



# Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 33756

## Meeting Minutes Town Commission

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Tuesday, December 15, 2020

6:00 PM

Town Hall

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**Zoom meeting ID: 819-4843-7084**

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with Deputy Mayor Rettstatt presiding.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt  
Commissioner Michael Wilkinson  
Commissioner Tom Shelly  
Commissioner Tom Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Gary H. Katica

### SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting/hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS

(Discussion of items not on the agenda. Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to speak.)

None to be heard.

### CONSENT AGENDA

[20-0304](#) Approval of December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.**

**Aye:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

**GENERAL AGENDA**[20-0295](#)

## Best of Belleair Community Award and Proclamation: The Singer Sisters

JP Murphy, Town Manager discussed Singer sisters award and their service to the community; read proclamation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt commented on the sisters contributions.

Awards were presented and photos taken.

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved to approve the Proclamation to the Singer Sisters. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.**

**Aye:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[20-0300](#)

## Dogs in parks

Mr. Murphy stated residents have requested to discuss potential to change the ordinance regarding dog leash laws; previously discussed in 2010; staff has no specific recommendation; open forum for citizen input.

Brian Davis-resident-provided suggestions on a proposed area for dogs to run off leash; limited hours; presented proposed rules based on research of other area parks.

John Hail-resident-spoke in support of an off-leash area; in agreement with previous resident's proposal.

No further citizen comments.

Commission consensus in agreement to send item to the Park and Tree Board for review.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt requested researching other municipalities ordinances as well; enforcement plan needed.

Mr. Murphy spoke on Park and Tree Board needing to review items and liability concerns.

[20-0298](#)

## Approval of Resolution 2020-28 Amending FY 2020-21 Budget

Mr. Murphy provided overview of the item; water system generator radiator repair; discussion ensued regarding repair Vs replacement.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of Resolution 2020-28, amending FY 2020-21 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

**Aye:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[20-0299](#)

## Alternate Dates for Belleair Sunset 5K &amp; Fun Run

Mr. Murphy discussed race with Mr. Allison regarding COVID.

Ricky Allison-Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Works-presented dates based on other events in the area; staff recommends March 6th; open to Commission suggestions.

Commissioner Shelly was in support of March 6th date.

Mr. Allison spoke on other area races; will see how their events pan out.

It was the consensus of the Commission to postpone the race to the March 6th date.

Mr. Allison addressed questions regarding event.

[20-0301](#)

## Teleworking Policy

Mr. Murphy spoke on previous commission discussions regarding remote working.

Mr. Massol-Finance director - addressed question regarding Google and archiving back up; provided high level summary of policy areas.

Mr. Murphy spoke on remote work ability needs to come to agreement between employee and department head.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt spoke on residents and customer service; importance of face to face service.

Mr. Murphy spoke on certain times employees would not be able to work remote based on positions and scheduled events.

Mr. Allison spoke on success of remote summer camp and having both options available.

Mr. Massol spoke on quarantines and keeping employees productive.

Mr. Murphy discussed use of cell phones.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the Teleworking Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

**Aye:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

[20-0303](#)

## Consideration of Extension of Inspection Period of Ground Lease between Belleair Country Club and Town.

Commissioner Kurey spoke on receiving a formal opinion for the Florida Commission of Ethics; was advised to abstain from voting based on Belleair Country Club membership.

Mr. Murphy state that the club has been informed by the Army Corps of Engineers that they will have to under go an archaeological review; requested extension until Jan 7, 2021; agreement to give their board time to review reports; finding fair medium for both

parties.

David Phillips-Attorney for the Belleair Country Club - Club is working to do their due diligence; reviewed reports; Army Corps review came unexpected requiring archaeological review; report due to Club within next week; does not feel initial request of 90 days is necessary; if no significant findings, confident that they will eventually receive Army Corps permit; seeking brief extension to review and submit; all other studies and engineering have been done.

Mr. Murphy discussed timeline for development and permitting review; likely a drainage easement needed.

Mr. Philips stated target date is March for all permits; this extension does not effect commencement date of permits.

Discussion ensued regarding what happens if review is negative; Mr. Murphy commented on financials; legal terms.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the requested Extension until January 7th, 2021 authorizing the Town Manager to execute any documents to that affect. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

**Aye:** 3 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Shelly

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Kurey

#### [20-0305](#)

#### Special Event Permit - Clearwater Running Festival

Mr. Murphy stated the 31st is the only day Belleair is involved; race is a wave start; no staff concerns.

Chief Doyle addressed question regarding medical stations in Town.

**Commissioner Shelly moved approval of the special relief permit for the Clearwater Running Festival. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson.**

**Aye:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

### STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Allison - Belleair Elementary requested help obtaining 4 bikes for drive; various Police Department Chiefs came together and delivered 15 bikes and helmets; 4 more will be taken to Mildred Helms Elementary; spoke on B the Elf (elf on the shelf) program-kids made thank you notes for Commission.

Chief Doyle-provided crime report; all officers attending training sessions regarding a new use of force policies; Publix awarded Chief a scholarship to attend chiefs conference state level; police department working with Mike Alstott Family Foundation to donate funds to supply Christmas dinner to "Feeding the Fosters of Tampa Bay".

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Murphy commended staff on successful holiday parade; Gregg Lauda in building has been working to refresh community rating on flood plain.

Commissioner Shelly commented on discounts on insurance for those in flood plain.

Mr. Murphy stated infrastructure projects progressing on time and in budget; discussed Poinsettia overlay; crosswalks; announced qualified candidates for the Commission.

Commissioner Shelly questioned if someone should be appointed interim commissioner on January 5th meeting as Mayor will not be back in January.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt in support as well.

Mr. Murphy provided brief update; David Ottinger stated he would reach out again.

Consensus of the Commission to place item on agenda; suggested potential replacements.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT/BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Kurey had nothing to report; upcoming Santa delivery; thanked all involved.

Discussion ensued regarding thanking the Largo Fire Department for their help with the Santa Delivery.

Commissioner Shelly - boards didn't meet; thanked kids and rec for card; thanked staff for everything.

Commissioner Wilkinson thanked rec staff for parade and holiday card; Santa delivery; honored to serve as Mayor in March.

Deputy Mayor Rettstatt - BCF holiday event in the park; wishes everyone a happy holidays; thanked staff.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned in due form at 7:26 PM.

**Commissioner Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Shelly.**

**Aye:** 4 - Deputy Mayor Rettstatt, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Shelly, and Commissioner Kurey

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Katica

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**TOWN CLERK**

**APPROVED:**

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**DEPUTY MAYOR**