



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Public Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

4:00 PM

Infrastructure Board

ATTENDANCE AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Originally noticed as a joint meeting, however the meeting is of the Infrastructure Board ONLY, there was no quorum for the Finance Board.

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm with Chairman Pace presiding

Present: Chairman Doug Pace, George Mariani, John Hail, Joe Oder, Gail Grady.
Excused: Shon Flaharty

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments

GENERAL AGENDA

[25-0095](#)

Approval of May 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mariani moved approval of the minutes. Seconded by Joe Oder.

Motion carried unanimously.

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FY2026 Budget Presentation

Town Manager-Gay Lancaster spoke on finance board not in attendance, finance agenda items will not be discussed; board consensus.

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CIP Level 1 and 2 Timeline

Ashley Bernal-Assistant Town Manager-spoke on level 2 priorities; questioned if the board would like to see any items moved up.

Mr. Mariani questioned where Harold's Lake is located; Ms. Bernal and Ms. Lancaster clarified.

Mr. Hail questioned dredging; Ms. Lancaster spoke on silt and last dredge; Ms. Bernal spoke on LMS group meeting and methodology for funding, have applied for grants, likely to receive funding.

Ms. Grady spoke on prior discussions; questioned Largo funding; Ms. Lancaster addressed a joint study; spoke on earlier project to widen creek bed, residents along creek, unsuccessful to get access granted by all residents, project did not move forward. Over a million dollars from 2005-2023 has been spent by the Town in dredging. Ms. Grady questioned participation from county and Largo; Ms. Lancaster spoke on

easements not being granted so project did not move forward; county has maintained their portions.

Ms. Bernal would like a recommendation of approval unless changing project priority level.

Mr. Pace questioned the Bluff; Ms. Bernal spoke on the bluff report coming in July or August, completed.

Mr. Pace spoke on prior discussions regarding projects and effects on the bluff; spoke on significant issues on south side of the bluff by Manatee due to drainage, outfalls need to be upgraded as projects are done. Ms. Bernal will have the engineer look at this and update if needed.

Mr. Mariani moved approval. Seconded by Ms. Grady. Motion carried unanimously.

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Borrowing Update

Ms, Lancaster introduced Olga Swinson with Aclarian

Olga Swinson-Aclarian, Finance-spoke on need to borrow for funding; spoke on call with DEP regarding state revolving loan to see how to access funds; recommendation was to submit a request to the quarterly meeting in November, plan to submit.

Ms. Lancaster spoke on SRL funds; provide funds related to drainage, potable water, and stormwater; PFM recommended to seek funds.

Ms. Swinson spoke on PFM recommendation to move forward using cash flows from town to finance once contracts are ready; the Town can then have a resolution from bond counsel stating the Town will be reimbursed for the funds; the Town will then issue an RFP for a bank loan, estimating early Jan 2026; projecting interest rates will decline, waiting will be to benefit.

Mr. Mariani questioned if item more for the Finance board; Ms. Lancaster stated it applies to both due to urgency of moving forward; spoke on issues moving forward with Indian Rocks Road project, getting engineering signoff; will be a 3 way stop at Eastleigh due to sightlines; spoke on historic recognition component.

Mr. Oder spoke on adding a plaque to the bridge for recognition.

Ms. Lancaster spoke on Commission wanting to move forward with the project; will be working on planning for phase 2 immediately following; addressed questions regarding sightlines at Bayview and Carl; stated it has been determined to not redesign the traffic circle on phase 2; have sufficient reserves to loan ourselves the money to get started, then replenish reserves with bank loan.

Ms. Grady questioned if low interest loan applies to both construction and engineering; Ms. Lancaster affirmed; Ms. Bernal stated it could be 30% or more, doing more research with engineer to get an accurate estimate.

Ms. Swinson stated all expenses will be allowable for reimbursement once resolution is signed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mariani moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Oder. Motion carried unanimously.

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 4:32 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairman