

**BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING – AUGUST 20, 2013**

A Workshop Meeting of the Bal Harbour Village Council was held on August 20, 2013, at the Bal Harbour Village Hall Council Chambers (655 – 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Bal Harbour, Florida).

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Rosenfield. The following were present:

Mayor Jean Rosenfield  
Assistant Mayor Joni D. Blachar  
Councilwoman Patricia Cohen  
Councilman Martin Packer  
Councilman Jaime M. Sanz

Jay R. Smith, Interim Village Manager  
Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk  
Richard J. Weiss, Village Attorney1

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Assistant Mayor Blachar.

Ms. Travis reported that the Barefoot Mailman art piece would be moved to the Bass Museum and shown through Art Basel, as a result of the Village's efforts to support the arts.

**3. DISCUSSION OF VILLAGE MANAGER SEARCH:** Sean Baenziger – Village Consultant (Colin Baenziger & Associates), reported that the Council had been provided with the top six candidates to expedite the process, but an additional six candidates could be provided for consideration. He requested that a meet/greet and interviews with the candidates be scheduled. The Councilmembers discussed dates for interviews with the candidates, as well as a public meet/greet.

**It was the consensus of the Council to proceed, with the top six candidates.**

Mr. Baenziger discussed the meet/greet and Council interviews, which they traditionally recommended. The Council discussed a schedule for the meet/greet, interviews with individual Councilmembers, and a special Council meeting.

Councilman Packer offered to vote over the phone, if the meeting to select the new manager was held when he was out of town. Mr. Weiss noted that Councilman Packer could do that, provided there was a physical quorum in the room.

The following members of the public provided comments:

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1 Mr. Weiss left the meeting after Discussion of Village Manager Search.  
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Neil Alter - 9801 Collins Avenue  
Lynne Mullen - 10150 Collins Avenue

The Council discussed dates for a meet/greet, individual interviews with Councilmembers, and a special Council meeting to select a Village Manager.

**It was again the consensus of the Council to proceed, with the top six candidates that had been submitted.**

**A motion was offered by Assistant Mayor Blachar and seconded by Councilwoman Cohen, to schedule a meet/greet for the public/Council on August 29, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. (to be determined) and for all Councilmembers to interview the perspective candidates individually by September 3, 2013, either in person or on the phone. In addition, candidates will be scheduled for interviews on August 29th and August 30<sup>th</sup>, with available Councilmembers. The motion carried (5-0), with the roll call vote as follows: Assistant Mayor Blachar yes; Councilwoman Cohen yes; Councilman Packer yes; Councilman Sanz yes; Mayor Rosenfield yes.**

**A motion was offered by Councilman Sanz and seconded by Councilman Packer, to schedule a Special Council Meeting for September 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., to select the new Village Manager. The motion carried (5-0).**

Mr. Smith was directed to provide the candidate and meeting information on the web site, information channel, electric sign, and to the building managers. Mr. Weiss offered to provide refreshments at the meet/greet.

Mr. Baenziger will communicate the Council's direction to the candidates.

Mr. Weiss left the meeting.

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR**

**2013/2014:** Councilman Packer - Budget Committee Chair, thanked the members of the Budget Committee and staff for their work on the budget. He reported that spending was reduced from the prior year and the proposed millage rate was 1.9192. He suggested that the Committee continue to meet up to four times, during the year. Mayor Rosenfield suggested that be discussed, in the future.

The Council and residents thanked Councilman Packer and the Committee, for their work on the budget.

Christopher Wallace – Finance Director, reviewed a Powerpoint presentation, dated August 20, 2013. He recommended that the millage rate be rolled back to 1.9192, which was a reduction of .3486 mills (the lowest property tax rate in the Village which was mostly due to increased property values).

The following members of the public provided comments:

Anamarie Stoppa - 77 Camden Drive  
Beth Berkowitz - 10160 Collins Avenue  
Raj Singh - 53 Camden Drive  
Neil Alter - 9801 Collins Avenue #11U

Mr. Smith reported that the police budget was based on population and other criteria, but not on the number of streets.

Councilman Packer clarified that the Police were patrolling the Gated Area, in response to the Village Attorney opinion that they could do so. Mayor Rosenfield noted that the Police provided extra services above and beyond, which the residents wanted. Assistant Mayor Blachar reported that no residents had complained about too much police presence and that was a reason that people chose to live in the Village and the property values were high.

It was clarified that Engineering and Architecture - 503103 (page 25) was for bathrooms, etc. at the Village Park. Councilman Packer further clarified the hope for the Park to be expanded and the public works building to be demolished, for a waterfront park. Councilwoman Cohen agreed with Ms. Berkowitz that she didn't feel comfortable with the language of Engineering for New Waterfront Park Concept at Public Works Area being listed. She spoke in favor of allocating the money for a specific item, in lieu of a general item.

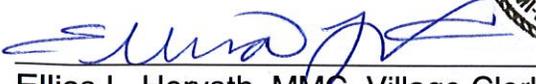
**It was the consensus of the Council to provide more specific language, by changing the language to Engineering for Restroom Improvements at the Park.**

Mayor Rosenfield spoke in favor of an in-house Records Liaison and not outsourcing that position (page 9). Councilman Packer spoke in favor of part-time help, but suggested first looking at a company, to digitize the records. Councilwoman Cohen spoke in favor of the new Village Manager evaluating it and making that decision. Assistant Mayor Blachar agreed with Councilwoman Cohen, but also suggested that the position be considered as an Assistant Clerk/Records person and not be outsourced.

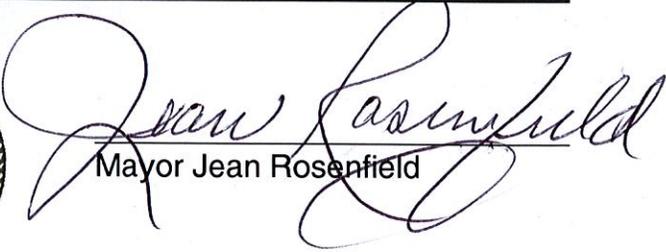
Mrs. Horvath noted that the First Budget Hearing was scheduled for September 12, 2013, at 5:01 p.m. and the Second Budget Hearing was scheduled for September 23, 2013, at 5:01 p.m.

**5. ADJOURN:** There being no further business, **a motion was offered by Assistant Mayor Blachar and seconded by Councilman Packer to adjourn. The motion carried (5-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**

Attest:

  
Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk



  
Mayor Jean Rosenfield