



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

February 14, 2012
Stowe

Mayor Leider called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, and Tom Stowe. Councilmember Aaron Sharp arrived at 7:10pm.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Matt Leber.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

GUESTS: Water Dept Supervisor Bob Durr, Donna Stowe.

MINUTES: Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the January 10, 2012 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the February 14, 2012 warrants, numbers 8921 through 8949 in the amount of \$24,769.34. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

(Councilmember Sharp arrived at 7:10pm.)

CLERK'S REPORT:

ANIMAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KING COUNTY: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that negotiations continue on a new animal-services contract between King County and their partner cities. In the meantime, the current contract expires at the end of this year but includes a two-year extension that occurs automatically unless either party notifies the other that it chooses not to extend the contract. She recommends that Beaux Arts allow the automatic extension, since we have no other viable alternatives for animal services at this time. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the contract to extend automatically for another two years through 2014.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: No report.

WATER REPORT: Water Dept Supervisor Bob Durr reported that the Town's water usage for 2011 was 10.4 million gallons, which is low but consistent with the wet cool summer that we experienced last year. He added that during a hot dry summer the Town uses 12 million gallons or more.

He also reported that the water pressure at the base of the tower is about 21 psi when the water is at its lowest level in the tank and about 29 psi when the tank is full. There is a fluctuation of ± 2 psi between the "float on" and "float off" positions.

Councilmember Stowe reported that he met with Water Superintendent Bill Beck to review the need for tree trimming along the signal line that runs from the water tank to the pump. While walking the line, they observed that the poles supporting the signal line belong to Century Link (formerly Qwest) not PSE and that the area needs a comprehensive cleanup of the trees and shrubs that have grown into the utility lines. Councilmember Stowe will follow up with Councilmember Hillberg and the affected utilities to assess the full extent of the needed cleanup, because it appears to extend throughout the Village.

WABA REPORT: No report.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM (SMP) UPDATE: Mayor Leider opened the discussion by remarking that work on this project began 2-1/2 years ago under a state mandate with prescriptive requirements. The Town was granted funds to help offset the costs of the work. The bulk of the work has been accomplished by the Planning Commission with the help of Town Planner Mona Green. The first draft of the updated SMP was completed about one year ago and was reviewed in detail by Mayor Leider and Councilmember Stowe. The Planning Commission used input from this review and the input from residents collected over the course of its last year of meetings to refine the draft SMP and produce the current version. The Department of Ecology has offered to conduct informal reviews of our draft SMP to comment on whether there are areas that need revision. The results of that informal review would allow the Town to ensure that our SMP is in line with the state requirements before adopting it, streamlining the entire process. He noted that the question before the Council is whether to submit the plan to Ecology for this informal review or proceed without input from Ecology.

Councilmember Stowe commented that he wants to thank the Planning Commission for their thorough work in preparing this draft SMP.

On discussion, the Council noted the following specific questions about the SMP as drafted:

- The SMP specifies the Town Clerk as Shoreline Administrator. Should this position be appointed by the Mayor instead?
- A Shannon & Wilson report of 1995 identified the aquifer-recharge area as a critical area that doesn't seem to be included in the critical areas identified in Appendix E. Town Planner Green should review this apparent inconsistency and determine if Appendix E needs to be revised.
- Should the Council be as involved in the permitting process as stated in the current draft? The Planning Commission has added language to protect land area and views that is in addition to the state mandate. Will the Council participate in these decisions?
- Is the section regarding public access adequate to protect the private beach for use by WABA members and their guests only?

MOTION: Councilmember Sharp moved to authorize staff to forward the current draft of the Shoreline Master Program to the Department of Ecology for an informal review. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens will develop a system for tracking these questions to ensure that they are answered and that the answers are incorporated into the final draft of the SMP before its final review and adoption.

Mayor Leider remarked that the Council should expect to hold their public hearing for the final review and adoption of the updated Shoreline Master Program in June, provided Ecology completes its review in time for that meeting.

2011 YEAR-END BUDGET PERFORMANCE: Clerk-Treasurer Spens directed the Council's attention to the final 2011 Budget worksheets, which illustrate that the Town's expenditures were under budget in every fund. The Council briefly discussed the results, noting that water rates appear to be appropriate since the Water Fund's ending balance is showing improvement as that fund rebuilds its reserves.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 278 APPROVING THE ARCH BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM FOR 2012: Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that the Town's ARCH contribution remains the same as it has been since 2009.

MOTION: Councilmember Stowe moved to adopt Resolution No. 278 approving the ARCH Budget and Work Program for 2012. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.
Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

COUNCILMEMBERS; AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND GOALS FOR 2012: Councilmembers stated that they are satisfied with the areas of responsibility as set out in the current organization chart. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will copy this version for the Council resource binders.

Mayor Leider asked the Council about dates for a strategic planning session, noting that he would prefer to have a single session because that would be the most efficient use of everyone's time. He added that he thinks the session would last four to six hours and should be held in a location that is conducive to such a work session; perhaps the Bellefield Conference Center of the Mercer Island Community Center. The Open Public Meetings Act requires that the session be open to residents and advertised, but it does not have to be held within the Town's borders. He added that he would prefer not to put this off for long, because it becomes more difficult to find a suitable date once summer arrives. He suggested that the group try to find a Saturday in April that works for everyone.

Mayor Leider asked Councilmembers to let Clerk-Treasurer Spens know which Saturday dates in March and April that they are NOT available so that she can combine the results and forward them to him.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

WATER DEPARTMENT GRANTS: Councilmember Stowe reported that he is looking into several grant opportunities to see if any are a good matches for the Beaux Arts Water Department.

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT (KCD) GRANT: Councilmember Sharp reported that

thanks to resident Julia Morse, the plantings around the 102nd Stormwater Outfall have been installed, which fulfills the requirements of the KCD grant awarded to Beaux Arts. Clerk-Treasurer Spens added that the final report has been submitted to KCD, and the Town should receive its grant funds as a reimbursement soon.

108th AVE PROJECT: Councilmember Stowe reported that a vehicle ran into the swale along the 108th Ave Improvements. The damage has been repaired, but he asked that the Council consider having Street Superintendent Beck add monitoring and repair of this area to his list of regular duties. Councilmember Sharp will contact Mr. Beck and have him coordinate with Councilmember Stowe.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN (CEMP): Mayor Leider commented that while we have an approved CEMP on file with the State, we need to create checklists, communication trees, etc. to implement it locally and begin training. He suggested that some important questions to answer include:

- Who are the contacts for the CEMP Block Captains?
- Who are the doctors and other professional in Beaux Arts that can assist in emergency response?
- Who has radios, generators, and other equipment that could be used in an emergency?

Councilmember Gillem has just received materials assembled by Steve Eulau and will begin work on the next phase of this project.

WATER MAINTENANCE SHED: Councilmember Sharp noted that the water maintenance shed needs a simple outdoor light on a photo-sensor. He will ask Superintendent Beck to install a porch-style light.

NO-PARKING FLYERS: Councilmember Sharp noted that a resident consistently parks on the right-of-way in front of the Tapio fence, which blocks access to and from the water-tower lot, particularly for Superintendent Beck's dump trailer. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will work with Mr. Beck to develop a No-Parking flyer that can be placed on vehicles that park in this vicinity. She will also send a note to the resident letting them know that this location can only be used for temporary parking.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday March 13, 2012 at John Gillem's house.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer