

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Technology Advisory Board**  
**Monday, 9/28/20, 5:30 P.M. Virtual Meeting by Zoom**  
**Official Meeting Minutes**

Please review City of Bonita Springs Resolution No. 20-32 regarding this virtual public meeting utilizing communications media technology ("CMT"). The resolution includes the general rules, notice, and special procedures for quasi-judicial hearings for meetings conducted by CMT.

		<u>TIME</u>	<u>INFO</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I.	MEETING CALL TO ORDER	5:30			Action
	Meeting called to order.				
II.	ROLL CALL	5:35			Action
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <u><b>Present</b></u>  Tim Deaton  Patrick Anderson  John Poldoian  Vince Marchesani  Jim Kauffman  Sue Bickel </div> <div> <u><b>Staff</b></u>  Addison Smelko </div> </div>				
III.	PUBLIC COMMENT	5:40			
	No public comments received.				
IV.	REVIEW MINUTES OF 8/24/20	5:45			Action
	<i>Mr. Kauffman made a motion to accept the minutes as drafted. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.</i>				
V.	COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS	6:00			
	Council not present, no updates.				
VI.	STAFF INFO & UPDATES	6:10		Discussion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology Resources for Community amid COVID-19</li> </ul>				

At the last meeting, Mr. Smelko asked the Committee if they could research any internet discounts for people in need for the Outreach Committee.

Ms. Bickel had sent some information to Mr. Smelko about programs offered by Love Inc.

Mr. Poldoian sent Mr. Smelko some information on Verizon's Life Line program for low income families. They are offering low cost internet for about \$9 to \$10 dollars a month for families in need. The guidelines are tight and there are a lot of forms they need to fill

out. Mr. Poldoian reported that some internet providers are offering two free months of service providing that they are in their area.

Mr. Deaton spoke to the Salvation Army. They are not technical, but they are swamped. He also checked with Metro PCS and FPL. FPL has two avenues; one is Too Share where individuals can log in and contribute with the proceeds going to families in need to pay their electric bill. They also have abatement programs which can be found on their website.

Mr. Deaton also checked with Mobile Solutions. They just moved and are not fully open yet. He was told to wait till the end of the week, and they may be able to aid people who may be having computer problems.

Mr. Marchesani reported that BSU has programs for people who are having difficulties. It should be on their website.

Mr. Kauffman thinks it's a good idea for the City of Bonita Springs to be able to promote this. He did not approach the Chamber of Commerce, but he would like it to be local. It's a good thing to be doing at this time. Mr. Kauffman said the Bonita Springs Assistance Office does really good work and have been doing so for years.

VIII.	NEW BUSINESS	6:20	Discussion
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No new business

IX.	OLD BUSINESS	6:25	Discussion
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Mr. Deaton would like to continue to work on help for families in need. He will contact Mobile Solutions, the Bonita Springs Assistance Office and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Deaton explained Mobile solutions is a small company with about 5 offices. They fix cell phones, tablets and computers as well as non-working televisions.

Dr. Marchesani reported that he is Vice Chair of BSU and a couple of them are having a meeting to discuss when they can get together as a group. Dr. Marchesani explained they have a moving target; cases are going up primarily because viruses are not alive and cannot be killed and will continue until they have a vaccine. Dr. Marchesani cannot see them getting together anytime soon, but they are starting the process.

Mr. Poldoian was on the City Website looking at the COVID stats and he was really impressed with the Bonita website stating it was much easier to read than the national statistics. It looks like the cases are going down.

X:	NEXT MEETING		Discussion
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The Board selected **October 26, 2020**, for the next meeting. Dr. Marchesani may not be able to attend.

XI: ADJOURNMENT

Action

***Mr. Kauffman asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Deaton so moved; meeting adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted,

***Nadine Chiaramonte***

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Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

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TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date: 5.17.21

AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Jim Kauffman, Chairman

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