

June 16, 2021

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mrs. Bryan
Mrs. Bruener
Mr. Fulmer
Mr. Tomlinson
Mr. Barry (via telephone)

Also:

Sean Swartz
Bernard Pita
Lenore Graber
Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined. Mrs. Bryan presided over the meeting in Mayor Nelson's absence.

The minutes from the May 12, 2021 Building Amendment Workshop and Village council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mrs. Bruener to approve the workshop and council meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the April 30, 2021 financial statement which was not available at the May meeting. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the April 30, 2021 financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the May 31, 2021 financial statement. Cash balance at the end of May was \$1,850,000. Ad valorem receipts were \$400 under budget and all the rest of receipts were in line. Building permit receipts continue to be above budgeted amounts. Expenses were in line with the budget. The new police vehicle was incorrectly charged to miscellaneous but will be reclassified by the accountants as a capital outlay. We are at the end of the eighth month of our fiscal year and we are in good shape.

Mr. Tomlinson discussed an analysis given to the council members showing building permits receipts and expenditures for inspectors over the last 5 years. On average, the inspector costs are about 40% of the permit revenue. The village has to post building costs and fees on the website per Florida Statutes. Mr. Tomlinson also stated we will be discussing and setting the

tentative millage rate at the July meeting. Mr. Tomlinson is working on a draft for the budget and stated most likely will keep the rate the same at 7.25 mils.

Mr. Tomlinson stated the Chief has asked for a discussion regarding purchasing an additional police vehicle. Mr. Tomlinson made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the potential purchase of an additional vehicle. Mr. Fulmer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Bryan stated the prices of the police cars will be going up \$8,000 if we wait until after September 30th. We would like to pre-order the vehicle and place the order now but it wouldn't be paid until next year's budget. We would not receive the car until the end of this year or beginning of next year. This would potentially save us 20% of cost. Mr. Tomlinson motioned to authorize the Chief to spend up to \$50,000 to acquire a new car. Mrs. Bruener seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chief O'Brien will bring back pricing at the next meeting.

Mr. Tomlinson made a motion to approve the May 31, 2021 financial statement. Motion seconded by Mr. Fulmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien thanked the council for the authorization and did not have anything to report.

Code Compliance Report:

Lenore Graber was introduced as our new code compliance officer. Lenore is the manager of Calvin Giordano code compliance in Deerfield. She is ready to serve our needs in the village and is available. The monthly report was given to the council members in their binder. She is aware of the couple of residences which are in violation. Mrs. Bryan welcomed her aboard.

Public Comments opened. There were none. Public comments closed.

New Business:

Mrs. Bryan asked the council to consideration a variance for a front facing garage for the residence at 8 Seneca Rd. Chulantha DeSilva, owner of the property, Mark Budd, architect and Grant Dienes of Ruth Walter Interiors were present and sworn in by Sean Swartz. Mr. DeSilva stated the house plans were submitted in December and the building permit was issued on April 1, 2021. The footprint of the house was the same a prior owner which had a front facing garage and the plans were approved as such. Mr. DeSilva stated that 77% of the garages on corner lots have road facing garages and provided map with locations of these properties. Home with front facing garages and carports were also highlighted. They do not have the space to be able to move the garage to the side and get the vehicles into the garage area. As 12 Seneca Rd. was previously given a variance this year to have a front facing garage. Mr. Budd stated the garage was located where the original garage was located. Mrs. Bryan asked for a motion. Motion made by Mrs. Bruener and seconded by Mr. Barry to approve the variance for a front facing garage due to hardship of entry to the garage. Mr. Tomlinson stated the plans were erroneously approved in contraction to the ordinance which was incorrect. Construction

was started and a foundation permit was given with the garage facing the front. Mr. Tomlinson discussed the location of the garage further with Mr. Budd. Mr. Tomlinson stated the garage should have been located on the Mendota side. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bryan reopened public comments so that Mr. Patrick Jackson could speak with the council. Mr. Jackson is a Lauderdale by the Sea resident and is a local pastor and former marine. He would like to inform the council that he has experience with the helping the homeless and has a 501C non-profit called Camp Victory that helps the homeless persons. This Sunday is the one-year anniversary of the non-profit and they are providing meals and haircuts for them in Fort Lauderdale area and he hopes the council will consider donation of any clothing or items that could help. Public comments closed.

Mrs. Bryan asked if there was a motion to table items B, C, and D under new business until the July meeting. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mrs. Bruener. Motion passed unanimously.

The July meeting will be held on Wed. July 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.