

May 20, 2026

Village Council Meeting

Attendance:

Mayor Nelson
Mrs. Bryan
Mr. Borshchukov
Mr. Robichaux
Mr. Volkert

Also:

Sean Swartz
John Tomlinson
Chief Gajate
Starr Paton

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

The minutes of the April 23, 2026, council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mr. Borshchukov and seconded by Mr. Volkert to approve the April 23, 2026, council meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Tomlinson reviewed the April 30, 2026, financial statement with the council. Cash balance at the end of April was \$3,352,262. Ad valorem receipts are short \$26,000 to budgeted amount. The balance of the revenue accounts is in line with the budget. Mr. Tomlinson discussed the expenses. General administration items were in line. The Police Department is over budget due to training and implementation of all the new systems (Gate Sentry, RFID, CAD, and new reporting software for the vehicle laptops). Chief Gajate discussed the different systems with the council members to explain the new systems and the importance of the new systems for officer safety and digital reporting cases and information. Chief Gajate does not anticipate any new programs, other than the Flock Safety cameras, in the immediate future. Mr. Tomlinson also stated he is reviewing the payroll numbers as this year we had increased overnight patrols in response to resident requests for increased security. Chief Gajate stated the AI component to the Flock Safety cameras is due to be installed mid-June. The Chief wants to demonstrate the cameras to the council as soon as the component is installed. The Chief stated the extra patrol has been working as neighborhoods to the north and south have been hit by burglaries lately. Mr. Volkert stated that once the AI is up and running, the council should consider possibly adding more cameras as an alternative to more patrol hours. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan

and seconded Mr. Borshchukov to approve the April 30, 2026, financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Report:

Chief Gajate stated a new group has moved into the halfway house in Lauderdale by the Sea. Our officers identify the problem people and ensure they are trespassed, if necessary, in the plaza. Mrs. Bryan stated there has been an increase in homeless people as well. Trespassers are photographed and information is kept in a file. They are given a warning or Notice to Appear and then can be arrested after 2 notices. There were two solicitors last Sunday who came over the wall via Ocean Bay Club and were soliciting pressure cleaning. A resident called and our officers responded, confirmed their story, ran background checks on them, and found no probable cause to arrest them. They were both given trespass warnings. Chief would like to remind residents there is no solicitation at any time in the village and if you see something out of the ordinary, say something and call the gate for response from officers. The Chief stated we would need to have private property posted every 500 feet, clearly visible along the wall, in order to arrest them for trespassing. Mr. Volkert asked that we send out reminders regarding safety directives and updates. Chief stated it might be worthwhile to post the signs if the council desires. Motion made by Mr. Borshchukov to appropriate sufficient funds to procure and post the “no trespassing” signs per Florida Statute and seconded by Mrs. Bryan. The roll was called and the motion passed unanimously. The Chief also reported a drunk and disorderly call and the plaza bar which resulted in an arrest. BSO backed up our officers on the call. Mrs. Debbie Barker asked about homeless people sleeping behind the storage building in the plaza. The Chief responded about how the officers respond to homeless calls and stated the top priority is per the council is inside the village at night, but they are patrolling the plaza and moving the homeless along or relocating when possible. The council further discussed the placement of no trespassing signs.

Code Compliance report:

Starr Paton reported that code compliance received complaints regarding the roof tarp at 40 Cayuga Rd. This home is unoccupied, with the owner living outside of the country. The owner is collaborating with an architect for remodeling and re-roofing. Bernard will follow up to make sure the tarp is properly secured.

Beach Club Liaison:

Mrs. Debbie Barker reported the Beach Club roof had been completed. The Beach Club is revisiting vendors to look for ways to help with the budget and moving funds into other accounts. The Beach Club is also monitoring the vegetation plantings around the stop signs to make sure there are no line-of-sight issues. Mrs. Barker discussed the ongoing litigation with the owners of 19 Gatehouse Rd.

The council discussed this issue further with Sean Swartz who stated the Village can proceed with foreclosure for the outstanding fines. Motion made by Mr. Borshchukov and

seconded by Mr. Volkert to send a letter to their attorney, Jack Seiler, regarding possible foreclosure unless the fines are paid within 30 days. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comments opened.

Mrs. Barker asked if a safety letter could be sent to residents regarding the electric bikes as there have been several near misses with children on these bikes. She also questioned the need for drivers' licenses for drivers of golf carts. Chief Gajate stated Lt. Bures is attending a seminar in the next week regarding the electric bike regulations. As of now, there are no laws regarding these vehicles in Florida.

Public comments closed.

New Business:

Mayor Nelson asked the council to consider the annual renewal of the agreement with Ted Conner Landscaping to provide post-storm hurricane clean up for the Village. Motion made by Mrs. Bryan and seconded by Mr. Borshchukov to approve the renewal agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

The next council meeting will be held on Wed. July 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn.