michael Vendetti and Daniel Johnson were absent. Tax Collector Kevin Koehler was also absent.

Motions

C. O'Donnell **moved**, seconded by M. Bellini to approve financing, not to exceed \$2,700.00, to have Attorney Dickinson respond to the Secretary of State and recent Beach Club inquiry. The motion was approved 3-1-1, with A. Langer dissenting and C. Mannix abstaining.

M. Bellini **moved**, seconded by C. Mannix, to adjourn executive session. The motion was approved, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

C. Mannix **moved**, seconded by M. Bellini, to approve the December 18, 2019 council monthly meeting minutes. The motion was approved, 5-0.

Committee Reports

J. McClanaghan waived the reading of committee reports because of the lack of activity during the coronavirus pandemic.

C. Mannix reported that the BSFD budget had been approved by the council last night.

The District Manager's report involved getting council feedback on whether to open, cancel or delay making a decision on the following BSFD services/events/items:

- Camp: Cancelled for 2020 season
- Beach Bus: Cancelled for 2020 season
- Yard Waste Dumpster: Will begin on Saturday, May 30, 2020
- Bulky Pick Up: Will be held on date to be determined
- Playground and Basketball Court: Will open with guidelines posted
- Community Center: Closed
- Community Center Parking Lot: Open with limited parking

- Bonnet Days: Delayed
- Yard Sale: Delayed
- Beaches: Delayed, but lifeguard hiring process will begin

Old Business

Approval of Harbor Plan, Dock and Related Issues

- Anita Langer stated that the Harbor will be open for moorings, but that the dock should not be put in for safety reasons. M. Tortolani stated he was concerned about putting the dock in because of the coronavirus. M. Bellini, C. O'Donnell and C. Mannix wanted to put the dock in as it would encourage boaters to go out on the water and not stay ashore on land, crowding the beaches or other areas in the Fire District. After much discussion, the council members decided to delay making a decision regarding the dock for three weeks.
- A. Langer **moved**, seconded by C. Mannix, to amend the Harbormaster Ordinance (Ordinance X) and the Harbor Management Plan to include the following language:

“9. Transfer of Moorings

- a. Transfer of a private mooring permit to an immediate family member of the mooring permit holder (brother, sister, mother, father, spouse, children or stepchildren), as designated by the mooring permit holder, provided the transferee is a BSFD taxpayer and boat is registered in their name, on a one-time basis is permitted. Subsequent transfers of the mooring permit by the mooring permit transferee is prohibited under any circumstances.”

The motion was approved, 5-0.

New Business

Nominating Committee appointments from council

- C. Mannix **moved**, seconded by J. McClanaghan, to appoint Marlene Bellini and Carol O'Donnell to the Nominating Committee. The motion was approved, 5-0.

Resignation of Treasurer

- J. McClanaghan announced that the Treasurer, Natalie McDonald, had resigned.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Clerk M. Mannix provided the council members with a draft agenda for the 2020 Annual Meeting. M. Bellini **moved**, seconded by C. Mannix, to cancel the 2020 Annual Meeting and conduct business from the 2020 Annual Meeting at the 2021 Annual Meeting on the last Thursday of June of 2021. M. Bellini stated that the current executive orders forbid gatherings of more than five (5) individuals, which would make it almost impossible to conduct the Annual Meeting in late June, which is less than two months away. She also stated that her motion was made in pursuant to Article I, Section 1 of the BSFD By-Laws, entitled “Annual Meeting” and states that “[i]n the event of failure to hold said meeting at any time or for any cause any and all business which might have been transacted at such meeting may be transacted at the next succeeding meeting, whether special or annual.” The motion was approved, 5-0.

Unseal zoning minutes

M. Bellini **moved**, seconded by C. O'Donnell, to unseal any executive session minutes regarding the zoning issue at the top of Bonnet Shores. J. McClanaghan explained that the minutes could be unsealed because the matter has been settled. The motion was approved, 5-0.

Public Comment

- Nancy Cordy requested that the parking lot at the Community Center be open during the day and be closed every night.
- Nancy Cordy requested that the council appoint individuals to any vacant positions.
- Kristin DeBerghes indicated her interest in being appointed to the Treasurer position.
- Mary Patterson inquired about the date of N. McDonald's resignation and stated that the council should have announced her resignation earlier. J. McClanaghan indicated that the council had not met since the resignation date. Clerk M. Mannix stated that Mary Patterson was currently suing the BSFD.

Adjournment:

M. Bellini moved, seconded by C. Mannix to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Matthew M. Mannix
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk

Ratified on June 17, 2020