

Regular Monthly Meeting
BLOOMINGDALE SPECIAL DISTRICT
3509 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico, FL 33596
Date: February 8, 2021

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February 8, 2021 Board Meeting
Mon, Feb 8, 2021 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (EST)

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Call to Order

President Leech convened the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special District at 6:31 p.m., February 8, 2021. There were enough Trustees present to establish an in-person quorum.

Trustees in Attendance

Tom Leech
Charlie Woodcock
Claire Letkiewicz
Randy Kehrmeyer
Rusty Jones
Lee Raschke
Kristine Schroeder (Virtual) (6:34)

Also in Attendance (Virtual)

Miriam Leech—Office Manager
Michael Hayes—Accountant
Rick Pitrowski—Merit, Inc.

Guests

Martin Steffen, Halff (Virtual)

Public

Ray Letkiewicz, 4617 Daventry Pl., Valrico, FL 33596 (Bloomingdale Cove) (6:33 p.m.)

Approval of January 11, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

Trustee Woodcock moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021, regular board meeting. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Financial Report for January 2021

Mr. Hayes presented the January 2021 financial report to the board. At the end of January there was \$87,343.86 in the Regions Bank *checking account*. At the end of January there was \$668,349.03 in the Florida PRIME account. This includes interest of \$100.42, and Special Assessments of \$137,818.95.

Approval of Financial Report for January 2021

Trustee Woodcock moved to approve the January 2021 financial report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

President's Report

- ✓ *President Leech* spoke with Kathleen Reres about how to proceed with the Wall Policy for the District that allows the maintenance of walls without violating the founding ordinance. Shumaker Loop & Kendrick has a lobbying branch, Shumaker Advisors. President Leech spoke with them about taking our concerns about the walls to the County decisionmakers. Key points:

The two types of wall incidents are act of man (accidents) and act of nature (aging, crumbling, tree damage).

The District seeks the authority to maintain and coordinate repairs to the exterior of perimeter walls incurred due to an act of man; AND a partnership in repairing/replacing/upgrading existing perimeter walls that are crumbling or deteriorating due to an act of nature.

Potential phases or steps:

1. County *acknowledges* that there is a problem.
2. County *recognizes* BSD as the appropriate maintenance/coordination authority for Bloomingdale .
3. Formalize a ***partnership*** between the County and the District for this purpose.

4. **Enact** the necessary legislation and funding.
- ✓ *President Leech* reported the pre-submittal meeting with the County on the entryway project for Lithia Pinecrest Road and Erindale Drive is on February 17, 2021. He, Trustee Letkiewicz, and Martin Steffen will be attending.
 - ✓ There is one Committee Chair reassignment—the Tax Roll will switch from Trustee Jones to Trustee Raschke.
 - ✓ Some destructive parking is still taking place on Natures Way and Culbreath Road near Cimino Elementary School. President Leech will contact Cimino Elementary School.
Trustee Raschke noted that he can request a directed patrol activity around Cimino Elementary School to have deputies speak to those who are parking on the turf.

Discussion of Natures Way Medians

Trustee Letkiewicz

Rick Pitrowski

Martin Steffen

Mr. Pitrowski presented the new plan for the Natures Way medians using example photos of crape myrtles planted in medians on Linebaugh Road in Westchase. Both *Mr. Pitrowski* and *Mr. Steffen* feel this is a good area to mimic.

Mr. Steffen proposed planting annuals in the end caps of each median, and longer medians would have repeating crape myrtle (red and white) and Japanese Blueberry trees.

The design abides by all FDOT safety requirements.

Mr. Steffen will provide a plant count to *Mr. Pitrowski* so that he can get a cost estimate.

Mr. Pitrowski will apply for and request an expedited grant from the County to cover trees and irrigation.

The cost of the previous design was approximately \$98,000 (no grant money).

The landscaping of the medians can be done in phases, with multiple grants applied for.

Property Manager's Report for December 2020

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Pitrowski reported the following:

- ✓ *Mr. Pitrowski* continues to pursue Invitation Homes to have the wall repaired on Natures Way at the accident site. The plywood was removed.

A complaint was filed with County Code Enforcement and Invitation Homes was cited.

- ✓ Tree trimming specifications are ready for legal review and then bid and proposals in March.
- ✓ Pressure washing of walls began today (February 8, 2021).
- ✓ Mr. Pitrowski has pricing on the Ligustrum trees for Erindale, and will discuss with Trustee Raschke for presentation in March.

Trustee Raschke inquired about cleaning the parking pads for the crossing guards. Mr. Pitrowski will look into options.

Committee Reports

- ✓ **Budget**—*Trustee Woodcock*. Nothing to report.
- ✓ **Contracts/Renewables**—*Trustee Woodcock*
The Merit, Inc., property manager and Professional Security Resources, Inc., contracts come up for renewal this summer.
- ✓ **Tax Roll and Assessment**—*Trustee Jones*. Nothing to report.
- ✓ **Holiday Decorations**—*Trustee Jones*
Trustee Jones will have an estimate from Trimmers Holiday in March.
- ✓ **Landscaping and Capital Improvements**—*Trustee Letkiewicz*. Nothing more to report.
- ✓ **Security**—*Vice President Kehrmeyer*
Off-duty deputy hours will continue to be cut to 54 hours per month.
- ✓ **Community Relations**—*President Leech*. Nothing to report.

Old Business

Wall Policy

President Leech would like the District to enter into a contractual agreement with Shumaker Advisors. The initial agreement would be for a 4-month period and be paid as a contingency fee of \$20,000 (potentially 4 X \$5,000 installments).

Vice President Kehrmeyer moved to enter into a contractual agreement with Shumaker Advisors for a 4-month period for a contingency fee of \$20,000 to lobby Hillsborough County decisionmakers on behalf of the Bloomingdale Special District with regard to authority and financial responsibility for perimeter walls located within the District. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jones. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Children's Board Grant

No action will be taken on the Children's Board Grant.

New Business—None.

Reminders

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| ✓ Monday, February 22 | -Check Signing |
| ✓ Monday, March 8 | -Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| ✓ Monday, March 8 | -Check Signing |
| ✓ Monday, March 22 | -Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| ✓ Monday, March 22 | Check Signing |

Adjournment

Trustee Woodcock moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Trustee Jones, and the vote was unanimous. President Leech closed the meeting at 7:48p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Jones
Secretary

Tom Leech
President

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