



"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Minutes

November 07, 2022 ** 7:00 PM

Present at Meeting: Mayor Davis, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Fleming, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Pearce, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Gugliuzza 8 Members of the Community and 2 Members of the Media.

Absent: Ms. Shaw & Mrs. Bishop-Vargas

- I. **Call to Order** – Ken Bass at 7:00 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation** – Ken Bass
- III. **Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded** – Ken Bass
- IV. **Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit** – Douglas Conkey 7775 Baymeadows Way, Suite 102 Jacksonville, FL. 32256 Intergovernmental Coordinator for The St. Johns River Water Management District. Time change for the district is one watering day per week. Artesian Well Program- 171 abandoned or unused artesian wells have been plugged that has created 24.5 million gallons of water a day in savings that is huge for our water conservation.
- V. **Meeting was paused @ 7:05 pm-** Council President had to step out with a health issue Meeting resumed with Council President Mr. Bass re-entering @ 7:06pm

VI. Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

VII. Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

VIII. Business:

- **Presentation for the WNHS JROTC**

Mayor Davis Thank the JROTC on behalf of The Town of Callahan for their continuous outreach to the community and helping to fill sandbags for the community recently for Hurricane Ian and presented them with a \$1000.00 donation from The Town of Callahan.

- **Resolution 2022-R16 A donation to the West Nassau Historical Society from the ARPA funds** – Mrs. Pearce read the Resolution out loud to the council and those in attendance.
- **The meeting was paused @ 7:12 pm** due to Council President needing to step out due to medical issues.
- **The meeting resumed @ 7:25 pm** with Mr. Mellecker standing in as Council President as Mr. Bass relinquished the Chair and took Mr. Melleckers place to maintain a quorum.
- Mrs. Pearce again read the Resolution 2022-R16 out loud to the council and those in attendance.

~~Mrs. Fleming made a motion to discuss the amount and 2nd by Mr. Bass~~ motion was withdrawn by Mrs. Fleming and amendment was made to the first motion to donate \$39,200.00 to the West Nassau Historical Society from the ARPA funds

A Motion to approve the Resolution 2022-R16 in the amount of \$39,200.00 to the West Nassau Historical Society from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Bass

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

- **Resolution 2022-R17 For The Town of Callahan To Hold A Year End Dinner** – Mrs. Pearce read the Resolution out loud to the council and those in attendance. A motion to approve the Year End Dinner with a total budget of \$1500.00 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Bass
- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

➤ **Approval of the Animal Control Contract -**

Mr. Williams approached the Podium to discuss the Animal Control Contract – it is extended for three years with a 5% increase for each year.

A motion to approve the Animal Control Contract by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Bass

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

➤ **Fire Department Agreement**

Would like to implement a 10-year agreement at the consumer price index of a rate increase each year. Rate starting at \$2200.00 that includes two bays and upstairs on a standard lease

Motion to approve the Fire Department Agreement by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Bass

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

➤ **Dates for the Joint Meeting for the NCSB-**

Consensus for the dates of January 03rd & January 17th at 6:00 pm

- **Litigation-** Received a settlement from Farah & Farah from an incident that happened in Ewing Park in the amount of \$200,000.00. \$200,000.00 is the cap. The council can counter the proposal for settlement. The Town of Callahan has 30 days to respond we are at day 28. The Florida League Attorneys are handling the case.

Motion to take litigation to mediation by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Bass

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

- **Movie in the Park on December 03, 2022-** We would need to use the The Towns sound system and we need to get the quotes to the rights for the movie which is approximately \$700.00

Consensus to approve the Movie in The Park on December 03, 2022

- **Resolution 2022-R18 Cross Connection Control Program-** Mrs. Pearce read the Resolution out loud to the council and those in attendance.

A Motion to approve the Resolution 2022-R18 the Cross- Connection Control Program by Mr. Bass and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

IX. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures:

General Fund the week October 20th \$27,011.18 27th \$14,979.39 and November 03rd \$7,435.12 totaling \$49,425.69

Motion to approve General Fund weeks of October 20th 27th and November 03rd by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Bass

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

Water & Sewer Fund weeks of October 20th \$20,249.59 21st \$49,505.97 27th \$26,827.41 and November 03rd \$11,674.17 totaling \$108,257.14

Motion to approve Water & Sewer Fund weeks of October 20th, 21st, 27th, and November 03rd by Mr. Bass and 2nd by Mrs. Fleming

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

X. October 2022 Deposits and Disbursements

Motion to approve Water/Sewer Deposits and Disbursements in the amount of \$1048.79 by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mr. Bass

- Discussion: None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza called roll
- **Motion Carried**

X. Around the Council Table

- Mayor – Would like to Thank the Town for the Honor of being Mayor. Excited to see if we continue to grow and expand.
- Mrs. Bishop Vargas- Absent
- Mrs. Fleming – None
- Mrs. Kirk- None
- Ms. Shaw- Absent
- Mr. Mellecker- None
- Mrs. Pearce- None
- Mrs. Gugliuzza-None
- Mr. Williams- None
- Mr. Bass- Asked if we had an update on the Light for the (Do not Block) in front of the fire station

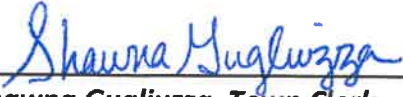
IX. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Mrs. Fleming and 2nd by Mrs. Bass

- Time 7:50pm



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Shawna Gugliuzza, Town Clerk

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.