



Bustins Island Village Corporation
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**Meeting of the Board of Overseers
July 13, 2025 @ 10:00am
Community House and Zoom**

In Attendance:

Overseers: Bob Canu, Chris Zook, Craig Allard, Ali Bushman, and Jeff Leland

Jason Sweatt (Treasurer), Ken Barrows (Island Administrator), Phil Taisey (CEO and Island Superintendent), Rob Taisey, Pam Canu, Jim Boone, and Matt Rowe

I. Acceptance of Minutes June 28, 2025 meeting

A. Motion to accept the June 28th, 2025 meeting minutes:

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Chris Zook - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Craig Allard - Yes
5. Ali Bushman - Abstain

a) Ali Bushman will abstain from all votes during this meeting due to personal circumstances.

B. The June 28, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report Review, and approve

A. There is an AT&T wireless hub on the Lilly B, and a phone and iPad on Verizon.

The cost of maintaining both accounts costs less than rolling them into one vendor.

1. Jason and Bob will approach Painter about consolidating vendors in the next few weeks.

B. The \$2,000 transfer was moved to the debit card to reconcile expenses.

C. Debbie is awaiting a tennis court bill so it will be paid with the next FY budget.

D. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 7/13/25 in the amount of \$19,258.14.

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1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Chris Zook - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Craig Allard - Yes
5. Ali Bushman - Abstain

E. The Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$19,258.14 was approved.

III. 2025/26 Budget Additional Discussion/Approval

A. If the budget is closed today, numbers won't be manipulated.

1. A non-static number cannot be voted on. In 2+ weeks, the number will change with the next payroll.
2. The Treasurer's Report will include an addendum that clarifies the close date, etc.
 - a) The Treasurer's Report will be Attachment A in the warrant.
 - b) A summary of changes to the Report from last year will be included in bulleted list form.
3. Quickbooks exports require additional formatting and summation of columns for clarity.
 - a) Some funds will be renamed for printed reports.
 - (1) "Emergency reserves" and "capital projects" are renamed funds for clarity.

B. Printing will occur in one sitting at Staples by Ken.

C. Motion to close out the FY25 as of 7/13/25 and include an explanation as to why in the Annual Meeting documentation.

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Chris Zook - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Craig Allard - Yes
5. Ali Bushman - Abstain

D. The motion to close out FY25 as of 7/13/25 and include an explanation as to why in the Annual Meeting documentation was approved.

E. Motion to approve \$306,025 as the estimated budget for FY26.

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1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Chris Zook - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Craig Allard - Yes
5. Ali Bushman - Abstain

F. Motion to approve \$306,025 as the estimated budget for FY26.

IV. Old Business

A. Motion to appoint M. Sue Spalding as the deputy clerk for the Annual Meeting 2025.

- a. Bob Canu - Yes
- b. Chris Zook - Yes
- c. Jeff Leland - Yes
- d. Craig Allard - Yes
- e. Ali Bushman - Abstain

B. Motion to appoint M. Sue Spalding as the deputy clerk for the Annual Meeting 2025 was approved.

C. Ken and others reviewed the 2025 voting list and confirmed accuracy (183 voters).

- a. Motion to approve the 2025 voting list will occur via email.
- b. Sue and Ken will then post the approved voting list.

D. Brunswick Dispatch and Safety Day recap

- a. There is risk when choosing to come to Bustins Island.
 - i. If the weather is bad, Brunswick may not risk their crew to come out to Bustins.
- b. Someone from Bustins can go retrieve Freeport emergency personnel and bring them back to Bustins.
 - i. If Bustins residents can bring people in need to Freeport for emergency support, that is encouraged.
- c. When calling 911, the caller should confirm that they are speaking with Brunswick Dispatch for appropriate triage. The Brunswick Dispatch should stay on the phone for the duration of the emergency.

