

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS  
July 21, 2014**

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order 7:02 pm.

**2) Roll Call**

Mayor Upham, Commissioner Bohm and Commissioner Brushwood are present.

**3) Citizens Comments will be taken from the audience on Non-Agenda related topics. No action may be taken by the City during Citizens Comments.**

None.

**4) Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2014 Commissioners Meeting.**

Commissioner Bohm makes a motion to approve the June 16, 2014 minutes as submitted.

Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**5) Discussion and possible action in regards to reviewing 2013 – 2014 budget and actual expenditures.**

Council request the following correction be made to the report: payroll expenses in budget column should be \$700.00.

**6) Consent Agenda – the following may be acted upon in one motion. A Commissioner, Mayor or a Citizen may request items be pulled for separate discussion and/or action.**

**A. Approve to Jeff Raffaele \$1700.00 (\$1000.00 Mowing, \$200.00 Emergency ROW storm clean up, \$500.00 additional VOBC ROW storm clean up).**

Commissioner Bohm makes motion to approve the consent agenda as read.

Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

**7) New Business**

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC Subdivision Ordinance requirements 3 acre of smaller tract with well water and Aerobic septic system. (Bruce Upham)**

General discussion about the subdivision ordinance and VOBC's intention for minimum lot size of 3 acres with well and septic, this includes all types of septic systems. Well

and conventional septic system must be separated by 100 feet. Minimum lot size of 2 acres required for water system other than a well (public water or rain water) and septic, this includes all types of septic systems. General discussion on areas in the ordinance that may require further clarification are; Page 13 #2 A&B. To specify a 2 acre tract water source must be public water or rain water. Define community water. Determine if one lot has a well and they share with adjoining lot is that considered community water?

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding November 4, 2014 Election for VOBC Mayor and City Commissioner's, including the November 4 Election Law Calendar.**

City Secretary has the ballots for candidacy in the posting boxes and will post a notice on the Bear Creek Oaks Facebook page. Deadline to file for candidacy is Monday, August 18, 2014 5:00 pm. At the next council meeting, council will call the election. Once the deadline to file for candidacy has passed; and only if there is no opposition to seats filed then the council can declare the November 2014 election cancelled due to lack of opposition.

**8) Old Business**

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding non permitted culvert at 9002 Bear Creek Dr, Sec.1, Lot 19; and recommendations from Glen Ragan, VOBC Driveway Permit Authority.**

No new information on this item. Table.

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding the safety of the VOBC intersections on Camp Ben McCulloch Rd. (FM1826) (Bohm)**

Commissioner Bohm provided the following update. TX DOT has approved a center striping that would make noise when you cross over it and beefing up guardrails on FM 1826. They are going out to bid and expect the project to be done Spring 2015. TX Dot update on the VOBC traffic study request. The last traffic study was done in 2002. At that time 36 vehicles per hour were driving peak rush hour, after peak rush hour it reduced to 20 vehicles per hour. In 10 years our density has not dramatically increased, thus there is no justification for a new traffic study.

To qualify for a traffic light we must meet the following minimum traffic requirements:

- 53 vehicles per hour for a straight 8 hour period
- 75 vehicles any one hour, typically would be rush hour

- 8 vehicles lined up at entrance to get out and due to traffic on FM 1826 they can't.

Traffic on FM 1826 has increased since 2002. The traffic lights installed at Nutty Brown Rd and 45 help with traffic flow on FM 1826. Cost of adding a turn lane at our entrances are: For 1 left turn lane \$500,000.00. For 1 right turn lane \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. This would be a cost to VOBC.

TX DOT allows lighting at the entrances; suggest getting a large light to help illuminate the intersection.

**C. Discussion and possible action regarding West Travis County Regional Water/Wastewater water release valve on Madrone Circle. (Brushwood)**

Commissioner Brushwood believes the problem is solved. Water release valve is discharging twice a month; on or around the 1<sup>st</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**D. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek Right-of-Way; including but not limited to ditch work.**

Letter regarding obstructions in the Right of Way has been sent to Richard Maconi. General discussion regarding residents' concerns with two motorcycles racing through the Village most evenings, creating a safety risk. Optimal thing to do is call the Sherriff, although it could prove to be difficult for the Sheriff to respond in time to catch them in the act.

General discussion of adding additional speed limit signs, or possibly purchasing a speed limit indicator sign. Commissioner Bohm feels the drought will continue a few more years, this might be a good time to make improvements to the low water crossing. Maybe ask Ramming Paving to look at it and provide suggestions for improvement.

**E. Discussion and possible action regarding additional signage requirements at 2 way intersection of N Madrone / Niles Cove / N Madrone.**

Mayor Upham expects the work to be completed prior to the next council meeting.

**F. Discussion and update on the well we are monitoring.**

No new information.

**9) Announcements**

**A. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for Monday,  
August 18, 2014 7:00 PM**

**10) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Submitted on August 17, 2014 by Kathryn Rosenbluth.

Approved on 8 11 8 11 4

By Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary Kathryn Rosenbluth