

BIMC Board Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2011

Meslin home, Blakely Island/Phone Conference

Board Members Present:

Sally Elliman, President

Barb Sullivan, Vice President, Secretary

Mary Ellen Hogle, Treasurer

Doug Davidson, Water Commissioner

Coralie Meslin, Fire/Waste Commissioner

Jim Dovey, Roads/Airstrip/Property Commissioner

Guests:

Ned McCall

Paul Ellis

Sally Elliman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

Barb Sullivan moved to adopt the Nov.28, 2011 agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Doug Davidson moved to adopt the minutes from the Oct. 13th, 2011. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

President's Report:

Sally reported that the Lawyers have filed their last brief with the courts today. It is expected that the Judges will hear the appeal sometime between April and June.

Sally explained what constitutes a Quorum and a Simple Majority for the BIMC voting procedures. Similar to voting on an issue at a BIMC annual meeting, a simple majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority of those votes submitted shall be required to pass this proposal. Simple majority votes count if assessments are paid in full. More information is found in the BIMC By-Laws, Article VII.

Commissioner Reports:

Barb Sullivan, Secretary/Vice President: No report

Mary Ellen Hogle, Treasurer:

The YTD Budget has been sent to all board members. She is in the process of preparing 30 day notices for “intent to file liens”.

Doug Davidson, Water Commissioner:

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Water Commissioners Report

Doug W. Davidson

Monday Nov 28, 2011

Water production and usage is normal for this time of year with just under 143,500 gallons used during the month of October as compared to just over 500,000 gallons that was used over the labor day weekend.

Water Treatment Plant Operation

Operation is normal. At the last board meeting we solicited the island residents for a laptop computer that could be used in the water treatment plant for record keeping. Terry Pence donated a laptop to the cause and I would like to publicly thank him. We had the hard drive wiped clean and reinstalled windows and excel so that the water reading could be directly recorded onto the spreadsheets provided by Mike Cole at Water and Wastewater Services. According to Bill Schlink this has greatly reduced the time required in filling out the reports as well as improved the accuracy of the entries as it is readily apparent on the spreadsheet if a decimal point is moved or a reading is drastically different from the previous one.

In regards to the Roth/Roach un-platted property they were successful in drilling a productive well on the property and have disconnected from the BIMC water system. I am hoping to get the well logs and production report from them for reference as well as a water quality report. This information will be helpful in the analyzing the viability of a well or wells to provide some or all of our water in the future.

Doug W. Davidson
Water Commissioner

Doug will try to figure out why the costs for our water samples are so high.

Jim Dovey, Roads/Airport Commissioner, Property Manager:

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Roads Commissioners Report

November 2011

Bill has reported the roads are in need of a good cleaning. He has found an almost new (used twice) motorized sweeper brush for 1/2 the price of a new one. It will attach to the BIMC mower tractor.

I think this would be a good investment for the BIMC for the ongoing maintenance of the roads.

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Property Commissioners Report
November 2011

Bill reported some vandalism at the Bird. It will take some labor to clean up the mess but there was no damage that will cause any monetary expense.

Jim Dovey
Roads /Airport
Property Manager

Coralie Meslin, Fire and Waste Commissioner:

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Waste Report

The BIMC has currently budgeted for \$12,000 in transportation fees for garbage, and it looks as if it will be a necessary line item in the budget as we go forward. It is unlikely that we will be able to get the county to pay the barge costs, as they have done in the past. When Bob Breidenthal first approached him about the change, Representative Jamie Stevens brought it back to the council, where it was determined that the only way that the county could reinstate those expenses was as part of a larger plan for changes in the solid waste management by the county. This plan was presented to the voters as Proposition 2, and it was defeated in the election earlier this month. I will work with Bill and the barge services in order to be as efficient as possible, minimizing transportation costs.

Recycling Report

Last week there was a disturbing incident at the BIRD. Bill delineates the vandalism in his report. Please read it. What is known is that the vandalism happened sometime between early afternoon in Friday the 11th and 8 am on Monday the 14th. There were not very many people on island at the time, but if anyone saw or heard anything, please contact me or Bill, so that we can fill in the gaps and get to the bottom of this incident.

Fire Report

Bill and I are working on revamping the fire response on the island. A brainstorming session at my house was well attended and productive. We will be looking at the equipment that is currently on island, and developing some systems and training for a core group of first responders who are likely to be on island and are willing to direct any other community members present in case of a fire. This project will take some time, but I am confident that we will all benefit from it. Thanks to all involved.