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- i. Dispatch leadership encouraged Bustins residents to “push back” as needed to get the information and support needed.
 - d. A “Who has Boats” list on Bustins could be developed as part of Bustins emergency triage.
 - e. Brunswick Dispatch proposed that a small group of Bustins residents receive text alerts when emergency calls are received.
 - i. Ken will compile a tentative list for Overseer review.
 - ii. Ken is also working on a secondary protocol to alert all Bustins residents who opt in for emergency notifications.
 - iii. Ken and Rob Boone are also working on a Bustins Broadcast about this topic.
- E. Bob, Craig, Ali, Ken, and Phil will accept Freeport’s invitation to their dinner and meeting on July 15.
- F. Parking update
 - a. Willy has been sharing photos with the Freeport police chief (Nate Goodman) regarding vehicles in the Soule school parking lot, and threatening to have them towed.
 - i. Nate ran the plates of the cars in question for Overseers to triage and the cars were moved.
 - ii. Jeff encouraged that Overseers continue the dialogue to avoid future towing.
 - iii. Bob will continue to push for signage in the parking lot to clarify that the Soule school is open 50 weeks per year.
 - b. Other “parking for Bustins” signs have been removed.

V. New Business

- A. Final Prep for Annual Meeting
 - 1. The \$306,025 figure will be added to the warrant.
 - 2. Language will change to reflect “majority” instead of unanimous vote.
 - 3. Rob Boone compiled the deceased list for Overseer review.
 - 4. Two Overseers will be replaced in the warrant.
- B. Motion to approve the Annual Meeting warrant.

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1. Bob Canu - Yes
 2. Chris Zook - Yes
 3. Jeff Leland - Yes
 4. Craig Allard - Yes
 5. Ali Bushman - Abstain
- C. Motion to approve the Annual Meeting warrant was approved.
- D. There was a suggestion to consider a project or committee to conduct trimming around roads.
1. The grant budget included a flail mower but the grant has not been awarded.
 2. Phil was in favor of this idea and would like to join in.
 3. Brunswick's map only shows the perimeter road on Bustins.
 - a) Phil recommended a survey map with them.
- E. The new Ranger attended Safety Day and will be back for Chipping Day on July 17.
1. Chipping equipment will be delivered on Tuesday.
 2. A call for volunteers in shifts will go out via the Bustins Broadcast.
 3. Since this is the last Chipping Day, Craig suggested that the BIVC purchase chipping equipment for future use.
- F. BIVC website
- G. The BOO will host Freeport on Aug 19.
1. Crawford suggested a large grill be rented.
 - a) Bob will get an estimate.

VI. Superintendent Report

- A. Any updates: Shoreline project
- B. Additional topics: Island re-opening/ roads/do we need material (gravel,) on isle
- C. Phil requested a quote for the doors on the Firehouse Barn.
1. Phil will present options for the skylight fixes.
- D. Phil will be rebuilding the outhouse that was at the Store Porch but is currently located at the Brewer Cottage.
1. Bob is in favor of a new accessible outhouse at the Store Porch next spring

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as a CUP hearing will be needed.

- a) Phil asked if he should begin to design a plan and will await guidance from the BOO.

E. Using the Bustins Broadcast

1. It could be useful to leverage the Bustins Broadcast to circulate information about superintendent-related updates (e.g., chimney sweeps, septic pump-out, etc.)
2. Phil recommends that interested folks contact him if they want to join a barge schedule since he manages the barge schedule/landing use.

F. Fire Alarm at the Store Porch

1. Phil is trying to get it working and will try a few more things before purchasing another 12 volt option (less than \$50 item).
2. Phil recommends that the electrical system be reworked to clean up the junctions and get it up to code.
 - a) Phil will recommend options.

VII. Public Comment

- A. Pam Canu made a request for volunteers or the Superintendent to remove the Dorothy Campbell clock on the Community House wall for repair.
- B. Rob Taisey recommended some additional equipment to consider for the road clearing committee/projects.
- C. Rob Taisey has an electric bike and will complete the forms on bivc.net to get it approved.
- D. Rob Taisey learned of a treatment system called a Fuji Clean that doesn't require a lot of power that could work well for the Store Porch outhouse.
- E. Rob Taisey shared that he donated used batteries to the Store Porch system. The charge controller appears to be working but the display no longer works and the vendor is no longer in business.
 1. Rob noted that the west-facing metal roof is well suited for solar.

VIII. Next Meeting Annual Meeting Saturday, August 2, 2025 @ 9:00am Sunday August 3, 2025 New Board

IX. Adjourn

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A. Motion to adjourn at 11:37am ET.

1. Bob Canu - Yes
2. Chris Zook - Yes
3. Jeff Leland - Yes
4. Craig Allard - Yes
5. Ali Bushman - Abstain

B. Motion to adjourn at 11:37am ET was approved.