

Regular Monthly Meeting
BLOOMINGDALE SPECIAL DISTRICT
3509 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico, FL 33596
Date: January 10, 2022

Call to Order

President Leech convened the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special District at 6:30 p.m., January 10, 2022. There were enough Trustees present to establish a quorum.

Trustees in Attendance

Tom Leech
Kristine Schroeder
Randy Kehrmeyer
Claire Letkiewicz
Lee Raschke
Rusty Jones

Also in Attendance

Miriam Leech—Office Manager
Michael Hayes--Accountant

Trustees Absent

Charlie Woodcock

Public Comments

None.

President's Report

President Leech reported:

- ✓ Rick Pitrowski is calling in to give his property management report.
- ✓ There has been no further communication from The Links Board since their property manager communicated they found the District draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) “unacceptable.”
- ✓ Four Hillsborough County Commissioners are onboard with our ordinance changes. President Leech will be meeting with Commissioner Stacy White to review the ordinance before it goes before the full Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- ✓ Document remediation (in order to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act and State of Florida accessibility requirements) for the District website will cost approximately \$500 for 2022. President Leech will put together a contract. This amount will need to be incorporated into future budgets.

Approval of December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

Trustee Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021, regular board meeting. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Financial Report for December 2021

Mr. Hayes presented the December 2021 financial report to the board. At the end of December there was \$50,127.17 in the Regions Bank *checking account*. At the end of December there was \$733,384.46 in the Florida PRIME account. This includes interest of \$80.89 and Special Assessments of \$561,388.78.

Line Item 3046.70, General Repairs, had a expenditure of \$285 for air conditioning repairs in the office. There is no budget for this line item, but it should not affect the overall budget for Repairs and Maintenance.

Approval of Financial Report for December 2021

Trustee Letkiewicz moved to approve the December 2021 financial report. The motion was seconded by Trustee Raschke. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Property Manager's Report

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Pitrowski reported the following via phone call:

- ✓ The District-wide turf replacement project is completed.
- ✓ The Oakcrest entryways on Erindale Drive are ready for planting.
- ✓ The Erindale Drive and Lithia Pinecrest, and Erindale Drive and Erin Arbor entryways are complete and look great. Well done Trustee Letkiewicz.
- ✓ The University of Florida project to install subsurface irrigation and new turf in the Natures Way medians is ready to begin. Mr. Pitrowski requested approval for \$11,500 to have Your Green Team remove the existing Bahia turf in the medians.

Trustee Letkiewicz moved to approve \$11,500, based on the estimate from Your Green Team, to remove the Bahia turf from the Natures Way medians in preparation for the University of Florida project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Raschke. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mr. Pitrowski inquired as to whether the Board wanted to have small, test case areas of aboveground irrigation installed in the medians for purposes of comparing aboveground and subsurface irrigation.

The Board requested that Mr. Pitrowski ask the team from the University of Florida if this comparison is necessary and/or desirable. He will report back to President Leech for a decision to be made.

- ✓ Mr. Pitrowski is expected to receive an indemnification agreement from attorney John Ellis tomorrow (January 11) to be included with the application for the Hometown Heroes banners.

Committee Reports

- ✓ **Budget**—*Trustee Woodcock*. Absent.
- ✓ **Contracts/Renewables**—*Trustee Woodcock*. Absent.
- ✓ **Tax Roll and Assessment**—*Trustee Raschke*. Nothing to report.
- ✓ **Holiday Decorations**—*Trustee Jones*

Trustee Jones presented the estimate from Trimmers Holiday for the 2022 Christmas decorations and lighting that includes a credit for the lighting not installed at the Bell Shoals Road entrances due to construction in December 2021.

Patrick Anthony, Trimmers Holiday, called in to discuss. His estimate includes purchasing the remaining banners needed to replace the old banners (approximately 90 at \$110 per banner) because he anticipates prices going up significantly. The refund amount (\$4,400) covers almost half of the cost of new banners.

The Board asked Mr. Anthony to do an inventory of poles with broken brackets and/or poles that could have brackets installed in order to get an updated final count of the number of banners needed.

Mr. Anthony will provide a new estimate, and the Board will make a decision at the February meeting.

Trustee Jones suggested that this year, if lights still cannot be installed at the Bell Shoals Road entrances, the extra lights be hung at other entrances and in medians to enhance that lighting rather than receiving a refund.

- ✓ **Landscaping and Capital Improvements**—*President Leech*. Nothing to report.
- ✓ **Security**—*Vice President Kehrmeier*. Nothing to report.
- ✓ **Community Relations**—*Trustee Schroeder*

Trustee Schroeder asked for content for the Bloomingdale Gazette column, and for contact information for Deputy Buswell to do a story on his supervision of the off-duty deputy program.

Correspondence—None.

Old Business—None.

New Business—None.

Reminders

- ✓ Monday, January 24 -Check Signing
- ✓ Monday, February 14 -Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, February 14 -Check Signing

Adjournment

Trustee Schroeder moved to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Trustee Jones, and the vote was unanimous. President Leech closed the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Jones
Secretary

Tom Leech
President

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