

October 20, 2022

## Village Council Meeting

### Attendance:

Mayor Nelson

Mr. Miron

Mr. Fulmer

Mrs. Bruener

Mr. Hodgson

Mr. Volkert

Mr. Tomlinson (via phone)

### Also:

Sean Swartz

Lenore Graber

Starr Paton

The roll was called, and a quorum was determined.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order. He introduced Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar who spoke with the council about several topics. Mr. Kiar stated he was visiting all 31 cities in Broward County. He discussed the increase in property values in the village as well as the county and the increase in property taxes to the village. Mr. Kiar gave statistics regarding number of properties with homestead exemptions and widow exemptions. Mr. Kiar also discussed a service provided on the Property Appraiser website and mobile app regarding an owner alert program for title fraud. Mr. Kiar gave several examples of how title fraud is perpetrated and cases that have been prosecuted. He urged everyone to register on the website for notifications for title fraud.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to review the minutes from the September 21, 2022, council meeting and final budget hearing. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by Mr. Volkert to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable. All the bills were ordinary and necessary. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Miron to approve the accounts payable for October. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the September 30, 2022, financial statement. This is the final month of the fiscal year. Cash balance of all three accounts at the end of September was \$1,815,955. Per council authorization last month, \$100,000 was moved to the FMIvT investment account for the October 15<sup>th</sup> funding. We had a shortfall in ad valorem revenue of \$26,000 which Mr. Tomlinson will try to go back and review. Building permit revenue was \$42,000 over budget and expenses were in line with budgeted numbers. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by

Mr. Volkert to approve the September 30, 2022, financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien stated we have hired two new part time officers who are working out very well. They will be used primarily in the plaza to watch for homeless and shoplifting issues as well as traffic control in the village. The PBA contract negotiations should be underway next week as well. Mr. Volkert asked the Chief to address some possible loitering on either side of the entrance/exit of the village. Chief stated he will look into the situation.

Beach Club Liaison:

Mrs. Bruener stated the Beach Club did not have a meeting in October.

Code Compliance Report:

Lenore Graber was present. Mayor Nelson stated Lenore's monthly report was in the packet. There were no questions from the council.

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

New Business:

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider the engagement letter for Keefe McCullough for audit of the Village financials. Mr. Swartz read the resolution authorizing execution of the engagement letter for Keefe McCullough by title only. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the engagement letter and resolution for Keefe McCullough. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider an increase in the hourly billing rate for Goren, Cherof, Doody and Ezrol. Mr. Swartz stated there has been no increase since 1990. Hourly rate has been billed at \$195 for hour. Goren, Cherof, Doody and Ezrol bills all represented cities at a rate of \$250 per hour. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the increased billing rate for Goren, Cherof, Doody and Ezrol. Motion passed unanimously.

The November council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.