BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting

Several administrative items were considered at the regular July meeting of the BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Board of Trustees. Former Southport Mayor Robert Howard and Former Southport Alderman Jim Powell were both reappointed to three-year terms and sworn in prior to the meeting. Howard was appointed by Brunswick County and Powell by the City of Southport. Current officers were re-elected for a one-year term: Chair Susan Rabon, Vice President Robert Howard, Secretary Landon Zimmer and Treasurer David Jessen. The Authority approved an interlocal agreement with the Village of BHI to provide clerk services, as Southport's Clerk Michelle Wortham has retired. Daralyn Spivey will serve as interim clerk.

BHI Limited CEO Chad Paul reported that ferry ridership for the month of June represented 86% of historical demand, with ferries running at 50% capacity of 75 passengers plus crew. Parking on the mainland is ahead of budget projections for June, and large numbers of day-trippers continue to visit BHI. Trustees discussed parking capacity and the increased demand for parking and ferries, which are expected well into the shoulder season due to COVID-19.

The next meeting of the Authority will be held on August 19th at 9:15am and will be held electronically. Contact Daralyn Spivey (*dspivey@villagebhi.org*) with questions.