



TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING  
HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY  
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

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1. Invocation
2. Call to Order/ Welcome
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Agenda Approval **Approved**
5. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2017 **Approved**
  - b. Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 24, 2017 **Approved**
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items **Rules were changed for this meeting to allow people to comment on their topic after the item had been discussed.**
7. Guest Speaker: Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Ola M. Lewis – Opioid Abuse Crisis/ Opioid Task Force (Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher, Commissioner Royal and Commissioner Freer) **Judge Lewis gave a summary of the opioid crisis in Brunswick County and introduced Don Flattery, chair of the Brunswick County Opioid Addiction Task Force. Mr. Flattery spoke on the exploding problem in Brunswick County and across the nation. Brunswick County is #1 in the nation for opioid overdose deaths. Motion was made and seconded to have staff develop a letter supporting the Task Force for the next meeting.**
8. Guest Speaker: Ava Pailthorp – Restrict Parking on Elizabeth Street and Private Walkway Access and Change Vehicle Decal Policy for Residents to Access Holden Beach After Major Storm/ Disaster (Mayor Pro Tem Royal and Commissioner Freer) **Ms. Pailthorp would like the Town to reconsider turning Elizabeth St. into a parking area. Property owners built the walkway and it is private, but there is an issue with ownership of the land. She and other members of the public spoke on the issues with day-trippers leaving trash and other undesirable behavior and that the East End of the island is the most impacted.**
9. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Restricting Parking on Elizabeth Street and the Private Walkway Access – Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher **The Town Attorney will review the information and most likely need an executive session with the BOC to discuss the issue.**
10. Discussion and Possible Action to Revise Vehicle Decal Policy and/ or Ordinance for Accessing Beach After Bridge Reopening After Major Storm/ Disaster – Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher **Motion to allow property owners with a Holden Beach drivers license, tax bill, or utility bill to come on the island after a storm. This would be in addition to those with stickers. Failed 3-2 with Fletcher and Freer voting in favor. Motion to allow property owners who received the two stickers to come and pick up two more for free. Passed 3-2**

with Fletcher, Freer and Royal voting in favor. Because the cost of stickers is in the Fee Schedule and will require a Fee Schedule revision motion made and carried unanimously to defer implementation until next month's meeting when a resolution can be voted on.

11. Police Report – Chief Wally Layne There have been no opioid deaths on Holden Beach, but we are impacted by the increased crime. Car break-in season has started – unlocked cars are targeted. First turtle nest was found.
12. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Town Ordinance and/ or Charter to Change Board of Commissioner Term to Staggered Four Year Terms – Commissioner Royal Due to time requirements required by the State and County changing to four-year terms could not happen with this election. Motion was made and seconded to have a referendum at this November's election to make the change to four-year staggered terms. The Mayor's term would remain at two years. Passed unanimously.
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Lockwood Folly Inlet Funding – Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manager Ferguson The County is asking Holden Beach and Oak Island to contribute \$35,000 each to dredge the Lockwood Folly inlet at the end of June. Budget ordinance is also for \$15,000 for sand fencing between 240 OBE and 335 OBE. Total project cost is \$30,000 but \$15,000 is available in the current year's budget.
  - a. Ordinance 17-07, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 16-12, The Revenues and Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 (Amendment No. 5) Passed Unanimously.
14. Town Manager's Report Manager Hewett thanked the Beautification Club for planting at Town Hall. He has no updates on the Flood Maps. Building permits are up, there are currently 25 homes under construction. The Beach Ranger program should be ready to implement for Memorial Day weekend. The final EIS for the groin is still being worked on. Paving should begin next week on the streets in the plan for this year. The water tank painting is on hold until fall. It has been refilled and should be operational by this weekend. It will be painted the same blue color. Playground shade structures will be reinstalled this week. Repairs to eight walkways damaged by hurricane Matthew have been completed. Sand fence on the Central Reach project should wrap up this week and planting/post and rope will follow through July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Sewer Vulnerability Workshop will be Friday at 9:00am. The proposed budget for the Town is on the website. The pickleball tournament was a great success. Commissioner Royal asked about the pickups that are now rolling the trashcans back along Ocean Blvd. They have replaced the golf carts that were doing it and are now causing traffic problems.
15. Mayor's Comments: Mayor attended meeting of a new group being formed to advocate for Lockwood Folly inlet. He asked the Town Manager to extend the use of the Town Hall to the group. He has had many complaints about the new trash can policy. He recognized "John the Kite Man". He encouraged people to consider running for office this fall and he plans to run again for Mayor.
16. Board of Commissioners' Comments Commissioner Fletcher thanked everyone for coming and recognizes the serious issues facing the Town. Commissioner Royal thanked people for attending and explained that he votes for items based on whether it is legal, is safe, makes sense, and sets a precedent. Commissioner Freer thanked the Town for the pickleball tournament and reminded everyone about the sewer workshop on Friday. Commissioner Isenhour was glad to hear about the Opioid Task Force and says it is a problem for our County. Commissioner Kyser thanked everyone for attending and also recognized John the Kite Man. He also thanked Ava Pailthorp for coming.
17. Public Comments on General Items Mr. Ellenbaum, 853 OBW discussed the garbage can issue. It is a problem for those who rent their house. It is also a safety issue, unsightly, and could discourage guests from returning. He also feels like recycling should be picked up weekly instead of every other week.

## 18.Adjournment