



## TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

### TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

January 14, 2020

Dix

Clerk/Treasurer Spens administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilmember Paula Dix.

Mayor Gillem called the meeting to order at 7pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gillem, Councilmembers Paula Dix, Aletha Howes, and Tom Stowe.

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Hans Juhle.

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

**GUESTS:** Water Supervisor Bob Durr, WABA President Susan Bogert. King Conservation District representative Mike Lasecki.

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Howes moved to approve the December 1, 2019 minutes, as amended. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

**CLAIMS:** Councilmember Stowe moved to approve the Final December 31, 2019 Claims Register for check numbers 15377 through 15396 in the amount of \$21,933.34.

Councilmember Howes seconded.

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

Councilmember Howes moved to approve the Final January 2020 Claims Register for check numbers 15397 through 15403 in the amount of \$8,337.61. Councilmember Stowe seconded.

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

#### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

**WATER METER ISSUES:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that 10 to 12 meters were replaced as part of the last summer's Water Main Project, and the replacement meters record in gallons rather than cubic feet. This means that the affected customers have been billed for incorrect water usage in November and January. Ms. Spens will correct the readings for the affected customers and apply adjustments to their accounts.

**COUNTY COUNCILWOMAN CLAUDIA BALDUCCI:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that Ms. Balducci would like time on either the February or March Council agenda to review recent accomplishments and regional issues. Mayor Gillem asked that her appearance be held until March so that he is able to attend.

**AIRBNBS:** Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the question of whether and how to regulate has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for study after they complete work on the

5G Wireless topic.

2017-18 AUDIT: Clerk/Treasurer Spens reported that the State Auditor's Office has published the results of our financial and accountability audits on their website. Ms. Spens has added links to both reports to the Town's website.

**MARSHAL'S REPORT:** No report.

**WATER REPORT:** Bob Durr reported Roger Lillejord began handling the duties of the Water Superintendent on January 1, 2020. To recognize former Water Superintendent Bill Beck's service, WABA is inviting him and his wife to the Annual Dinner. The Town will cover the cost of Mr. Beck's tickets to recognize his 49 years of service.

**WABA REPORT:** WABA President Susan Bogart reported that proxy mailings have been sent to the membership. WABA's Annual Meeting will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. The Board of Trustees has changed as follows: Gina Pipkjer will be the new Membership Trustee, Elizabeth Leider will serve as Board Secretary, and Eugenia Yen will become Board President.

**APPEARANCES:** None.

**URBAN FOREST PRESENTATION:** Councilmember Dix noted that she has been working with the King Conversation District (KCD) to assess the health of the Town's urban forest. Trees are very important to Villagers, and this assessment provides added tools to management and preservation. She then introduced Mike Lasecki with KCD.

Mr. Lasecki gave a brief history of the KCD and then outlined the Forest Stewardship Strategies report prepared for and offered to the Town. He explained that the Town's canopy cover is a healthy 41%. The majority of our trees are mature conifers ( $\pm$  100 years old) with no indications of significant disease, though some stands shows signs of decline and have been earmarked for monitoring.

He then outlined the recommendations and tools contained in the report to assist the Town in meeting its conservation, preservation and regeneration goals. He also noted that, because the stands of trees identified in this report do not just grow on public property, KCD is available to work with individual owners who may wish to implement similar goals.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the information presented should be made available to Villagers on the Town's website, including a link to an interactive map identifying the various stands of tree throughout Town and the types/conditions of the trees within each stand.

**STORMWATER UPGRADE PROJECT STATUS REPORT:** Councilmember Stowe reported the following:

- The Open House to explain the project to residents and answer their questions is scheduled for 6 to 8 pm tomorrow night, January 15<sup>th</sup> at Rick and Kathy Corra's house. Residents have been notified of this meeting date/time by email and by posting on the Town's

website and mailstands. Mayor Gillem, Councilmember Stowe, and Town Engineer Schroeder will be on hand to make a brief presentation and to answer questions.

- Councilmember Stowe has submitted the first Quarterly Progress Report and is working on a reimbursement request with Town Engineer Schroeder, which will be submitted shortly.
- Town Engineer Schroeder is continuing her design work; she and Councilmember Stowe hope to put the project out for bids in May or June.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM / COUNCIL DUTIES FOR 2020:** Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that it is time to select a Mayor Pro-Tem to handle the mayor's duties in instances where he/she is unable to.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Stowe nominated Councilmember Howes to act as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Dix seconded.

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

It was the consensus of the Council to hold off on discussing Council duties for the coming year until the vacancy in Position No. 2 is filled.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**NEW PLANTINGS:** Councilmember Dix has applied for a grant to purchase approximately \$610 worth of native plants from the KCD Bare Root Plant Sale. The plants will be placed in the woods south of the Academy Path.

**TREE WORK:** Councilmember Dix reported that Applied Ecology will deliver and plant trees in late December. There was a delay in obtaining the grand firs desired for this project. Also, when the weather allows, she and Councilmember Howes will re-expose the root flare of the tree on the ROW in front of Avansino.

**ROW MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT:** Councilmember Dix reported that she held a small group discussion on the general Town appearance and is pleased to report that participants appreciate the increased level of care given to the Town and want it to continue. Suggestions for future work included: Rehab the swale along the 108<sup>th</sup> Walking Path, Develop a five-year plan for projects, including stabilizing the slope along 108<sup>th</sup> and improving access to water along the Glen Path. The group also mentioned that they would like to see increased cooperation between WABA and the Town in these endeavors so that the approach is more unified.

**PARKS PROPERTY TAX LEVY:** Councilmember Dix reported that she has done some research on the Town's ability to use public funds for improvements on private property that can be shown to be of direct benefit to the Town. She would like to review the requirements for such activities, specifically as they relate to using Parks-Levy funds. Once these requirements are known, she has several projects to consider for using this funding.

**COUNCIL / PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES:** Mayor Gillem reported that he continues to work to fill the vacancies on the Council and Planning Commission.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday

February 11, 2020. Because Mayor Gillem expects to be out of town on that date, Councilmember Howes will host the meeting. Mayor Gillem will host the March meeting instead.

Councilmember Howes asked that the Council consider re-scheduling the date of the April Council meeting from April 14<sup>th</sup> to either April 7<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. It was the consensus of the Council to hold the meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Because that is one week earlier than our regular meeting date, the meeting will be treated as a Special Meeting, and only items on the agenda will be discussed.

**ADJOURN:** Councilmember Stowe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Councilmember Howes seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens  
Clerk-Treasurer