November 16, 2022

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:
Mayor Nelson
Mrs. Bryan
Mrs. Bruener
Mr. Miron
Mr. Hodgson
Mr. Volkert
Mr. Tomlinson

Also:
Sean Swartz
Lenore Graber
Chief O'Brien
Starr Paton

The roll was called, and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the October 19, 2022, council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mrs. Bruener and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2022, council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable for November. All the bills appear to be ordinary and necessary. The equipment package for the new truck was paid this month. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by Mr. Volkert to approve the accounts payable for November. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the October 31, 2022, financial statement. This is the first month of the new fiscal year. Cash balance at the end of October was $1,683,000. The sweep account is earning about .5% while the Florida Municipal Investment Trust account is earning 2%. Per council approval $100,000 was moved to the FMIVT last month for funding on October 15th. We also have $2,700 in the Florida Prime account. Mr. Tomlinson stated he will bring more information on that account next month. Building permits were $36,000 due to 2 projects starting work and paying for permits. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mrs. Bryan to approve the October 2022 financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:
Chief O'Brien stated the new truck had lights and equipment installed this month. We have hired 2 new part time officers. One will be focusing mainly on traffic enforcement, running radar and traffic counts in the village. The department has passed the FDLE inspection. Officer
Torres worked with FDLE for compliance. Parking in the village in and around construction sites remains an issue. Some sites are parking at the Beach Club when there are not events.

Code Compliance:
Mayor Nelson asked the council if they had any questions or comments for Lenore as the report was in their binders. The bushes at 23 Cayuga were discussed. A new driveway is being installed and there will be new landscaping once drive is completed. Lenore will follow up on this. Mrs. Bruener discussed a new product that is being used with black olive trees to prevent the staining that occurs. Coral Gables has a remedy and is implementing it in their city. Mrs. Bruener was going to bring back more information on this. Mrs. Barker stated the Beach Club iguana control contract has expired. The Beach Club is looking into iguana control for the common areas, but residents will need to contract privately for their properties at this time. Lenore stated she is dealing with hedge issues on a case-by-case basis trying to get compliance for hedge heights.

Beach Club Liaison:
Mrs. Bruener stated the Beach Club did not have a meeting last month.

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

New Business:
Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider a variance request for a front facing garage for 4 Tahoe Lane. Property owner Kelly Blake was sworn in by Mr. Swartz. Mr. Blake discussed his request for the front facing garage. He stated the garage is 62 feet from the street. Mr. Blake stated the hardship is that it is extremely difficult to park a vehicle in the rear of the property to enter the garage. The driveway itself is only 11 feet wide and if Mr. Blake were to follow the recommendations of the Beach Club Architectural Review Committee, which requires a 5-foot landscape buffer, that would make the driveway only 6 feet wide and impassable at the point. The Beach Club ARC has stated it would agree with the front facing garage if the council approved a variance, allowing only for the garage and no other changes or renovations. The council discussed the comments from the ARC, but Mayor Nelson stated that is not the council’s issue. The setback problem and inability to navigate the driveway. A garage is required. Mrs. Debbee Barker of 27 Winnebago Road was not against the variance but is upset that the property is not in compliance with code. She felt that a fence should be put around the property or the property needs to be brought into compliance. Mrs. Barker would like the property to become compliant before granting the variance. Mrs. Rhonda Brent asked about a time limit regarding timeframe for renovation of the properties. The council discussed the property maintenance issue with Lenore and Mr. Blake. Mr. Volkert stated that the variance would need to be for a renovation, not a new single-family home. Mayor Nelson stated this is a different issue. The council should be considering the variance request. Public comments were closed. Mr. Volkert made a motion to approve the variance for a front facing garage for a renovation only due to the hardship provided and that if the house is demolished a new request for variance would be required. Motion seconded by Mr. Hodgson. Roll was called;
Mrs. Bryan, Mr. Miron, Mrs. Bruener, Mr. Hodgson, and Mr. Volkert approved the request. Mr. Tomlinson voted against. Motion passed 5-1.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider an agreement with the Broward Supervisor of Elections to hold the 2023 municipal elections. Mr. Swartz read the resolution by title only. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by Mr. Hodgson to approve the resolution and agreement with Broward Supervisor of Elections. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider the ILA with Broward County for storm debris removal. Mr. Swartz read the resolution by title only. This agreement would allow the village to participate in the disposal should it be needed. The village would pay a proportionate share. Currently we have a contract with Ted Conner which includes disposal, but this would give the Village an option. Motion made by Mr. Miron and seconded by Mrs. Bruener to approve the ILA with Broward County for storm debris disposal. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider a resolution to incorporate the ILA with Broward County into the storm debris removal agreement with Ted Conner. Mr. Swartz read the resolution by title only. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Miron to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

The December council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.