

January 9, 2025

## Village Council Meeting

### Attendance:

Mayor Yardley  
Mr. Tomlinson  
Mr. Weber  
Mr. Hodgson  
Mr. Borshchukov  
Mr. Robichaux

### Also:

Sean Swartz  
Starr Paton

The roll was called, and a quorum was determined.

The minutes from the December 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Robichaux to approve the December 12, 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. Hodgson to approve the January 2025 accounts payable.

Mr. Tomlinson stated we were not able to have the December financial statement as the meeting was held too early in the month. We will review the December financials at the February meeting. Mr. Tomlinson distributed a cash flow statement and discussed this statement with the council members citing how much operating cash is needed through the fiscal year and the interest rates we are getting in the sweep account, FMIvT account and the Florida Prime account. The investment products have done well over the past year and John will be moving additional funds into the FMIvT account. This is a 0–2-year investment high quality bond fund product which offers better rates and the safety of liquidity if needed. Mayor Yardley stated Mr. Tomlinson's council term ends in March and he is term-limited. Mr. Tomlinson will continue to be the Chief financial officer for the village, which gives him the ability to sign checks and interface with the auditors.

### Police Report:

Chief O'Brien stated the exit gate is working well and gate officers can flex the operating time depending on events. We will be installing cameras which will give the gate officer a better ability to view the drivers of the exit vehicles. We have also purchased handheld radios that are for department use only which gives a better line of communication for the desk officer to the on-duty police officer. The new railing along the wall behind 6

Minnetonka has been installed and the security light at the corner behind the shopping plaza was repaired and reinstalled which gives a lot more light in that corner. One of our police vehicles was struck by a bullet in the hood of the car on New Year's Eve while patrolling the village along Saranac Rd. No injuries and no damage to the vehicle engine, however the hole in the hood will need to be repaired. There were gate delays on New Year's Eve involving a large house party where guests were mostly arriving via Uber or ridesharing. It was difficult to ascertain if all parties in the vehicle were authorized guests. Mr. Yardley stated there have been no further entries over the wall or vehicles thefts and no complaints from residents regarding the exit gate.

#### Code Compliance Report:

There was no report this month. Bernard Pita continues to look for a compliance officer to fill the vacancy from the prior officer.

#### Beach Club Liaison Report:

There was no member of the Beach Club present to give a report.

#### Public Comments:

Mr. Bill Harter of 17 Saranac Road spoke regarding an email he sent to the council regarding increased Intracoastal restrictions regarding speed and seawall distance violations. Mr. Harter stated that there is not enough enforcement of these issues, and this is causing damage to seawalls and vessels. The "no wake" zone is only in effect during the 6 months of manatee season, and he would like to see a "no wake" zone permanently in place. He would also like to see greater enforcement north of the Commercial Blvd. bridge. Mr. Harter had contacted Broward Sheriff's Office marine patrol unit who informed him that Deerfield and Hillsboro are working on the process in their area. Mr. Harter would like the council to reach out to these cities and offer the council's support.

Mayor Yardley stated there is no question this is a serious issue, and the council totally supports the efforts of these cities. Mayor Yardley stated we will reach out to these cities to see what is being done and in what way we can offer support and help.

Public comments closed.

#### New Business:

Mayor Yardley asked the council to consider the second reading of Ordinance 2024-04. Mr. Swartz read the ordinance by title only creating section 10-11 of the Village's code of ordinances to prohibit certain light glare on residential properties. Public hearing was opened. There were no comments. Public hearing was closed. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve Ordinance 2024-04. The roll was called and the ordinance passed unanimously.

The February council meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.

