

June 5, 2024

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Yardley

Mr. Tomlinson

Mr. Hodgson

Mr. Borshchukov

Mr. Robichaux

Also:

Sean Swartz

Starr Paton

The roll was called, and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the April 24, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov 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. Borshchukov to approve the accounts payable for June. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the April financial statement. Cash on hand at the end of April was \$2,926,427. We are earning 3 ½ % interest at this time. Mr. Tomlinson went over the year-to-date figures. Both receipts and expenses appear to be in good shape. There were no questions on the financial statement.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the 2024 Taxable Value report which we received last week. This report lists all the municipalities and the amount of increase per city. The Village had the highest percentage of all the cities in Broward at 17.26% increase. Mr. Tomlinson discussed the analysis of the report with the council members. Increasing tax revenues typically will trigger a decrease in the millage rate. Previously the rate dropped from 7.5 mills to 6.5 mills last year. The next fiscal year for 2024-25 will give us an increase of approximately \$324,000 in revenue. Chief O'Brien and Mr. Tomlinson will be reviewing the police budget and salaries. We need to determine the tentative millage rate at this meeting. Mr. Tomlinson provided a table for the council members showing different millage rates and corresponding revenues. The council discussed with Mr. Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson recommended adopting the same rate as last year at 6.5 mills as we can reduce at the budget hearing, but we cannot increase. Mr. Tomlinson also discussed the road maintenance funds and where they are spent and how these funds are accounted in the general ledger for audit purposes. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the April financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief O'Brien discussed the theft and recovery of two bikes and unlocked vehicle entries last month as well as entries into unlocked vehicles and garages this week. This week's event had cash, a firearm, and equipment missing from vehicles. Chief O'Brien again reiterated to residents the importance of locking vehicles, removing the fobs, and closing garage doors. The perpetrators were in the village for several hours, most likely entering the village over the Pine Avenue wall. The plaza has had the hedges cut so we have a better line of sight down Pine Avenue. We have a lane reduction at the exit at night in place to verify who is leaving the village. The pedestrian gates will continue to be locked every night. Extra patrol officers will be added. The Chief is meeting with Ocean Bay Club personnel to review their video from this week. Mayor Yardley stated he will be meeting with the Chief to discuss increased patrols and security in and around the village. Mr. Ray Sanchez of 12 Seneca Rd. discussed the possibility of installing a grid of cameras within the village. He has met with the vendor who worked on his home and discussed some features with the Mayor and council and will get a cost estimate soon. Chief O'Brien stated we cannot always prevent crime, but we can deter it. Chief O'Brien will also be speaking with the plaza owners regarding additional cameras there.

The Beach Club president, Mr. Alex Soto stated several security options have been discussed over the last 5 years, but none have been implemented. The Beach Club would likely offer financial assistance towards additional security measures and do what's necessary to protect the village residents. Mr. Tomlinson stated the village is looking at installing three-foot aluminum tipped railing atop the wall in vulnerable areas of the north and south walls.

Mayor Yardley stated the chief will give council the cost of the camera system and the mayor will contact all council members for approval. Increased patrols and plans for the wall enhancements should make positive steps about this situation.

Public comments opened:

Mrs. Vicky D'Annunzio asked that the owner of 37 Seneca Road be notified about the condition of the property and pool and has a foul odor. The property has not been maintained since they purchased the home, and it needs immediate attention.

Mr. Raymond Sanchez discussed the need for a parking plan for each construction site to help mitigate the street parking issues as has been seen in the Tahoe/Seneca Rd. area. Mayor Yardley asked that our code compliance officer investigate the code statutes to help enforce this issue properly.

Mr. Charlie Urso asked for help enforcing a no wake zone in the Intracoastal. The wave activity is damaging his new dock and seawall and he had already had to repair them. He

also spoke about getting natural gas into the village and discussed the cost of septic systems and sewers.

Public comments closed.

New Business:

Mayor Yardley asked the council to consider the tentative millage rate for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the tentative millage rate of 6.5 mils. The roll was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Yardley asked the council to consider an amendment to our floodplain ordinance to bring the language up to date with the new flood maps and FEMA changes. Mr. Swartz read the ordinance on first reading by title only. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Tomlinson to approve the amendment on first reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Yardley asked the council to consider an extension to the Village agreement with Ted Conner landscape services for hurricane and storm clean up. Mr. Hodgson stated they have been reliable, and we have other working relationships with them. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Robichaux to extend the agreement with Ted Conner through May 1, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

The July council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.