



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

March 12, 2013  
Stowe

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Richard Leider, Councilmembers John Gillem, Mike Hillberg, Aaron Sharp, and Tom Stowe. Councilmember Matt Leber arrived at 7:30 pm.

**EXCUSED:** None.

**STAFF:** Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens.

**GUESTS:** WABA President Paula Dix, Donna Stowe, Water Supervisor Bob Durr.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Sharp moved to approve the February 12, 2013 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

**WARRANTS:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to approve the March 12, 2013 warrants, numbers 9258 through 9280 in the amount of \$17,172.68. Councilmember Gillem seconded.

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

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**STATE AUDITORS OFFICE:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that Jim Griggs with the State Auditors' Office has asked if the Town is interested in switching from a two-year audit cycle to a three-year cycle. Mr. Griggs' memo notes that the pros to making this switch are that the Town would save approx. \$2,600 over the audit cycle. Ms. Spens asked the Council for their thoughts. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that they prefer to remain on a two-year audit cycle so that if there were a problem of any kind, staff and the auditors can make corrections quickly.

**108th ROW IMPROVEMENTS:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that Resident Susan Kennedy provided photos and information about a truck that recently parked on the 108th Ave walking path and damaged the swale. Ms. Spens used the information and photos to notify the company involved of the problem and ask that they restore the ROW to its prior condition. She added that a principle with the company called to let her know that he was in the process of correcting the damage on Monday March, 11, 2013.

**AWC RMSA TRAINING AT HUNTS POINT:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that our insurance carrier, the Assoc. of Washington Cities Risk Management Association (AWC RMSA), has set voluntary member standards to help lower losses among the member cities. The standards are voluntary at this time. The Town of Hunts Point plans to hold a training session for elected officials sometime in the Fall of 2013 that allows participants to meet this standard. The training will be for newly elected officials and for re-elected officials wanting

a refresher course, will be run by a representative from the Loss-Control Group at AWC RMSA, and will be free of charge for AWC RMSA members. Hunts Point would like to know if elected officials from Beaux Arts are interested in participating. It was the consensus of the council that all were interested in participating in the training provided it happens on a date they are available.

**SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM (SMP):** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that Town Planner Green has submitted the additional materials requested by the Department of Ecology (DOE) and that DOE informs us that our submission is now complete. They will begin their formal review of the SMP shortly.

(Councilmember Leber arrived at 7:30 pm.)

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** No report. Mayor Leider reported on Town Marshal Scott's behalf that Mr. Scott and Resident Jim Finnell are continuing their work on a system to install security cameras at selected entrances to Beaux Arts. While security cameras were not mentioned as a high priority during the Council's recent Strategic Planning Sessions, they are willing to discuss the concept further, particularly when a good cost estimate is available.

**WATER REPORT:** Water Supervisor Bob Durr reported that a contractor has completed an inspection of the water tower and the exterior surface of the water tank and found that both are in sound condition. There were a few rust spots that have now been painted with galvanized paint. A small patch of rust remains on the structure near the top of the tank that housed the now-abandoned mechanical float. Water Superintendent Bill Beck will clean debris from the base of the tower and make any repairs needed. He added that the Department of Health was to audit the water system, so we may need to have someone climb the tank again to take pictures for that audit.

Mr. Durr noted that he is monitoring pump activity and the on-going health of the water pump by reviewing monthly amperage readings that Bill Beck records. He reports that the water pump seems to be in good shape still. He has also determined that the interior of the water tank should be cleaned and inspected every five years. This work was last performed in 2010.

In other maintenance news, Mr. Durr commented that the water tower was last painted in 1995, and he is not sure just when it should be painted again. Mayor Leider asked how much the project would cost and whether the Town should just decide on an appropriate schedule for painting. Mr. Durr answered that the project could be pricey because the tower needs to be pressure washed first and the painter will need a lift.

He also stated that most of the water distribution pipes have been replaced since the 1950s, when the Town took over the water system from King County. There is some minor leakage in the system, and repairs are always made when a random leak is discovered. He added that future replacements will be needed when we see more than random leakage.

**APPEARANCES:** Donna Stowe remarked that the City of Bellevue recently installed new

lights along 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE that are extremely bright and shine into Beaux Arts homes with spill-over illumination. She asked the Council to contact Bellevue and asked them to shield the lights so that the illumination is confined to public property and that no additional street lights be installed behind the Village. Mayor Leider asked Mrs. Stowe to forward more information by email so that he can follow up on this request.

**WABA REPORT:** WABA President Paula Dix reported that the Spring Beach Clean Up is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> and will focus on ivy removal around the tennis court.

She added that Joann Bromberg is working on a grant application for the next phase of the Shoreline Restoration Project. This phase will include two smaller coves: one near the swim beach and one near the barbecue.

She commented that WABA will host the National C015 Regatta this summer from August 23 through 25.

