

Special Meeting of Briny Breezes Inc. Board of Directors
Thursday November 19, 2015
9:00 A.M.
Briny Breezes Community Center
Minutes

- I. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.
- II. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 A.M. by President Michael Gallacher. Secretary Brannen called the roll. Present in the community Center were Directors Brannen, Coyner, Gallacher, Gross, McMorrow, Oglesby, and Stewart. Director Long was absent. GM Theresa Pussinen was present also.
- III. Proof of notice was posted Friday November 13, 2015.
- IV. There were no minutes to approve.
- V. Correspondence as it related to this meeting. None received.
- VI. Report of Officers none at this special meeting
- VII. Committee reports- none at this special meeting
- VIII. Unfinished business- none
- IX. New Business: Golf Cart usage and recommendation to the Town
A. Director Brannen made a motion to open for discussion with our shareholders a conversation about the use of golf cars and/or street legal vehicles in our Briny community. Second was received.

Background- this is not something that the Board wants to do but we have been told that we need to do; the Town has had 8 meetings, we will limit all comments to 3 minutes with one trip to the microphone; some of the Board members rendered opinions- a variety of view points; Director Oglesby offered the following: *"If we only allow Street Legal, Low-speed vehicles or LSVs, the Corporation would no longer be responsible for verifying liability insurance coverage when it registers and issues parking stickers for LSVs and the Town would not have to spend the \$75k needed to allow golf carts to operate in Briny and cross A1A legally.*

*However, the 122 or so Golf Carts owned by stockholders and the 8 golf carts owned by the corporation **would** have to be converted to LSVs and licensed at a total cost of around \$3,000 per golf cart or replaced. Some of these carts are old and worn so investing that kind of money in old equipment would be unwise and selling the Golf Carts and buying a used or new LSV would be a better option at a cost of \$5-12K each. For converted LSVs, there is a time-consuming, logistically-challenged and document-intensive registration and licensing process involving taking the converted LSV to a weigh station and then to the DMV. Historically, Briny has allowed, encouraged and regulated the use of Golf Carts in our community and as a result, stockholder use has increased over the years. For those that do not currently own a utility vehicle today but may want or need one in the future, I don't see much value in paying an additional \$3000 - \$5000 for a LSV when a golf cart is just as useful at Briny. Even though I don't currently own or plan on buying a golf cart or LSV, it seems to me that the benefits of continuing to allow Golf Carts to operate in Briny outweigh the benefits and costs of eliminating golf carts and only allowing LSVs."*

Director Coyner offered a similar cost break down as provided by Town Council member Bob Juvorty suggesting that converting the corporation's golf carts will cost about \$75,000.00; the price of corporation conversions e.g. their own golf carts, may equal the price of the modifications; Sue Thaler representing the Town reminded us the primary problem is crossing A1A; she also informed us that a golf street crossing cannot be one and the same as a pedestrian crossing requiring that they be 300 ft (she believes) apart; concerns and unknowns about the requirements for the sidewalk in front of the clubhouse; we do not own the property from the wall to the street along A1A and Districts 1 and 2; nothing simple about this; ultimately the Town has the responsibility; we need to hear from more of the stockholders; can we hear from those people who do not have golf carts; Oglesby pointed out that the only sections of sidewalks along the east side of A1A that need to be widened to allow golf carts to operate without traveling the wrong way on one way roads in District 1 & 2 are the sections between Bamboo and Cedar in District1 and the section of the sidewalk between Juniper and Ruthmary in Section 2. Many stockholders spoke although it appeared to be mostly shareholders who had carts, those who

do not were encouraged to speak; **Director Brannen requested that her motion be withdrawn given that everyone who wanted had a chance to speak at least one time.** The seconder agreed. Motion was withdrawn.

B. Motion made by Director Oglesby to inform the Town that we support the Town's proposal to create FL DOT golf cart crossings on A1A, widen portions of the sidewalk along the east side of A1A for Golf Cart traffic and provide required signage at an estimated cost of \$75,000 paid by the Corporation. Further we ask that they amend their ordinance to require insurance, stickers reflecting current registration, and a driver's license be required. Second was received.

Discussion included the possibility of an annual administrative fee for the registration and stickers as well as the review of the necessary paperwork. It was suggested that the Corporation might not be able to institute this charge. Town said they might be able to do this. Shareholder asked if we could request that the FL DOT help us out with expenses for the A1A crossing and sidewalks as they too had overlooked this problem. Question called. **Vote was 5 Yes, 2 No's** (McMorrow and Stewart.) Motion passed.

Board vote on Recommendation to Town will be shared at the November 19th Town meeting at 4 pm by VP Coyner who serves as the Board's Liaison to the Town.

X. Adjournment: **Motion to adjourn was made by Director Oglesby.** Seconded; **Vote was unanimous.** Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Brannen, Secretary
Approved 12/9/2015

