

**TOWN COUNCIL OF BRINY BREEZES  
REGULAR MEETING AT TOWN HALL  
4802 N. OCEAN BLVD., BRINY BREEZES, FL 33435  
APRIL 23, 2015, 4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:** President Thaler called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Town Clerk, Carol Lang called the roll: Michael Hill, Susan Thaler, Robert Jurovaty, James McCormick, Barbara Molina, Karen Wiggins, and John Skrandel were present.
- II. Additions, Withdrawals, Deferrals, and Arrangement of Agenda Items:** Speaker Kristine de Haseth of Florida Coalition for Preservation will be added to Items for Council Discussion (Item X. a.) to speak about All Aboard Florida.
- III. Ex-Parte Communications:** None
- IV. Minutes for Approval:** A **MOTION** to approve and seconded (Wiggins/Molina) the Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of March 26, 2015. After a call for public comment, motion passed unanimously.
- V. Announcements:**
  - a.** The next Regular Meetings of the Town Council will be held: May 28, June 25 and July 23. All meetings will be held at Briny Breezes Town Hall and will begin at 4:00 p.m.  
President Thaler also asked Council to schedule a Hurricane Preparedness Workshop on May 4<sup>th</sup>. A **MOTION** was made and seconded (Jurovaty/McCormick) to schedule a Hurricane Preparedness meeting on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
- VI. Correspondence:** A letter of resignation from Alderman Karen Wiggins was read.
- VII. Reports:**
  - a. Public Safety Services** – Chief Hal Hutchins, Town Marshal reported on the March Police activity. Also reminded attendees of the “shredding” event taking place at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, for Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes residents only.
  - b. Briny Breezes, Inc.:** None
  - c. Mayor Michael Hill:** Discussed the proposed development of a three-story duplex on the north end of Briny property on Old Ocean Boulevard. He requested Briny residents create a strong presence at the hearing scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Ocean Ridge Town Hall. Kristine de Haseth will get a copy of the plans for review so the pros and cons may be discussed further. Council discussed the concerns about the re-development including the fact that it is beyond the coastal construction line; there is no dune control vegetation; the building height may require a more substantial foundation; the septic system is not appropriate for this and should be tied into an area sewer system. Jerry Lower spoke of the importance of observing and considering the set-back restrictions, existing water out-flow system, issues regarding sewage, height restrictions, construction bonds and the construction traffic flow of the proposed duplex. John Skrandel discussed

Bonding and Insurance and the importance of taking photos at every angle of the property in question prior to the proposed duplex project if proof of damage is needed in the future.

**d. President Sue Thaler:** Advised Council members to complete the Financial Disclosure forms for 2014 as soon as possible. She also reported on the League of Cities meeting she attended and the importance of keeping (never destroying) all hurricane records for auditing purposes.

**e. Aldermen:** None

**f. Chairman, Planning & Zoning Board, Jerry Lower:** None

**g. Attorney John Skrandel:** None

**h. Financial Report for March 2015:** Reported by Alderman Wiggins, Deputy Bookkeeper; stands as read.

**VIII. Items for Council Action at Public Hearing:** None

**IX. Items for Council Action:**

**a. Revision of Emergency Preparedness Manual:** Sue Thaler reported the only revisions made were updating several phone numbers. A **MOTION** was made and seconded (Wiggins/McCormick) to approve the 2015 Emergency Preparedness Manual. After a call for public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

**b. Accounts Payable:** A **MOTION** was made and seconded (Wiggins/Jurovaty) to approve John Skrandel's invoice from February. After a call for public comment, motion passed unanimously.

**X. Items for Council Discussion:**

**a. All Aboard Florida:** Kristine de Haseth of Florida Coalition for Preservation reported on several issues regarding the proposed fast-speed train from Orlando to Miami. She provided several hand-outs and copies of Resolutions that have already been written regarding the negative impact. Council discussed concerns of the cost to taxpayers if the project proves unprofitable, emergency vehicles response time, and its impact on local traffic, and the environment. It was the consensus of Council that Attorney Skrandel develop a Resolution for consideration at the next meeting to express the concerns.

**b. Report from Special Workshop on Golf Cart Operation:** President Thaler reported that the workshop was well attended and safety issues were discussed. Attorney Skrandel reported that he followed up with the Department of Transportation and other localities that he researched. He reported on several issues as stated in a letter he composed: Briny Breezes must pass an Ordinance authorizing the allowance of golf cart usage and the crossing of state roads. The need to accommodate carts would lead to expanding several sidewalks to eight feet, there are

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trees and such that would need to be relocated and/or variances applied for. Briny Breezes needs to develop the initial plan, and with the direction of the local F D O T. make all necessary improvements so golf carts can operate legally in the Town and on the state roads. A pre-application evaluation could be completed by a traffic engineer and the cost could be from \$2500 to \$5000 and submitted to local D O T for approval. An Ordinance will be prepared for authorization of golf cart operation in Briny Breezes. Council set the first reading on May 4<sup>th</sup> at a Special Meeting.

**XI. Public Comments:** None

**XII. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn and seconded (Wiggins/McCormick) at 5:37 p.m.

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Michael Hill, Mayor

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Susan Thaler, President

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Robert Jurovaty, Alderman

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James McCormick, Alderman

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Barbara Molina, Alderman

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Karen Wiggins, Alderman

ATTEST:

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Carol Lang, Deputy Town Clerk

For relevant testimony, discussion, or oral reports, etc. please refer to the audio CD available at the Town Hall.