



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Finance Board

Thursday, May 18, 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 4:00 PM with Chairman Olson presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present 2 - Ernest Whittle, and Chairman Kevin Piccarreto

Absent 1 - John Hail

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None available to approve.

GENERAL AGENDA

[17-0114](#)

Introduction of Finance Staff: Doug Speta & Stefan Massol

JP Murphy-Town Manager-Stated Mr. Speta is at a training and will be introduced at another meeting; provided his background and experience; title is Assistant Finance Director. Stefan Massol welcomed back as Director of Support Services; will be staff member appointed to board.

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Preliminary Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Discussion

Mr. Murphy commented on upcoming Penny for Pinellas and Homestead Exemption referendum items; discussed potential effects on ad valorem proceeds related to these items.

Discussion ensued regarding Penny for Pinellas timeline; importance to town; public outreach opportunities and limitations.

Mr. Murphy discussed revenues; reviewing programs and setting priorities if cuts are needed; currently engaging departments and looking at expenditures; looking at current allocation method as is; goal to increase grant funding opportunities organization wide. Expenditures discussed; recommendation to retain millage and set MMP at current rate.

Also stated that increased revenue to come in for hotel development and golf course renovation; seeking input from board regarding any items to address prior to budget cycle.

Mayor Katica commented on pay increases for employees; Mr. Murphy stated COLA for south region is 2.4%, will provide information on cost.

Discussions ensued regarding revenue received from golf course permitting fees and taxes; recycling to be handled in house.

Stefan Massol-Director of Support Services-Provided specifics on building permit revenues received from golf course; Ashley Bernal provided estimated tax revenue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Murphy provided golf course update; development plan approved; closing date not yet set; potential to charge for reclaimed water.

Board discussion ensued regarding conservation easement and restrictions; legal limitations on restricting property.

The Board expressed concerns and dissatisfaction with the process of placing restrictions on property and time involved.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORT

Mayor Katica had nothing to report.

Christine Torok-Town Clerk-Provided upcoming meeting dates for the board are June 15th, July 20th and August 17th; Mr. Piccarreto is unable to attend the July meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business; meeting adjourned in due form at 4:52 PM.

APPROVED:

Chairman