

# Town Of Briarcliffe Acres

On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 5pm, the Town Council held a Town Meeting at the Town Hall located at 121 North Gate Road, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572.

Present	<b>Mayor</b>	Dave Buonviri
	<b>Mayor Pro Tempore</b>	Peggy Bell
	<b>Council</b>	Brian Palliser
		Laura Pendley
	<b>Chief of Police</b>	Kyle Lamparter
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	Jennifer Newbold
Absent	<b>Councilman</b>	John Wylie

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of the Meeting. At 5:00pm, with a quorum present, Mayor Buonviri called the Meeting to order.

Mayor Buonviri began the Meeting with a brief overview of the Agenda and approval of the **Consent Agenda, January Minutes and Financials**.

Chief Lamparter presented the **Security Report** for January 17, 2023 – February 21, 2023, with 39 incidents or calls for service. See attached.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell continued with the **Treasurer's Report**. See attached.

Four **Old Business** items **from the Council Workshop** followed. Council continued their discussion on the recent **coyote activity**. A motion was made by Councilwoman Pendley, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Bell to hire the trapper. Palliser abstained. Mayor Buonviri will contact the trapper from Nuisance Wildlife Specialty Company to have a den assessment prior to a 90-day contract. Chief Lamparter explained that coyotes are an invasive species, lacking natural predators; they were illegally imported into South Carolina for hunting. Coyotes affect the ecosystem; they are food competition for foxes and feral cats. Foxes and cats deter the rat population. The rat population has increased recently.

Regarding the **electricity failures/infrastructure**, Mayor Buonviri and the Clerk will meet with Santee Cooper Friday.

The Planning Commission will meet to discuss and provide future recommendation in determining **cut-throughs and animal enclosures** and amendments to the fence ordinance. The cut-throughs may require an encroachment permit.

Next, on the **Old Business Agenda**, the Mayor Pro Tem reported on **Beautification**. The work has begun on the **Center Town kiosk** and the flagpole light is still not functional.

Councilman Palliser followed with a report on the **Lakes/ARP**. The **hickory tree** and debris downed in the Lake during Hurricane Ian has been removed – **7,000 lbs**. The Clerk is waiting for the invoice so she can submit it to the FEMA portal. The monthly aquaculture treatments will continue.

Mayor Buonviri is having the **Landscape Maintenance** crew to continue the work on the medians, and he asked for any new suggestions for spring plantings for the **Gates**.

Chief Lamparter presented the MOU agreement during the **Public Safety** session. He will discuss security in the Executive Session.

**Technology and Communications** was next. Councilwoman Pendley has drafted emails on specific topics/issues that she will start sending to residents. She also reported the email statistics for the year; an average rate of 66% of residents are reading emails distributed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell reported on **Tree City USA**; the Town will re-submit the application as an April 28, 2023, **Arbor Day** celebration with a resolution; it will coincide with other Fire Wise activities on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk provided an update on **FEMA Reporting**.

There were no **New Business** items to discuss.

In **Matters That Require Attention**, Mayor Buonviri suggested that we join in solidarity with Myrtle Beach in passing a Hate Crime Resolution.

**Public Input** was shared about **cross-throughs** and **construction parking in the medians**.

**Items were added to the Agenda** and Mayor Buonviri thanked residents for their attendance and input and announced the dates and times of **upcoming Meetings**. At 6:04pm, Palliser made a motion and Pendley seconded to enter **Executive Session** to discuss **legal matters** and **physical safety**. The vote was unanimous.

With no votes taken nor decisions made, at 6:22pm, Pendley made a motion and Bell seconded to re-enter **Regular Session**; this vote was also unanimous.

And with no further business to discuss, the Town Meeting **adjourned** at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer B. Newbold*

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