

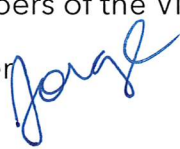
BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 008-2019

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: January 18, 2019
Subject: **Completion of Village Water Meter Replacement Project**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to transmit to you information regarding the completion of the Village Water Meter Replacement Project. As you are aware, on July 17, 2018, the Village Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-1163 approving the purchase of four hundred seventy-eight (478) replacement Village water meters for those meters identified as having reached or surpassed their useful life. The project commenced on September 17, 2018, with work projected to last for approximately four (4) months. All of the meters that were scheduled for replacement, which were accessible to Village Staff, have been completed as of January 11, 2019; slightly ahead of schedule.

There are approximately fifteen (15) meters remaining that are obstructed by trees, patios, and large hedges. Code Enforcement is working with the individual affected properties to resolve the obstruction and enable the installation of the replacement meters. It should be noted that staff made every effort to install meters that were obstructed by smaller hedges, and those located underneath pavers.

As previously stated, older water meters tend to lose their accuracy over time. This loss of accuracy is detrimental to the Village since inaccurate water meters allows for water that is consumed and not accounted for. By replacing the older water meters with ultrasonic meters which have industry-leading accuracy, the Village has been able to properly account for water that is bought from the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) and sold to our customers. The water meter replacement project has increased revenue and demonstrated to the County and State Regulating Agencies that Bal Harbour Village is concerned with water loss and the performance of our water distribution system. Our water loss percentage has substantially decreased during the past year and we are now among the leaders in the County.

If you have, any questions please feel free to contact me, or John Oldenburg directly.

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