



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Finance Board

Thursday, June 15, 2017

4:00 PM

Town Hall

Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please wait to be recognized, then step to the podium and state your name and address. We also ask that you please turn-off all cell phones.

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM with Chairman Olson presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chairman Tom Olson, Vice Chairman Dan Hartshorne, John Prevas, Mary Griffith, Kevin Piccarreto, and John Hail
Absent 1 - Ernest Whittle

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Eric Wahlbeck-Director of Parks and Recreation-Introduced recreation staff member Jay McArthur; attending meeting due to interested in finance and business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[17-0129](#) Approval of April 20, 2017 and May 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Griffith moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Hartshorne.

Aye: 6 - Chairman Olson, Vice Chairman Hartshorne, Prevas, Griffith, Piccarreto, and Hail

Absent: 1 - Whittle

GENERAL AGENDA

[17-0122](#) Preliminary Budget Discussion & MMP Recommendation

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Provided overview of revenue; commented on potential loss of Penny funds and effects of voter homestead exemption increase; staff looking into alternate revenue streams in preparation of potential impacts.

Mr. Wahlbeck commented on 6.49% increase in taxable value as additional revenue; expenditure items provided are very preliminary; welcomes board comments.

Discussion ensued regarding FEMA reimbursement for debris removal; infrastructure projects with money currently set aside; recreation personnel funding gap due to grant loss; researching past practice of reserve dollar transfers.

Further discussion ensued regarding process for evaluating contractual employees; potentially seeking council specialized in municipal law; town attorney expenses related to hourly fees versus retainer; Mayor Katica spoke in favor of retaining current town attorney. Further comments were made relating to conservation easement on the golf course property.

Mr. Wahlbeck discussed budget process for estimating attorney fees; staff to look into retainer cost versus hourly billing.

Mr. Hartshorne commented on base wage increase for solid waste employees; potential higher rate if recycling is brought on.

Board discussions regarding small increase in milage rate in preparation of voter referendum items; Board recommends preliminary maximum milage of 5.9257, same as prior year.

Mr. Piccarreto moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Prevas.

Aye: 6 - Chairman Olson, Vice Chairman Hartshorne, Prevas, Griffith, Piccarreto, and Hail

Absent: 1 - Whittle

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

STAFF REPORT

No report.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORT

Mayor Katica commented Mayors' Council discussions related to Penny for Pinellas; suggests wage increase for all employees.

Brief discussion regarding testing phase of town recycling.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 4:56 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairman