



The Town of Bowers

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on December 11, 2025 by Mayor Puzzo Council members present: Chris Telles, Marty Manning, Bob DcDevitt. Absent Jay Apicelli

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Minutes: November 2025 Minutes motion to accept by Marty. Second by Chris. All in favor

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept November 2025 Treasurers report by Chris. Seconded by Bob. All in favor.

Ada-Fiscal year 2026 budget though completed has a couple of edits. Budget tabled.

Resignation of Treasurer- Marty read a letter of resignation. His last day will be the end of December. Accepted by Council

Motion to accept letter of interest by Shirley Pennington. Motion by Bob. Seconded by Chris. All in favor.

GRANTS and PROJECTS

North Bayshore Drainage: Bob Grove- Still awaiting DNREC approvals. Met last week with Ada and Chris to review project manual and engineering drawings. Will continue to monitor progress. Chris reported the project plans are in the kiosk at the Main Street beach entrance

UD Flood Risk Reduction Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Report: Ada reported there is a complete draft of an annotated bibliography for the Town of Bowers concerning flooding. Reports gathered from DNREC, Town of Bowers and Army Corps of Engineers. Close to having a single source of all reports. Initial funding fell sort and a request for to increase the budget was approved. The project is in three areas (3) Beach replacement, marsh restoration, and Hubbard Ave seawall and flooding.

DNREC Presentation Bay Shore Program by Joanna French and Karen Taylor. Army Corps of Engineers wants to make better use of dredged materials by replenishing Bay beaches. Dredging is part of the Army Corps mission to keep the channel in the bay navigable. The federal Government will provide 90% of the cost and the remaining 10% will be paid by the state. Cost of the project \$55 to \$60 million dollars. A hopeful start will be Fall of 2026. Work will be

from December 1 thru April. The winter schedule is due to environmental restrictions. A Public Access Plan is required for the project. Jay Baker volunteered to be on the committee with Chris Eisenhart.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: No report at this time

Town Events: Jay Baker reported they have signed 2 bands for two of the four concerts. Jay Baker will be meeting with Town Treasurer. Ada requested a meeting to go over things before the start of the 2026 season. She also stated the town has continued to support the Music in Park by providing \$1,500 in the town budget.

Planning Committee: No Report

Public Water: Application was submitted in July, awaiting approval by EPA.

Code Enforcement: No Report

Board of Adjustments: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Museum Judy reported there will be a fund raiser at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant on January 21 from 4:00PM to 6:00 PM. The museum will be auctioning off an original painting of the Heartbreak Hotel of Bowers Beach.

A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Museum on February 14th as a fund raiser.

On March 18th a fund raiser will be held at Applebee's restaurant.

Judy reported the museum is \$6,000 shy in funding and is receiving \$3,400 this year.

Resident Topics

Council Comments:

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next town meeting will be held on January 11, 2026 starting at 7:00 pm and will be in person meeting as well as Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM Motion by Marty seconded by Chris.

Town Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month unless changed by the mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Apicelli

Secretary