

March 27, 2024

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mr. Tomlinson

Mr. Hodgson

Mr. Weber

Mr. Borshchukov

Mr. Robichaux (by phone)

Also:

D. J. Doody

Sean Swartz

Starr Paton

The roll was called, and a quorum was determined.

Mr. Doody addressed the council to discuss the reduction of the number of council members to five from seven as the charter amendment passed. Mr. Herb Yardley resigned today so we now have five members of the council. No one qualified for the mayor's position and under the charter, a mayor can be appointed. Mr. Doody stated that there are lawsuits pending regarding the Form 6 requirement for municipalities, one in state court and another in federal court. However, the state legislature did not make any changes. Mr. Doody stated the main concern is to maintain the government of the village. The prior council voted to continue with the mayoral position. The mayor does not vote and acts as a city manager. He stated the current council can consider appointing a mayor or continuing as a council without a mayor. The council might consider appointing Mr. Yardley as mayor, and he is prepared to fill that void. The charter also allows for quarterly meetings if a quorum cannot be achieved. The most important function of the council is attending the budget meetings and approving the budget in September.

Mr. Tomlinson asked the council to review the minutes of the February 21, 2024, council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable for March. All the bills were ordinary and necessary. The Chief purchased a new 2023 Explorer which was allotted in the budget. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the accounts payable for March. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the February financial statement. This is the fifth month of the fiscal year. The cash balance at the end of February was \$3,031,219. Mr. Tomlinson wired \$250,000 to the Florida Prime account as it currently is paying 5% interest or higher. He discussed the rates on our demand and FMIVT accounts as well. Revenues and

expenditures are in line. The budgeted amounts on the financial statements were last year's numbers. Now that the audit is completed, he will update to the 2023-24 budget numbers. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the February 2024 financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien stated two of our officers that were out on medical leave have returned. We are attending meetings regarding the "Wheels Up Sundays" where motorcyclists have been riding along A1A and other roads. Officers are also following the intelligence regarding Jewish places of worship as we have the Chabad located in the plaza. The Chief also discussed the ongoing parking issues on Tahoe Lane, and we have added a bilingual aide for Monday mornings.

Code Compliance Report:

No report this month. We will ask Victor for an updated list for the April meeting.

Public Comments:

Mr. Bill Harter of 17 Saranac Rd. asked the council for help to reduce the speed of boats in the Intracoastal Waterway within the Sea Ranch Lakes jurisdiction. Mr. Harter would like to have the 25-mph speed limit changed. The signage in our area is complicated and difficult to read at any speed. He would like to see it changed to a permanent minimum wake zone. He discussed the possibility of having SRL enforcement or paying for enforcement within the Sea Ranch portion of the waterway. Mr. Harter discussed City of Pompano and Hillsboro Beach's efforts as well. Mr. Swartz, whose firm also represents Hillsboro Beach, discussed what Hillsboro has done and the challenges to get the State and FWC to make changes, especially as the fishing industry lobbyists have clout with these agencies. Motion made by Mr. Borshchukov and seconded by Mr. Tomlinson to draft a resolution to support a similar enforcement for regulating the speed of boats as Hillsboro Beach. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Swartz will bring a resolution back to the council next month and will investigate other municipalities' process for boating speed control.

New Business:

Mr. Tomlinson asked for two council members to be director and alternate to Broward League of Cities for the 2024-25 year. Mr. Weber will serve as director and Mr. Borshchukov will serve as alternate.

Mr. Tomlinson asked the council to consider the landscape plan for 8 Tahoe Lane. Calvin Giordano has approved the plan. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Weber to approve the landscape plan. Mr. Borshchukov stated he must abstain from voting as this is his private property. Motion passed unanimously.

Council President Report:

April meeting date was set for Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Adjourn.

