

Town of Bermuda Run

Town Council Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019 – 6:00 PM

The Town Council of Bermuda Run held its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at Bermuda Run Town Hall.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kenneth A. Rethmeier, DrPH; Rick Cross, Mike Ernst, John Guglielmi, Jerry West, and Chris Fowler

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Lee Rollins, Town Manager; Brian Williams, Attorney; Cindy Griffith, Town Clerk

Call to Order Mayor Kenneth Rethmeier called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

It is the intent of the Town Council to solemnize the proceedings of this meeting and the business brought before the governing board, to offer the opportunity for a reflective moment of silence.

Adoption of the Agenda

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry West seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Approval of the April 9, 2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Rick Cross made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2019 Council Meeting. Council Member John Guglielmi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Citizens' Comments

Jane Blue of the Davie County Public Library spoke about the Summer Reading Program and the indoor inflatable Planetarium "Star Lab". She also added that the library would bring books to people who are not able to get out and about.

Action Items:

A. Public Hearing Regarding the Issuance by the Public Finance Authority of its Revenue Bonds

ML Bermuda Village, LLC has applied to the Public Finance Authority, a State of Wisconsin commission, to issue revenue bonds to fund the acquisition of Bermuda Village Retirement Community.

Mayor Rethmeier explained the purpose of the hearing clarifying that the Town is not issuing the bonds or responsible for the financing.

Representatives of Montage Living provided an overview of the project adding that the purchase can be made with or without bonds, but that the use of bonds would be the best route. They feel that there is a lot of history – ex. Lybrook House, at Bermuda Village that has been underutilized, adding that they would reinvest in the facilities. There would be NO effect on the people who own their own villas or condos.

Mayor Rethmeier opened the Public Hearing

Barbara Martin of Bermuda Run West

Q – Additional beds – what areas?

A – 21 beds in the assisted living area.

Q – The report mentions “moderate income” – from what area was this based?

A – Mainly Davie County.

Q – How would this negatively impact Town – property tax loss?

A – There will be no impact on services to Town residents.

Q – Will profits go to other Montage Living facilities?

A – No – they will mainly be used for scholarships for residents.

Laurie Wesley – 315 Bing Crosby Boulevard, Bermuda Run

Expressed that her Dad owns a Villa in Bermuda Village and she is acquainted with the fees. She said that “Low Income” residents can’t afford fees.

** It was clarified by Grey Angell that there are current residents who now meet requirements of “low income” and there is a misconception that there will be a different caliber of residents coming in to fill vacancies as they occur.

David Heffner – 2114 Bermuda Village Drive, Bermuda Run

Questioned where the money is coming from and expressed that someone has to pay the bills. Was concerned that services to the residents would be reduced and that fees would be increased. (Montage Living representative explained that rates are not anticipated to be raised.)

Don Frail – 131 St. George Place, Bermuda Run

(Declined to speak)

Heather Moir – 1211 Pinebluff Rd, Winston-Salem, NC

Her mother lives in Bermuda Village and she was disappointed with the lack of transparency regarding the meeting. Says that a lot of questions have not been answered.

*Council Member John Guglielmi clarified that a meeting has been held with resident of Bermuda Village and that another one is planned for May 21.

Mayor Rethmeier closed the Public Hearing

Council Member Rick Cross made a motion to adopt the resolution, at the borrower’s request, to approve the Authority’s issuance of the bonds and the financing of the project in order to satisfy the Authority Requirements and the Federal Tax Requirements. Council Member Jerry West seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

B. Town Manager Presentation of Recommended 2019-2020 Budget

Town Manager, Lee Rollins submitted the proposed 2019-2020 budget and asked the Town Council to set a date of Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6 pm to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budget. The budget has been posted on the Town's website and a hard copy is at the Town Hall for review.

Council Member Mike Ernst made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 11 to adopt the proposed budget. Council Member Rick Cross seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed

Council & Mayor Comments

Jerry West – Appreciates the crowd at tonight's meeting and the feedback. He feels like actions taken were the right ones for the good of Bermuda Village.

John Guglielmi – No Comment

Mike Ernst – Feels that the entire process regarding tonight's Public Hearing was very transparent.

Rick Cross – Agreed with Jerry and Mike adding that Bermuda Village is a very important part of the Town of Bermuda Run. He shared that he has attended one of the Comprehensive Plan input meetings by Davie County and encouraged everyone to attend the meeting at the Town Hall on May 23. The Aging Plan for Davie County that he has been a large part of has been approved by the County Commissioners, and he would like to have the representative from Senior Services to present the project to the Council in the future. He appreciates everything going on at the Davie County Library.

Chris Fowler – Appreciates everyone getting involved and coming out to the Public Hearing. He shared that he feels good about the solid proposed budget shared by the Town Manager.

Mayor Rethmeier – Thanked Lee, Brian, and Cindy for getting word out about the Bermuda Village project and the Public Hearing. He also shared his personal experiences with Bermuda Village as both of his parents resided there until their passing, praised them for their care and had nothing but positive things to say.

Town Manager Comments

The Concert Series begins this Saturday, May 18 at 7 pm with the Billy Joel Tribute Band. He encouraged everyone to come. He also thanked the Council for partnering with the Davie County Arts Council on the events.

Adjourn

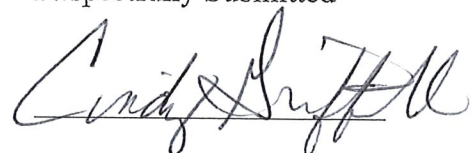
With no further business to discuss, Council Member Jerry West made a motion to adjourn. Council Member John Guglielmi seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) in favor and none opposed.

Approved



Kenneth A. Rethmeier, DrPH – Mayor

Respectfully Submitted



Cindy Griffith, Town Clerk