**WABA REQUEST TO COLLABORATE ON CORRECTIONS TO BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENTS MADE DURING 2003 ANNEXATION:** WABA President Dix explained that three Beaux Arts properties along the Town's northern boundary also owned small pieces of property that were in Bellevue. The then-owners, Jim and Anne Airy, Sel and Maureen Leyser, and Ken VanNortwick, asked Beaux Arts to consider annexing the Bellevue portions into Beaux Arts. Bellevue approved the request, and the Town proceeded to approve and record the necessary paperwork to complete annexation. But it is not clear if WABA completed the necessary work related to the WABA strip along that portion of the boundary. Ms. Dix asked if the Town would be willing to share in the expense of figuring out what remains to be done.

Mayor Leider noted that the Town is willing to help determine what may need to be done, but it can only shoulder expenses directly related to work that is the Town's responsibility. He and Councilmember Stowe will work with Ms. Dix to determine the appropriate course of action.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sharp moved to authorize Mayor Leider and Councilmember Stowe to expend an amount not to exceed \$2500 to resolve the Town's responsibilities in this matter. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.  
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Mayor Leider led the Council through a review of the goals, objectives, tasks, and responsibilities developed during the Council's Strategic Planning sessions in late February. He asked everyone to begin working to flesh out details about how to accomplish these tasks, including proposed timing.

**REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** Clerk-Treasurer explained that King County is required to update its Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan to satisfy the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Using grant money from FEMA, King County has already completed this task for the larger cities, and now will begin work with the smaller cities.

They have contracted with a consultant, Tetra Tech, to identify potential hazards throughout the county and to work with participating cities to develop plans for mitigating them. The work will include training sessions and workshops to learn more about the hazards identified and help each city prepare an individual plan to mitigate the hazards within their jurisdiction. Once the individual plans are complete, the County will aggregate them into a single plan to be submitted to FEMA.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens noted that while the County estimates that each city will need to put about 40 hours into this project to complete their individual plans, it is more likely that Beaux Arts time investment will be much lower – probably no more than 8 hours, including meeting time. She urged participating in this project, because it will give us access to information about the identified hazards and specific guidance in how best to mitigate them. It also establishes our eligibility for pre- and post-disaster grant funding, and it is likely that the information will be useful in our own Emergency Management Program. She offered to act as the Town's representative at the meetings.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sharp moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Intent to Participate in King County's Hazard Mitigation Planning Process. Councilmember Hillberg seconded.

Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sharp suggested that Councilmember Gillem also attend one or more of these sessions, if possible, as it may be useful in his work on the Town's Emergency Planning.

**AMENDED AND RESTATED SOLID WASTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (ILA) BETWEEN THE TOWN AND KING COUNTY:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens commented that in January the Council heard from representative of King County Solid Waste Division about the reasons to the amended ILA. As a result of the presentation, the Council authorized the Mayor to sign a non-binding Letter of Interest. The County has produced a final agreement for the Council's approval.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens then reported that Mitch Wasserman at the City of Clyde Hill thinks the City of Bellevue is looking into alternatives that the Points Cities may want to consider instead of signing this amended agreement with King County. Since the agreement doesn't have to be approved until next month, she suggested that the Council table action until more can be learned about what alternatives Bellevue may be developing.

It was the consensus of the Council to table further action on this issue until the April Council meeting.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**TOWN STREET DESCRIPTIONS:** Councilmember Stowe reported that work on legal descriptions of the Town's streets continues. Clerk-Treasurer Spens expects to have the necessary ordinances completed and reviewed by Thom Graafstra in time for action at the April Council meeting.

**REGIONAL MEETINGS:** Councilmember Stowe reported that he has attended a number of regional meetings for the Sound Cities Association (SCA) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) East Corridor Housing Meeting. He remarked that at the PSRC meeting the topic of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) was discussed at length, and it is clear that PSRC strongly supports the concept, which could dramatically increase densities in the areas near the light-rail transit. He suggested that the Town may need to hire professional help to learn what the real impacts on Beaux Arts may be and what authority Beaux Arts has to protect our interests and zoning authority. He added that his is also concerned about potential impacts on our aquifer and the possibility that increased crime will place an undue burden on our ability to protect our citizens.

**TOWN CLEAN UP:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that the Spring Clean Up for the Town is scheduled for May 18 and will include projects on 104<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, the Angle Path (from SE 29<sup>th</sup> to 5 Corners) and the mailstands.

**TOWN ROW TREES:** Councilmember Hillberg reported that he is working to develop a master plan for replacing trees on the Town ROW. The plan will include input from neighbors who may be impacted by the tree(s).

**WHATMORE:** Mayor Leider reported that he is working on a response to the Whatmore's latest response.

**NEXT MEETING:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that the next Council meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday April 9, 2013 at John Gillem's house.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Hillberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Councilmember Stowe seconded.  
Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer