



# Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

## Meeting Minutes Finance Board

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Thursday, August 1, 2019

4:00 PM

Town Hall

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**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 was called to order at 4:01 PM with Chairman Olson presiding.

Staff present: Chief Rick Doyle; Stefan Massol, JP Murphy, Ashley Bernal

### ROLL CALL

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

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

None given

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[19-0195](#) Approval of June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes

**Mr. Prevas moved approval. Seconded by Ms. Griffith.**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Piccarreto

### GENERAL AGENDA

[19-0193](#) 2019-2020 Budget Discussion

Chairman Olson asked if there would be another budget meeting this month; Mr. Murphy stated yes, that there would be another meeting on the 15th; more detail of rate increase and final commentary before it goes to the Commission; the commission will be having a budget work shop on the 8th of August; the next finance board meeting will be on August 15 at 4:00 PM.

Mr. Murphy stated Cost of Living increase is 1.7%; merit increase is in the budget; at discretion of the Commission; discussed possible police department merit and COLA increase.

Mr. Murphy continued discussion with the solid waste fund; Recycling disposal costs rate increase; process and capacity of recycling in our area and others.

Discussion ensued regarding the future of recycling; increased cost of recycling; single stream trucks for recycling; regarding possible solid waste fee increase to offset recycling.

Mr. Olson asked if there was a recommend for the finance board. Mr. Murphy stated that staff would be recommending to the commission a 5% rate increase in the solid waste fees.

Discussion ensued regarding implementing a solid waste rate increase.

Mr. Olson stated in order to make solid waste whole, that there would need to be a 5% rate increase in solid waste.

Mr. Murphy continued the budget discussion with the General Fund; spoke about value adjustments; 6.7 million budget; increase in costs; setting growth policies; reviewed the detailed General Fund revenues; increase of \$373,000 increase over the current year; permit revenues; Police- Pelican contract revenues and off-sets; increase in interest revenues.

Mr. Murphy discussed Administration; discussed training and certification.

Mr. Murphy spoke about legislative bills and funding; Belleair Country Club presentation; web security; briefly discussed Building fund.

Mr. Murphy continued with the Police fund; spoke regarding pension benefits; health benefits; retirement.

Police Chief Doyle, spoke regarding pension and retirement benefits; healthcare; staffing work hours.

Mr. Murphy discussed the Public Works fund; parks mowing contract.

Mr. Murphy discussed Recreation; challenges of potential revenue earnings; discussed after-school program; was a very good revenue program; need passenger van; community and special events; possible rise in part-time salary costs; ticket admission rates; revenue and expenses.

Mr. Murphy finished his review with the Water fund; studies and engineering for RO; co-funded by SWFWMD; injection well; RO numbers needed; funding; current plant improvements.

Discussion ensued regarding RO; County costs; test pilot studies; Oldsmar RO plant; regarding obtaining experienced RO licensed personel.

Mr. Olson inquired about re-claimed water for the golf courses and augmenting with Belleair's water.

Mr. Murphy spoke regarding re-claimed water; most comes from the County; no issues with RO; SWFWMD water permit.

Mr. Hail inquired about the demolition of a property located in town. Mr. Murphy provided update on the demolition of the house; stop order for the dock.

**Mr. Prevas moved to have a 5 % increase in the solid waste fees. Motion seconded by Ms.**

**Griffith.**

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued regarding the strategic plan; cottages at Pelican Golf Course (PGC) and County bed tax; transient lodging; zoning laws related to PGC.

Mr. Olson asked what to say when individuals ask about housing on the golf course, to which Mr. Murphy responded that the cottages was not on the original plan for the commercial properties, they are actually planned on the R-1 properties that were purchased. The land that was purchased is not covered by the conservation easement.

Mr. Hail inquired about the FEMA reimbursement money. Mr. Massol stated he spoke to a representative who said records are currently being reviewed; making a list of final questions to staff; once staff gets those back to them, then he expects we should receive a check most likely within the next few weeks.

A resident asked about what the RO system would do to rates, which Mr. Murphy explained that Belleair has been waiting for Pinellas County to release their new rate structures in order to have a better understanding of what will happen.

Mr. Hartshorne spoke about the extremely low rates for borrowing and possibly obtaining a loan for projects; asked staff to provide information regarding this possibility and obtaining a rate under 3%. Mr. Olson asked if there were any objections for staff to provide the board this information. There were no objections.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None given

**COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORT**

None given

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in due form at 5:45 PM.

**APPROVED:**

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**Chairman**