

March 26, 2026

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Nelson

Mrs. Bryan

Mr. Hodgson

Mr. Robichaux

Mr. Borshchukov

Also:

Mr. Tomlinson

Sean Swartz

Chief Gajate

Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes of the February 26, 2026, council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mrs. Bryan to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the accounts payable. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the accounts payable for March. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the February financial statement. Cash balance at the end of February was \$3,474,000. Revenue receipts are in fairly good shape. We are still down a little in ad valorem receipts, but we should collect the balance of the final \$300,000 in March and April. In general administration expenses, we have a police department variance of \$180,000. Several of the police expenses need to be reclassified by the accountants, including the purchase of the last Explorer for \$27,000 and approximately \$43,000 in village hall renovation expenses which should go under capital expenditures. Training expenses also need to be reclassified as they have gone in general miscellaneous account. Chief Gajate stated that we have had significant training expenses under the new records management systems including RMS, Tracs, and Elvis. All these systems were provided to us free of charge through our Node 0 IT firm and the Panama City Police Department. We also needed extra staffing to facilitate the RFID installation and added staffing hours with the overnight security patrols as well. Chief explained the CAD system is now up and running, which is a much more efficient and effective way for the officers to do reports and get information. Mr. Tomlinson explained how we arrived at the budget numbers for police staffing but the technical improvements for both the officers and the village have required a

significant amount of training time. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the February 28, 2026.

Police Report:

Chief Gajate stated there have been no spring break incidents in the plaza and they have backed up BSO on a few calls in Lauderdale by the Sea. Both our officers and BSO have given extra attention to the Chabad during the Purim holiday. All 6 Flock Safety cameras are now installed. The AI component for the cameras is coming in June. These cameras give us the capability to get alerts on phone and computer, set up perimeters and location alerts, and have much quicker replay time. The cameras cover the north and south wall areas.

Code Compliance Report:

Starr reported that Bernard issued a notice of violation to 4 Winona Lane for property maintenance and will be speaking with them regarding updating their landscape. No update on code compliance issues with 19 Gatehouse Rd. The council discussed property maintenance issues through the village and Starr stated we are complaint driven at this time, but should the council like to address more issues, we can advise Bernard to address more issue with violation notices.

Beach Club Liaison:

Mrs. Debbie Barker reported that the Beach Club have filed suit against the owners of 19 Gatehouse Rd. regarding the removal of the fence and landscape.

Public comments:

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

New Business:

Mr. Tomlinson discussed the 2024-25 audited financial statements provided by our auditors, Grau and Associates. This is the second year they have audited our financials. Mr. Tomlinson stated the auditors provide an opinion statement as part of the audit and found us in compliance with account principles. They review our state receipts and fees along with our revenues and expenses. They also review our internal controls with tests and review our procedures to safeguard the Village funds. There were no deficiencies in our internal controls. Motion made by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the 2024-25 annual audited financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Nelson stated that director nominations were needed for the Broward League of Cities. Mr. Borshchukov offered to remain as director and Mr. Volkert will remain as alternate.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Nelson stated he would like to address consistency and definitions of building permits requirements between the Village and Beach Club Architectural Committee so that architects, residents, and contractors have a good basis and understanding of what is

required and permits may be issued on a timely basis. The mayor, council members and Mrs. Barker discussed these issues. Mayor Nelson will reach out to Beach Club president, Holly Moody to discuss further.

The April meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.