

1 **Bluewater Bay Municipal Services Benefit Unit**
2 **Board of Directors Meeting April 25, 2023**

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4 **Attendees:** The Board of Directors for the Bluewater Bay Municipal Services held their
5 scheduled public meeting on Tuesday April 25, 2023. Board Members present were,
6 Debbie Stretch, Mathew Higginbotham, Jeffrey Rocque, Steve Boswell. Pam Ragnoli
7 was unavailable due to family emergency. Tony Burriss with Brightview Landscaping was
8 present. The list of Bluewater Bay Residents is attached to the minutes. Representing
9 Management Laura Landsberger and Denise Fuller.

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11 **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm a quorum was established
12 with four of five Board Members present.

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14 **Public Comments:**

15 Brett Hinely would like to see the unallocated funds that are currently at \$97,441.00 that
16 will grow to \$105,337.60 by the end of the fiscal year spent on projects that benefit the
17 Bluewater community.

18 Lynne Whitmore stated that she would like the MSBU board to communicate on the
19 Nextdoor App or someplace other than our website since there is no longer the Bay
20 Beacon.

21 Chris Olson would like to see changes to Abrams Park with regards to traffic, landscape
22 and a sunscreen.

23 Joe Testa wanted to know why his three requests from last month's meeting were not
24 addressed. He would also like to speak to each member of the MSBU board separately.

25 James Johnson was displeased with the No answer to speed bumps on Bay Drive to
26 curb speeders.

27 Steve Duresky wants funding for Abrams Army and additional communication.

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29 **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

30 Ms. Stretch motioned to Approve the March 14, 2023 minutes as written; seconded by
31 Mr. Rocque; No discussion; All in Favor; the Motion Carries Unanimously.

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33 **Guest Introductions:**

34 Michael Anderson and Jason Autry from Okaloosa County Public Works were available
35 for questions.

36 Shane Bininger was representing as the Okaloosa County Sherriff Community Resource
37 Deputy. Tavish Frederick that was introduced last meeting was promoted and will no
38 longer be our Community Resource Deputy.

39 Kerry Parsons is the County's Legal Representative.

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41 **Chair Report:**

42 Mr. Bosewell responded to audience questions from last month. Mr. Olson question on
43 reserve funding was answered by Ms. Parsons there is no restrictions on the reserve
44 that the MSBU has. How to go about budgeting the bigger projects would be up to the
45 MSBU board's discretion to recommend to the BOCC and the BOCC would have final
46 approval. I have not seen recently where the BOCC deviated from the MSBU Board's

47 recommendation for the budget. If the MSBU Board believes it is appropriate to
48 reallocate some of the reserves to big projects, there is no restriction on the reserve.
49 Mr. Testa's three questions from previous meetings were answered last month and are
50 available in March's approved minutes. We will look into investing in a microphone for
51 Ms. Haley. We will also discuss a Priority list later in the meeting.

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53 **Financial Report:**

54 Mr. Rocque presented the March Expenditure Status Reports that was provided by the
55 County and motioned to table approval as no invoices were paid in March. Mr.
56 Higginbotham seconded; No discussion; All in Favor; the Motion Carries Unanimously.
57 Ms. Stretch made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Budget. Mr. Higginbotham
58 seconded; All in Favor. Mr. Boswell will sign the Budget Resolution and the budget will
59 be sent to the BOCC for final approval.

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61 **Landscape Report:**

62 During the month of March 2023, Brightview performed the routine maintenance
63 including Mowing, blowing, removal of leaf debris and removal of dead branches.

64 The following tasks were also completed:

- 65 • Nature trail was serviced for debris and encroaching plants
- 66 cutback.
- 67 • Weekly mowing was resumed.
- 68 • The Azalea pruning was started, but not completed.
- 69 • Approved median tree replacement was started.
- 70 • Miller's Run hedge was serviced for vines and other foreign
- 71 plant material.
- 72 • Hawthorn Pruning was completed.
- 73 • Ground palm pruning is underway.

