

August 19, 2020

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Nelson
Mr. Neal
Mrs. DiCarolis
Mrs. Bruener
Mr. Fulmer
Mr. Bryan
Mr. Tomlinson

Also:

D. J. Doody
Mario Sotolongo
Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the July 15, 2020 council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Bryan to approve the July 15, 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable. All the bills were ordinary and necessary. Motion made by Mr. Bryan and seconded by Mrs. Bruener to approve the August 2020 accounts payable. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the July 31, 2020 financial statement. Cash balance at the end of July was \$1,377,975. We have collected all of our ad valorem receipts for the year. We had budgeted for \$1,615,000 in ad valorem taxes and received \$1,607,000, about \$7,200 short of budgeted amount. Our sales and gas tax revenues combined totals \$45,500. Budgeted amount was \$46,000 – we are \$800 off year to date. All other items are in good shape. Building permits are \$64,000 over budget. Expenses are in line. Budget surplus is \$397,000, which we will be spending approximately \$150,000 a month until the ad valorem receipts come in early December. We will approve the tentative budget at the September 3, 2020 budget hearing. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the July 31, 2020 financial statement.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien asked the council to approve the E-911 agreement with Broward County for county dispatch which is on the agenda for consideration. The Chiefs Association has approved. On a positive note, calls for service are down 80% due to COVID-19. Parties were discussed. Mayor Nelson asked about the disposal of our surplus vehicle. Chief O'Brien reported that we

were able to salvage some of the emergency equipment (lights) and use on another vehicle. The vehicle was not operable and Sal's Towing took the vehicle at no charge to us for disposal.

Code Compliance Report:

Mario Sotolongo reported it had been a very busy month. Approximately 13 properties with various code compliance issues had been visited and contacted by Mario. Several have come into compliance and others are in process of working towards compliance.

Public Comments opened. Starr Paton read an email from Stuart Gallon of Domicil LLC regarding the code compliance fees assessed to the property at 7 Gatehouse Road. Email is attached to the minutes.

Public Comments closed.

New Business:

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider a variance request from Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez at 12 Seneca Rd. They are requesting a variance for a front facing garage at the rear of the property as part of a renovation project. Mr. Doody swore in Mr. Raymond Sanchez who is owner of the property at 12 Seneca Rd. Mr. Sanchez stated they have been in the process of adding a master suite and renovation of the property at 12 Seneca Rd. They have been working with a civil engineer regarding the need by code to update the septic system on the property. This presents a hardship for the renovation and addition. Public comments opened. There were none. Public comments closed. Motion made by Mrs. DiCarolis made a motion to approve the front facing garage at the rear of the property. Mrs. Bruener seconded the motion. Discussion by the council. Mr. Tomlinson stated that a variance request requires the resident to show a hardship. Mr. Sanchez stated the back portion of the house is not to code nor is the existing garage and the requirements of the new code and septic system are creating a hardship for them to renovate. Mrs. Bruener feels that is unfair and we are penalizing people who are trying to renovate their property. Mrs. DiCarolis stated the hardship is that the property doesn't allow for him to have a 2-car garage where a car can actually pull in with the amount of required green space and septic space unless he adds a second story. It has to be front facing or they can't get in the garage. Mr. Sanchez stated he will need to do pilings. Roll was called. Mrs. DiCarolis, Mrs. Bruener, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Fulmer voted to approve the variance. MR. Tomlinson voted against. Motion passes 4-1.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider the annual engagement letter for our accounting firm, Hinkle, Richter and Rhine. Mr. Tomlinson stated they prepare our monthly financials and they in turn, turn it over to our auditors for annual compliance. Fee is approximately \$850 per month and they do an excellent job with providing a third party look at our books with bank statements being mailed directly to them. It gives us another level of internal controls. Mr. Tomlinson made a motion to approve the engagement letter for Hinkle, Richter and Rhine. Motion seconded by Mr. Fulmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider the E-911 agreement with Broward County for emergency services. Mr. Doody read the resolution by title only approving and authorizing the

execution of the first amendment to agreement between Broward County and the Village of Sea Ranch Lakes for participation in the consolidated regional E-911 communications system pending approval of the Broward County Police Chiefs Association. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the resolution to approve the E-911 agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

The budget hearings will be held on September 3, 2020 and on September 16, 2020.

Adjourn.