

**BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 13, 2011**

A Special Meeting of the Bal Harbour Village Council was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 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 9:07 a.m. by Mayor Rosenfield. The following were present:

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

Alfred J. Treppeda, Village Manager  
Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk  
Matthew Pearl, Village Attorney

Absent: Councilman Jaime M. Sanz

As a quorum was determined to be present, the meeting commenced.

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

**3. ORDINANCE SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:** The following Ordinance was read by title by Mrs. Horvath:

AN ORDINANCE OF BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE III “BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS” OF CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION” BY AMENDING SECTION 2-87 “COMPOSITION; TERM; COMPENSATION; QUALIFICATIONS; VACANCY” OF DIVISION III “GATED RESIDENTIAL SECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE”; PERMITTING THE APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN AND POSSESSING AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A COOPERATIVE OR OTHER ENTITY HOLDING LEGAL TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE GATED RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE VILLAGE TO THE GATED RESIDENTIAL SECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-88 “ORGANIZATION” PERMITTING THE GATED RESIDENTIAL SECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE VILLAGE MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*A motion was offered by Assistant Mayor Blachar and seconded by Councilman Packer to approve the Ordinance.*

Mayor Rosenfield opened the public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Rosenfield closed the public hearing.

The motion carried (4-0), with the roll call vote as follows: Mayor Rosenfield yes; Assistant Mayor Blachar yes; Councilwoman Cohen yes; Councilman Packer yes; Councilman Sanz absent; thus becoming Ordinance No. 2011-551.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Treppeda distributed Bal Harbour Village Resolution No. 667, regarding meeting decorum. Councilwoman Cohen reviewed the Resolution and suggested that discussion among the Councilmembers be less formal at meetings, to encourage more dialogue. She clarified that Councilmembers should not have to ask for permission from the Mayor to speak, which she deemed unnecessary.

Councilman Packer discussed a Mayor's Committee meeting he attended in Surfside, which was an open meeting and was very informal. He explained how it worked, but didn't know if another layer of government was needed in the Village. He was happy with the way the Mayor ran the meetings providing for time limits, etc.

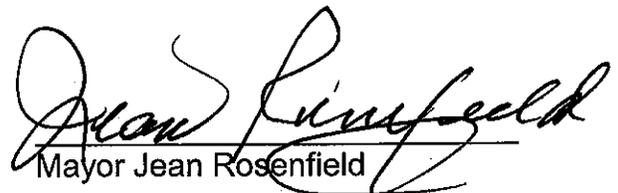
Councilwoman Cohen clarified that she was strictly referring to discussion among the Councilmembers at meetings. Councilman Packer explained that the members were allowed to speak for as long as they wanted. Councilwoman Cohen didn't think that Councilmembers were allowed to offer rebuttals. Mayor Rosenfield disagreed. Assistant Mayor Blachar clarified that Councilmembers were allowed to speak, but that permission needed to be requested by the Mayor, who served as the Chair. She explained that was needed for decorum purposes and to keep the meeting running smoothly. Councilman Packer agreed that permission should be requested from the Mayor, in order to keep order and to avoid chaos. He clarified that Councilmembers were allowed to speak for as long as they would like.

Councilwoman Cohen clarified that the Councilmembers should be allowed, for discussion purposes, to speak freely without requesting permission. She requested that the Councilmembers consider a less formal style for Council discussion at meetings, which the Resolution allowed for. Assistant Mayor Blachar thanked Councilwoman Cohen for bringing the issue up and suggested that the Council think about it. She noted that it was ultimately up to the Mayor to decide what she wanted to do. Mayor Rosenfield reviewed the meeting process that was followed. She didn't remember when Councilwoman Cohen or another Councilmember was not given ample opportunity to speak. Councilman Packer agreed. Mayor Rosenfield spoke on the importance of meeting decorum.

**5. ADJOURN:** There being no further business, a motion was offered by Councilman Packer and seconded by Assistant Mayor Blachar to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Attest:

  
Ellisa L. Horvath, MMC, Village Clerk

  
Mayor Jean Rosenfield