

**BIRCH BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLUB  
GENERAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2, 2007  
BLAINE HIGH SCHOOL  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
765 H STREET, BLAINE WA  
8:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Valery Anderson, President</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Deon Wiechmann, Vice-President</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jeff Morris-Reade, Treasurer</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Sandra Stillion, Secretary</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Betty McKinney, Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Ken Davidson, Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Al Hawks, Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Also Present: Meg Grable, General Manager, and Esther Matter, Administrative Assistant.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**BBV Board President, Valery Anderson, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.**

**QUORUM:**

**Meg Grable stated a quorum was present: 72 Lot Owners, 12 proxy's, and over 300 ballots.**

**AGENDA/RULES OF ORDER:**

- **Motion made by Monty Whitt and carried to accept the Rules of Order as written.**
- **Motion made by Ralph Falk and carried to accept the BBVCC General Meeting Agenda as written.**

**MINUTES:**

- **Motion made by Wayne McFee and carried to accept the minutes of the BBVCC Annual Meeting of November 3, 2006.**

**INTRODUCTION: Valery Anderson, President**

**A thank you to all the volunteers in BBV including the "trash" volunteers that collected trash from the sides of BBV roads. Announced that an Ad Hoc Roads and Drainage Committee has been formed.**

**GUEST SPEAKER – Spencer Kope, Whatcom County Crime Analyst**

- **There have been over 23,000 crime incidents in Whatcom County so far for 2007, and only 55 of them are from Birch Bay Village.**
- **There has been a reduction in property crimes and car prowls for 2007.**
- **Some crimes relating to BBV (only includes times the Sheriff was called out):**
  - **2 reported car prowls**
  - **1 theft**
  - **1 gas theft**
  - **3 juvenile problems**
  - **2 suspicious circumstances**
- **Car prowls in the Village have ceased since a culprit was caught in the act.**
- **Burglaries have dropped throughout Whatcom County; so far the number is under 400.**
- **The subject of methamphetamine was brought up to make Members aware of the continual problem with the drug in Whatcom County.**
- **Made sure Members were aware that most car prowls happen when doors are unlocked and valuable items are visible; the most stolen items are birth certificates and other important items people keep in their glove box.**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Meg Grable, BBVCC General Manager**

### **Incorporation Issues of Birch Bay Village:**

- **A Feasibility Study is being done to determine the financial base for Birch Bay if it were to become a city.**
- **Encouraged all of Birch Bay Village to become registered voters to provide input on what they would like when Birch Bay becomes a city.**
- **There are 4 meetings left on the Feasibility Study: November 13, 2007; December 3, 2007 (Public Hearing); December 17, 2007, and January 28, 2008.**
- **Whatcom County Storm Water District will make an additional tax; encouraged the Village to attend related meetings and pay attention as it will effect all of Birch Bay Village.**
- **Horizon's at Semiahmoo has proposed a drain to run along under the ditch outside of Birch Bay Village to run water into the Bay. The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2007.**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Valery Anderson**

- **Anderson has an appointment with Lynn Morgan Hill from Whatcom County to discuss tree cutting along the "wetland's zone" in BBVCC. Anderson would like to get something in writing stating whether or not trees can be removed around the Lakes in Birch Bay Village.**
- **A reminder to homeowner's to not dump grass clippings and yard waste into or along the Lakes and Ponds due to the pollution problem.**
- **The Golf Course is switching to non-phosphorous fertilizer.**

