"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Fontes, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, 3 members of the Westside Historical Society, and two (2) members of the Media.
Absent: None

I. ***Call to Order*** – Mr. Bass at 7:00 PM.

II. ***Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation*** – Mr. Bass

III. ***Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded*** – Mr. Bass

IV. ***Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit***

- John Hendrix, Emily Baumgartner, & Jerry Peterson from the West Nassau Historical Society
  - Stated that this year's Railroad Days are April 16th & the plan is to have a Larger Entertainment Area. Asked the Council to consider sponsoring the Children's area again for $1000.
  - Council Consensus was to add a Resolution to the next Agenda for $1000.
  - Mr. Hendrix presented the Mayor with a handwritten copy of the original Town Charter from 1885.

V. ***Minutes***

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.

- Motion Carried.

VI. *Treasurer's Report*

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
  - Discussion: Mrs. Smith asked if this total reflected the Water & Sewer payment, and Mr. Fontes & Mr. Williams stated that it does not.
  - Motion Carried.

VII. *New Business*

- Resolution 2016-R01 -- Callahan Middle School AVID Program
  - Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-R01 for $300 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Discussion: Mr. Fontes stated that since the Council is looking to reduce donations that we do $300 instead of the requested $500.
  - Motion Carried.

- Resolution 2016-R02 – GNCCC Annual Banquet
  - Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-R02 for $300 by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Discussion: Mrs. Knagge stated this was the annual Banquet that in years past we have supported. The cost is $40 per ticket or a table of 8 for $300. Mayor, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Knagge, and Mr. Bass stated they would attend and represent the Town.
  - Motion Carried.

VIII. *Recurring Business*

- Water & Sewer Adjustments – None
  - Mr. Fontes asked that this Category be moved down under Disbursements.

IX. *Review & Approval of Town Expenditures*

- General Fund **$4,893.04**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Fund **$15,300.75**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements **$403.68**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

X. *Around the Council Table*

- **Mayor**
  - Wished everyone a Happy New Year, and stated he looked forward to working with the Council to help the Town grow and become even better.

- **Mrs. Smith – Parks**
  - Stated that both Grants have finally come through for Ewing Park, and now we will start working on the Commencement Ceremony.

- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
  - Stated he learned of some new Grants through the State of Florida from Representative Adkins, and he & Mr. Williams are looking into them. The chances are slim, but worth a shot.

- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**
  - Discussion on Speeding through Town especially by the schools.
  - Council Consensus is to Authorize the Mayor & Mrs. Shaw to hire an off duty officer for a couple varying shifts through the week.
  - Mrs. Shaw stated that Krystal has let their permit expire and at this time it appears they aren't coming.

- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing

- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
  - Alerted the Council that the next Meeting would need to move to Tuesday the 19th due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

- **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** – Nothing

- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
  - Stated he was looking forward to the New Year with a lot of new exciting things ahead.

XI. *Adjourn*

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **7:38 PM**

John Kenneth Bass, Council President

Stephanie Knagge

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