

December 14, 2021

## Village Council Meeting

### Attendance:

Mayor Nelson  
Mrs. Bryan  
Mr. Tomlinson  
Mr. Fulmer  
Mrs. Bruener  
Mr. Hodgson  
Mr. Neal  
Mr. Barry

### Also:

Sean Swartz  
Lenore Graber  
Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the November 16, 2021 council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable for December. All the bills were normal and necessary. The police department purchased two new computers, upgrading our system. The new lights and electrical equipment were installed on the newest police vehicle. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the accounts payable for December. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the November 30, 2021, financial statement. AT the end of November, cash balance was \$1,623,000. We have received the first ad valorem funds in the amount of \$785,000 last week. This represents approximately one half of the village ad valorem receipts for the fiscal year. Mr. Tomlinson discussed revenues as we are 2 months into the new fiscal year. Interest received in our sweep account for the month was \$101 on a \$1,000,000 balance. Expenditures are in line with budget. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Fulmer to approve the November 30, 2021 financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

### Police Report:

Chief O'Brien stated the newest car in the fleet has now been equipped with lights and necessary equipment. This car will remain unmarked. We are concentrating on traffic

enforcement in the village, mainly stop signs and speeding. Stores in the plaza have extended their hours for the season. The officers are continuing to encounter homeless and emotionally disturbed individuals at the plaza. Boat parade went very well with 19 of 21 employees called in for the event. A new AED was purchased for the gatehouse. The Chief discussed after hours deliveries at the gate, increasing due to holiday deliveries. There are more private vehicles being used with Amazon and the Chief has given instructions to gate staff on assuring safe deliveries. We have not encountered any issues.

#### Code Compliance Report:

Lenore Graber stated that the month of December is usually a break from issuing violations. We will be scheduling a hearing for the end of February for the current cases but will be adding to it in January with additional potential violations. She has spoken to a few residents and has a list of to check after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Lenore mentioned to the council that most cities charge an administrative fee for cases that go to the special magistrate. This fee can motivate violators towards compliance and gives some leverage to the Village. This fee was discussed by the council at length. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Tomlinson to table pending further documentation and more information. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Public comments opened.

Mary Fanizzi of 5 Oneida Lane spoke regarding the discussion of the renewal of the Waste Management contract. Mayor Nelson replied the item is on the agenda for consideration and updated her on the current status of negotiations. Ms. Fanizzi stated she knows of other waste removal companies and asked the council to consider other bids for better pricing.

Public comment closed.

#### New Business:

Mayor Nelson asked the council for consideration and discussion of the Waste Management contract. Mayor Nelson and Mr. Tomlinson met with Jodie Siegel via zoom and updated the council on the current status. Mr. Tomlinson did a comparison of the proposed rate increase against other Broward municipalities and shared findings with the council. The council discussed the increase along with the relationship history with Waste Management and the services they provide. The council discussed going out for RFP and responsibilities to research other bids. Two representatives from Waste Pro, Mr. Tim Mooney and Mr. Farid Abuchaibe, were in attendance and asked to speak to the council. Mayor Nelson allowed them to address the council and discussed the service they provide to neighboring cities. Ms. Jodie Siegel of Waste Management was in attendance via telephone and also addressed the council and addressed the needs of the village. The council further discussed these issues and statements. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Tomlinson to proceed with negotiations with Waste Management and increase the negotiation period in the contract amendment to 180 days and to authorize proceeding with an RFP if negotiations are unsuccessful prior to the February 28, 2022 expiration date. Roll was called and motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked for consideration to approve amending the budget for police salary and new vehicle expenditures to be funded by the ARPA grant funds that were received. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to amend the budget for the police salary and new vehicle expenditures to be funded by the ARPA grant funds. Roll was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson discussed a fund/investment product offered by the Florida League of Cities for would give us a higher rate of return on balances currently held in our sweep account with Centennial Bank. We are losing purchasing power with inflation. Mr. Tomlinson stated Florida Statutes regulate where municipalities can invest funds, there are statutory requirements. This fund meets those requirements. Our average balance is approximately \$1,000,000. Mr. Tomlinson discussed the next step would be to investigate further and the possibility of holding a workshop to look at risk and liquidity and better return. There are different investments offered by the Trust. Approval is needed to take the step. Next step is to investigate and make a policy to answer questions. Mr. Tomlinson proposed a workshop before the next council meeting. Council discussed this further and the need to defer the resolution to the next meeting after more information is reviewed on the products offered by the Trust. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mrs. Bruener to investigate further what other cities have made and to hold a workshop to gather more information. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider a liaison to attend the Beach Club meetings and he will ask the Beach Club to also have a liaison attend the Village council meetings. Mrs. Bruener volunteered to be the liaison. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Barry to have Mrs. Bruener be the liaison to the Beach Club. Motion passed unanimously.

The January council meeting will be held on Wed. January 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.