### **MANAGER'S REPORT: Meg Grable**

- **Announced that flyers were available concerning the removal of driftwood, rules for scooters/mopeds in BBVCC, the burn ban, the security report, and an Emergency Preparedness Article.**
- **Reminded Members that they need an emergency plan in case of disasters (prepare for 72 hours minimum). BBVCC cannot salvage food or medications. The lower gate will be open for exit only during a disaster.**
- **The housing statistics for 2007 were read aloud: 159 vacant lots, 969 completed homes, 2 mobile home constructions, 3 new home constructions, 62 ownership transfers, and 148 renters.**
- **All the money on the liens and foreclosures in BBVCC has been paid, save one bankruptcy that is still being resolved.**
- **2007 dues money has been spent on a number of things including:**
  - **A solar heating system for the pool**
  - **Additional irrigation for the Lakes**
  - **Work on the golf cart paths**
  - **Replacement floats put in on A, B, C, & D dock**
  - **Electricity put in on A & B Dock to allow the BBVCC Office to read the meters and bill Members instead of an outside party**
  - **Drainage near Sehome Road, Chehalis Road, and Snohomish Road.**
  - **Additional parking on Salish Road for the school bus children**
  - **Cleaning out the culvert at the lower gate**
  - **Fixing the Sea Gate**
  - **Maintaining the lakes algae with more aeration and stocking of fish.**
  - **Fixing the Security computers**
  - **A hand-held radar gun for the Security Officers**
  - **Snow removal during the winter**
  - **Finishing the Maintenance Shop building**
  - **The Spring Clean-up (since the fees charged did not cover all expenses)**
  - **A new maintenance vehicle**
  - **A fence around the maintenance area**
  - **Restoring Sand Dollar Beach**

- **A thank you to the BBVCC Social Club for refurbishing the Clubhouse restrooms**

**Budget Presentation – Jeff Morris-Read**

- **Announced that the green sheet in the budget packets listed the 2008 budget in detail; there is a \$100 increase (9.4%).**

**Budget Ratification – Sherrie Bakke, chairperson of the Ballot Counting Committee**

- **There were 437 valid ballots counted.**
- **240 voted NO, the budget is ratified.**
- **272 voted NO for the special assessment, the assessment is ratified.**
- **Henry Sharp, Div. 9, Lot 75, brought up an argument that the Special Assessment was not apart of the Budget and should therefore be counted differently.**
- **By consensus the Board agreed that the Special Assessment will go forward and the legality will be researched further.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- **Motion made by Wayne McFee and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

**OPEN FORUM  
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7:30 P.M.  
HOMEOWNER'S COMMENTS**

- Priscilla Ott, Div. 12C, Lot 108, addressed concerns about the drainage work being done near Division 12M, 12C, & 7, and how the damage would effect the landscape.
  - Valery Anderson commented that the vegetation in that area would be replaced.
- Jack Venett, Div. 12, Lot 10, brought up concerns about certain Birch Bay Village Committees needing to make money, and that "pseudo" membership should be available to people outside the Village.
- Dave McConaghy, Div. 15, Lot 63, would like to see the Board of Directors decisions posted in the BBVCC Bulletin or website before they are carried, so BBV Members can provide input.
- Joe Hilton, Div. 3 Lot 4, requested that the Patrol Logs from the Roving Patrol of Security be made available to the Members of BBVCC.
  - Valery Anderson commented that there are some Security Statistics in the BBVCC Bulletin, but will look into the possibility of providing more information.

As there were no other members who wished to speak, BBVCC members were recessed until the General Meeting was called to order.

Cliff Langley, Deputy Whatcom County Sheriff's Department, was asked to speak and answer questions during the recess. Langley informed the audience that as of 2008 an "Education Card" would be required for anyone under the age of 20 to be able to operate a vessel. A class would be required before issuing an education card; and the age of people needing these cards will continue to go up each year: 2009 will be everyone under 25, 2010 everyone under 30, and so on (the only age exempt completely will be those born before 1955). Langley then brought up the program of "Citizen's on Patrol" that consists of mostly retired people who are willing to go around doing house checks when homeowner's are gone or on vacation, notify people when sex offenders move in nearby, etc; they then notify the deputy of suspicious activity and/or crimes. There are 2-3 classes a month for the volunteers and more volunteers are always welcome and needed. Langley then answered some questions brought up by Members from the floor.