

July 10, 2024

## Village Council Meeting

### Attendance:

Mayor Yardley

Mr. Tomlinson

Mr. Weber

Mr. Borshchukov

Mr. Robichaux (via phone)

### Also:

Sean Swartz

Starr Paton

Sen. Jason Pizzo

The roll was called, and a quorum was determined.

Senator Jason Pizzo, who represents twenty cities in our district spoke to the council regarding several subjects. Senator Pizzo first addressed his concern regarding infrastructure for storms in our area, especially the environmental impact of septic systems in the Village. He stated the State would like for all municipalities with existing septic systems to consider converting to sewer systems and discussed funding resources which might be available from the state or federal level. The council informed the Senator that our roads were privately owned. Senator Pizzo felt that funds still may be available through state or federal grants. His office will send us more information. Mr. Borshchukov asked about what was happening with the insurance industry for homeowners' insurance. Sen. Pizzo gave an update on what is currently in the legislature. He discussed some condominiums on the Galt Ocean Mile who had banded together and self-insured to reduce costs. The Senator also discussed the Form 6 financial disclosures and the short-term rental issues, along with his support of law enforcement in his district. Mayor Yardley thanked him for his time and appreciated his informative visit.

The minutes from the June 5, 2024, council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the June 5, 2024, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the financial statement for June. Cash balance at the end of June was \$2,657,198. We are earning approximately 3.5% from our sweep account. Our investment account with the state is earning approximately 5%. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, we are 9

months into our fiscal year. Our ad valorem receipts are \$1,910,000 and we are still approximately \$7,900 short of our budgeted amount. Building permit receipts are \$164,000, which is already above the budgeted \$150,000. Interest income is \$60,000. Police department expenses were over budget this month due to increased night patrols. The Chief is working on the budget for the upcoming year. The PBA contract is in effect, and they will receive a 4.5% increase this year. We will look at the budget again at the August meeting prior to setting the ad valorem rate. On a positive note, the water billing has been reduced significantly with the installation of the well, although that was offset by the increase in the village lease agreement this year. Motion made by Mr. Borshchukov and seconded by Mr. Weber to approve the June financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Police Report:

Chief O'Brien updated the council on security enhancements over the last month. The police department has added night patrols, added an electric golf cart rental for the month to use at night and reduced/blocked the exit lane during late night/early morning hours to verify exit vehicles. There have been no incidents this month to date. We have obtained a warrant to investigate cell phone usage regarding the incident at 28 Seneca Rd. The Chief is currently discussing additional cameras with the plaza management as well. The Lauderdale by the Sea commission as turned down our request for planting the Spanish bayonet plants along Pine Avenue as those residents were concerned for pet walking. We have asked them to consider bougainvillea plants as an alternative.

Mr. Tomlinson discussed the proposal to install aluminum railings in vulnerable spots along the north wall and corner behind Publix. Initial proposal would be approximately \$30,000 for the five locations, which include a fan type installation by 24 Seneca Rd to prevent entry by Intracoastal. The council also viewed two prototypes of spikes for consideration of placement atop the wall in other areas.

#### Code Compliance Report:

Mayor Yardley will meet with our code compliance officer Victor tomorrow to discuss current cases. The property at 21 Seneca Rd. is scheduled for foreclosure auction on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Village currently has a lien on the property more than \$200,000.

#### New Business:

Mayor Yardley asked the council to consider second reading of an ordinance amendment to update the flood insurance rate maps providing for revised date of flood insurance study and definition of market value. Sean Swartz read the amendment by title only. Public hearing was opened. There were no comments. Public hearing was closed. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Yardley asked the council to consider renewal of the interlocal agreement with Broward County for Household Hazardous Waste drop-off. Sean Swartz read the

resolution authorizing the renewal of the interlocal agreement. Motion made by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comments opened:

Ana Recalde of 42 Cayuga Road spoke with the council regarding her son Luca who has autism. She is dedicated to making sure he leads his best life and wanted to share autism awareness with the village residents. Ms. Recalde will be sending a letter to residents soon.

Ray Sanchez of 12 Seneca Rd. had more information regarding the security cameras. Mayor Yardley asked that he give that information to the Chief who can inform the council of information as needed.

Public comments closed.

The August council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.