74 The following tasks are scheduled to be performed in the month of April 2023:

- 75 • The sidewalk area by the school will be serviced weekly.
- 76 • Azaleas prune will be completed.
- 77 • Continued ground palm pruning.
- 78 • Median Tree replacement will be completed.
- 79 • Flower beds will be planted.
- 80 • Range road pump is being pulled and cleaned.
- 81 • Range road flower bed will be planted when the pump is
- 82 operational.

83 Ms. Stretch motioned to approve the landscape report as presented; Mr. Rocque
84 seconded; No discussion; All in Favor; the Motion Carries Unanimously.

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86 **New Landscape Items:**

87 Ms. Stretch stated that she has a quote for removal of the remaining Bradford pear trees
88 on Bluewater Blvd. To include removal of 29 invasive Bradford Pear trees, grinding of all
89 stumps below grade, replacing with 35 white Crepe Myrtles and an additional Bubbler for
90 irrigation of new trees for \$53547.39. Ms. Stretch made a motion to accept this bid. Mr.
91 Rocque seconded. Discussion from Mr. Boswell that a project of this amount will have to
92 go to the County Administrator for approval. All in Favor.

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94 Ms. Stretch motioned that the area near Prestwick and Bay Drive needs a load of dirt to
95 cover exposed irrigation pipes, new Mulley Grass and irrigation for \$1486.90. Mr.
96 Higginbotham seconded. No discussion. All in Favor. Motion passes unanimously.
97 Ms. Stretch motioned to replace the Crepe Myrtle that was run over in the Hwy 20
98 median for \$679.56 and would be hand watered. Mr. Higginbotham seconded. All in
99 Favor.

100 Ms. Stretch stated that the area for the area from Range Road to Lancaster to be hydro
101 seeded would be \$9000.00. There is no irrigation in this area and the pine straw was not
102 successful. This area is approximately 50,000 square feet and felt it should go on the
103 project list.

104 **Communications Report:**

105 Mr. Higginbotham stated that he has received no emails from the community after
106 making a request during last month's meeting. He needs a paper copy of meeting
107 agenda instead of the emailed copy that is sent to him as a board member.

108 **Management Report:**

109 Ms. Landsberger stated that the signed permit for the Woodlands sidewalk was sent to
110 her at 4:07 today. Engineering is scheduled to go out tomorrow to start their portion of
111 the sidewalk.

112 Piles of debris that have been left on Bay Drive by home owners have been sent to code
113 enforcement. John Wilson has retired and Lisa Peyton is now the POC for code
114 enforcement.

115 The county has budgeted \$91,000.00 for FY23 for the following capital improvements at
116 Abram's Park. 1. Playground Shade (\$42,600) 2. New Pavilion #. Restroom Renovation
117 4. Irrigation system. The County park's MSTU is currently funding these items along with
118 the County maintenance. MSTU has taken responsibility for this park.

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120 **Public comments:**

121 USDA caught a big beaver and removed it from the water near Curacao. This lead to a
122 noticeable drop in the water levels of Grass Lake. Mr. Autry stated that they still plan to
123 manually clear 100 feet of vegetation on the south East end of Grass Lake to further
124 improve water flow and storm water runoff.

125 Mr. Testa amended his earlier statement to say that Mr. Higginbotham did reach out to
126 him this past month.

127 Patti Haley wondered if reflective paint added to the curbs would slow cars down.

128 Mr. Johnson does not like the removal of invasive Bradford Pear trees.

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130 **Adjournment:** Mr. Rocque motioned to adjourn at 7:02 pm; Ms. Stretch seconded;
131 No Discussion; All in Favor; Motion Carries Unanimously. Next Scheduled meeting is
132 May 9, 2023. Priority Project list workshop to begin at 5:00pm prior to the regularly
133 scheduled 5:30 pm meeting.