

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS
January 16, 2017**

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 7:00 pm.

2) Roll Call

Mayor Upham, Commissioner Brushwood and Commissioner Burns 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.

Craig Timmerman asked why the new road patches are gravel and not asphalt. He prefers asphalt, as it's difficult to ride a bicycle on gravel.

4) Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2016 Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Brushwood makes motion to approve December 19, 2016 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Burns seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

5) Discussion and possible action in regards to reviewing 2016 – 2017 budget and actual expenditures.

Reviewed no changes needed.

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 payment to The Postal Annex \$252.00 for annual mail box renewal.

B. Approve payment to Driftwood Fire Dept \$250.00 for annual contribution to use their community room for VOBC meetings.

C. Approve payment to Texas Road Repair & Patches \$3,400.00 for pot hole and road edge work. Invoice dated 1/11/2017.

Commissioner Brushwood makes motion to approve consent agenda items A & B.

Commissioner Burns seconds. Motion is approved unanimously. Mayor Upham opens consent agenda #C for discussion. Mayor Upham explained that the roads were patched with oil/gravel because oil/gravel adheres to the asphalt. Volkert Engineering recommended not repairing asphalt with asphalt as the new asphalt layer could lift. There's no active agent

holding layers of asphalt together. The goal is to TX Road & Patches method of repair, follow up with chip sealing all roads, and then years later a layer of asphalt. We had complete road failure near 9004 Bear Creek Drive. Texas Road Repair & Patches suggested their system to repair near 9004 Bear Creek Drive, edges of road where we're losing road base, and +/- 10 areas of tremendous road cracking. Commissioner Brushwood makes motion to approve \$3,400.00 payment to Texas Road Repair & Patches. Mayor Upham seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

7) New Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding vehicles traveling at excessive speeds and possible solutions. (Upham)

Valerie Bachman, resident on Bear Creek Dr, says she frequently experiences drivers going excessive speeds in the neighborhood. She is concerned for the safety of those walking, bike riding, running and children playing. She mentioned her concerns on the BCO Facebook page and many residents echoed her concerns. She wants council to know that speeding is a problem. She's not in favor of speed bumps but feels something should be done to discourage speeding. Dola Price, resident on Madrone Cr, said many children use the cul de sac's to ride bikes. Madrone Circle has an issue with teenage drivers sitting at top of circle and gunning it to the stop sign. All for the thrill of it. Recently a kid lost control, slid out and into a neighbor's fence. Joe Schriever, resident on N Madrone Trl (near Cedar Cove), feels the ROW trimming for greater visibility around the curve created a hazard. Now that drivers have more visibility, they go 40 to 45 mph through the curve. He fears for his safety and the safety of others on the road. Council openly discusses excessive speeding and possible solutions. Possible solutions discussed: Laying down a strip on road that would alert the driver to slow down, speed bumps, increase sheriff patrol, speed limit, the speed detection sign, neighborhood speed watch and mailing a letter to citizens. Council agreed on an action item to send letter to citizens on this matter. Commissioner Brushwood will talk to Hays County Sherriff and get with City Secretary. City Secretary suggested combining the letter with homeowner's association invoices and will ask BCOPOA if they would be open to it. Mayor Upham said if BCOPOA agrees VOBC would chip in for postage.

8) Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action n road system including: Volkert Inc engineering services, and work by Teas Road Repair & Patches. (Upham)

Mayor Upham reports Volkert Inc is working on preparing the bid to include ultimate seal coat then adding rock. . As mentioned earlier in the meeting he discussed Texas Road Repair & Patches process of road repair. Recent work were completed using this method to meet an immediate repairs and to see how this process holds. Volkert Engineering said it's difficult to get asphalt to stick to asphalt. The bid package is requesting 1) Making sides of roadways level to regain width to roadway and 2) Fill in void/cracks of roadway and add layer of chip seal on top. VOBC is looking at a smaller size rock chip seal to help fill in cracks and hold the tar. Adding a layer of chip seal will allow re asphaltting in the future. The VOBC 2016 – 2017 budget allocates \$188,000.00 for roads. We don't want to go into debt for roads. Volkert Engineers are under contract to analyses our roads, write the bid, go out for bid, review bids then recommend and present to council.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Hays County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Kathryn Rosenbluth explained VOBC participation in the Hays County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Kathryn attended the second meeting held for participating communities on 1/6/2017. At the meeting they analyzed the individual risks with survey input and hazard information proved by Hays County. Each community ranked each risk due to importance and impact on their community. Top hazards identified for VOBC are Fire, Drought, Wind and Floods. The third meeting is in February which will discuss mitigation strategy; identifying actions and establish a plan for implementation. Once the plan is complete it's sent to the state and to FEMA for final approval.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding an automated digital speed limit detection and warning sign. (Brushwood)

Commissioner Brushwood presented combined data from the past two locations. He is working on analyzing the data to relay the information to Hays County Sherriff. An effort to request Sherriff patrol on specific day of week and time of day. Data shows the average speed is 35 MPH, which 5 MPH over the speed limit.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek Right-of-Way. (Upham)

Commissioner Brushwood mentions the low hanging line is again unraveling. Line is owned by Time Warner Cable know as Spectrum and the nearest address to it's location is 8500 N Madrone Trl. City Secretary will work on bringing this to Spectrum's attention.

E. Discussion and possible action to change the Minimum Driveway Standards. (Burns)

Commissioner Burns requests item be tabled.

9) Announcements

**A. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for Monday,
February 20, 2017 7:00 PM**

10) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted on February 18, 2017 by Kathryn Rosenbluth.

Approved on February 20,2017

By Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary *Kathryn Rosenbluth*