Coralie Meslin, Commissioner

Roger Brown, BCF Liaison:

The BCF is awaiting the results of the community vote on the fuel upgrade proposal as the results will drive our plans for the upcoming season for other maintenance projects as well. We have identified

excellent prospects to operate the marina for next season and have launched discussions with them to finalize a sub-lease.

Bill Schlink, Caretaker Report:

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Water System

The water plant is operating fine. We're still operating the plant about once a week at reduced capacity of about 40 gpm. The "post chlorinating" (chlorinating the water after it has been filtered rather than prior to filtration) still seems to be working well. Mike Cole from Water and Wastewater Services has been helpful in many ways including computerizing our required reports and records. This saves many hours of time and provides real time checks and balances for our plant operation and helps to point out human errors. Terry Pence donated a lightly used laptop computer for use at the water plant. Thanks Terry!

Burn Ban

The BIMC burn ban is lifted. Please be careful with fires. Contact the caretaker prior to starting brush or debris fires so he doesn't come roaring in with sirens blaring and hoses dragging.

Roads and Runway

The roads are a mess with all the debris from trees. In fact, the road going up from the fire hall is so covered with junk that it is quite slippery. I'm not sure how to go about this but I'd like very much to get authorization and funding for a street sweeper attachment for the tractor. I found an "almost new" sweepster brand attachment that fits the tractor for less than half the price of a new one. I can buy it from Barnett Implement for \$1800.00 plus tax. Ed O'Neill, Jim Dovey and I spent the better part of a day this summer washing down the roads with the fire truck but it's a three man operation and not exactly a very efficient way to clean the roads. The sweepster can also be very useful in removing light to moderate snow if used before the snow gets driven on. We've also purchased a good supply of ice melt to try and keep the ice from around the Post Office. There will be a supply of it in the Post Office.

FIRE AND WASTE

The recycle facility was vandalized this past week-end sometime between 2:00 PM on Friday the 11th of November and 8:00 AM Monday the 14th. Lids on some totes were caved in, the strings holding bales of cans and plastic were cut and the bales knocked apart, mixed paper strewn about and cardboard pounded on with a steel tool. Also, someone DEFECATED in a plastic box used for sorting cans and plastic and

URINATED in a small waste paper basket. Machinery wasn't harmed and no windows or other costly items were broken. Several community members have offered to help in the clean up.

A meeting was held at Coralie Meslin's house to plan future fire training and brain-storm about the whole "core" volunteer fire department idea. Thanks to everyone in attendance. We all came away with action items and things to think about before the next meeting. We'll be doing individual and small group training with both fire trucks soon.

Respectfully/ Bill Schlink BIMC Caretaker

New Business:

1. The results of the Card Lock System Mail-in voting results: The card lock system purchase passed with a total of 61 members voting for it, 6 members voted against, and 2 members abstained. (A quorum was met with 54 votes.)
2. *Barb Sullivan made a motion to change the date of the Annual Meeting from July 7th to June 30, 2012. The motion was seconded and after discussion was passed.*
3. *Roger Brown moved to purchase the road sweeper attachment that Bill has requested for \$1800.00 plus tax. A second was made and discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.*

Old Business:

1. At this time the Board cannot see any need for the monthly scheduled meetings prior to the March 8, 2012 meeting. For now the board will cancel the Dec. 8, 2011 meeting. Other meeting cancellations will be sent out prior to the meeting.
2. *Barb Sullivan moved to lay down the regular session and move to Executive session to discuss the employee evaluations. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The regular session was laid down at 8:32 PM.*
3. *Roger Brown moved to come out of the executive session at 10:00 PM and return to the regular session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*
4. The BIMC Board discovered an error in the accounting system that led to an overpayment of \$2,000 in line item 5173 Medical / Reimbursement Fund to Terry Pence's benefit package. The board's remedy for this overpayment will be taken into consideration in how his compensation will be adjusted in subsequent contracts.

Roger moved that the BIMC Board enact a more stringent procedure to prevent any such future errors by stricter review of the budget versus year-to-date budget figures of each of the functional areas by each of the Board's Commissioners and Officers. The motion was seconded, much discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

Roger moved that we adjourn. It was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Sullivan, Secretary

Scheduled BIMC Board Meetings:

Dec. 8, 2011 **cancelled**
Jan. 12, 2012 (may be cancelled)
Feb. 9, 2012 (may be cancelled)
Mar. 8, 22, 29, 2012
Apr. 12, 2012
May 10, 24, 2012
June 7, 21, 28, 2012
June 30, 2012 **Annual Meeting (note this change)**