



"The Crossroads to the Future"

## Town Council Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2016

7:00 P.M.

**Present at Meeting:** Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, Commissioner Spicer, three (3) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

**Absent:** None

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- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:01 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation** – Mr. Bass & Pastor Walter Cooper
- III. **Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded** – Mr. Bass
- IV. **Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit**
  - Pastor Walter Cooper of "He Changes My Mind Ministries" on 45035 New Ogilvie Rd.
    - Looking for Community Sponsorship of the Training Programs his ministry is providing to students and families.
    - Helping to offer free Karate Classes at the First United Methodist Church with Sensei Bruce Copen. Also, helping with the Cub scouts program also at FUMC.
    - Mr. Fontes recommended that he connect with Barnabas, Rayonier, and other organizations in Nassau County.
    - Mrs. Knagge stated that was their 501-3C was obtained they could approach the Town and other organizations for charitable contributions.
- V. **Minutes**
  - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Shaw.

- Discussion: None
- Motion Carried.

## **II. Treasurer's Report**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Fontes.
  - Discussion:
    - Mr. Fontes asked if Rural Development was paid in September. Mr. Williams stated he would look into it.
  - Motion Carried.

## **VII. Presentations**

- Mayoral Proclamation
  - Military Families
    - Read by Mayor Rau
    - Asked Community to make a special effort to love on Military Families.
    - Proclaimed November 2016 as "Military Family Month"
- Nassau County Economic Development Board – Laura Dibella & Randy Knagge
  - Ms. Dibella updated the Council on the possibility of 3 big projects coming to our area, and stated she expects some announcements to be made very soon.
  - Mr. Knagge stated he has enjoyed working as the Town's Representative to the NCEDB. He said he sees the need for more businesses to support the growing number of residents in our area to help others, like himself, who have to drive over an hour each way to make a reputable wage.
  - Mr. Fontes asked to add a Resolution to the next Agenda for consideration of sponsoring the NCEDB.

## **VIII. Business**

- Final Public Hearing Continuance
  - Ordinance 2016-O4 – Annexation Section 49
    - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
      - Stated that he clarified the legal descriptions for all 7 parcels (3 full & 4 partial).
    - Closed Regular Meeting 7:24 PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:24 PM
      - Public Comment
        - Pastor Cooper – Which Parcels are up for consideration? Mr. Branham stated they were the ones with bold lines.
    - Closed Public Hearing 7:26 PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:26 PM
    - Motion to accept Final Reading of Ordinance 2016-004 by Mr. Fontes, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
      - Discussion: None
      - Motion Carried.

- Ordinance 2016-O5 – Annexation Sections 51 & 20
  - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
  - Stated that he clarified the legal descriptions.
  - Closed Regular Meeting 7:28 PM and Opened Public Hearing 7:28 PM
    - No Public Comment
  - Closed Public Hearing 7:29 PM and Opened Regular Meeting 7:29 PM
  - Motion to accept Final Reading of Ordinance 2016-O05 by Mrs. Smith, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried.
- Final Public Hearing -- REMOVE
  - Ordinance 2016-O6 – Zoning Re-Classification -- Canceled
    - Mr. Branham stated this was not needed according to our Code. He said it could be handled under 'future land use' instead of 'zoning'.
- Impact Fees – Tabled
  - Mr. Fontes stated the fees were discussed at the Planning & Zoning Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Land Acquisition -- Tabled
- Resolution 2016-R25 – Employee Christmas Party
  - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R25 with the Amended amount of \$1500 by Mrs. Shaw, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion:
      - Mrs. Shaw stated if we were to have it catered it would cost more than the normal \$1000.
      - Mrs. Smith stated she thought the \$1000 was more than enough.
      - Mr. Fontes stated he felt we should table it until we can find out how much caterers would cost, and then up the amount if needed.
      - Mrs. Knagge reminded the Council that we can't hire a caterer without the approved Resolution. Mr. Branham concurred.
    - No Votes: Smith, Fontes, and Bass.
    - Motion Denied.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2016-R25 as written for \$1000 by Mrs. Smith, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Billing Software
  - Mr. Williams asked the Council to consider updating the old Billing Software back to the Green Tree System in the Amount of \$3,375.00. He stated that the new system

they have been trying won't balance and this issue needs to be resolved before the Auditors come.

- Discussion:
  - Lengthy Discussion between Council Members & Mr. Williams.
  - Council Consensus to go with Mr. Williams's recommendation.
- Storage Building for Fire Department
  - Mr. Williams stated we need to put in a storage building to hold all of the Fire Departments equipment. The following are the bids he received:
    - L & R Storage -- \$3,212
      - 10 x 20 Steel Framed Building
      - 2 year warranty.
    - S & S Portable Structures -- \$4,165
      - 10 x 20 Wood framed structure with a raised roof & loft.
      - 30 year structure warranty & 50 year roof warranty.
  - Lengthy Discussion
  - Council Consensus for Mike to purchase the one for \$4,165 with no windows.
  - Mr. Branham stated that this was okay as long as Mayor Rau signed off on it.
- Approval of Park Equipment -- TABLED

## IX. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$14,019.99**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$18,395.45**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Disbursements **\$992.09**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Disbursements by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker.
    - Discussion: None
    - Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Adjustments
  1. Donavan Dowling on MLK
    - Leaky valve that wouldn't shut off.
    - Motion to adjust Mr. Dowling's bill by \$61.60 by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.

- Discussion:
  - Mr. Mellecker asked why the washer was out. Mr. Fontes stated that is just wore out due to old age.
- Motion Carried.
- 2. The Millers from Amhurst Oaks
  - Plummer replaced a hose bib in the backyard.
  - Motion to adjust the Miller's bill by \$115.50 by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Smith.
  - Discussion: None
  - Motion Carried.

## **X. Around the Council Table**

### ➤ **Mayor Rau**

- Received a nice thank you letter from the Vocational Scholarship Foundation for the Town's donation.

### ➤ **Mrs. Smith – Parks** -- Nothing

### ➤ **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**

- Stated that the School had turned the old Church where Barnabas is into a theater department. He encouraged everyone to check out the great entertainment while supporting our students.
- Read article from the Newsleader paper stating that the BOCC was bringing up the Municipal Service Tax yet again. The article is not accurate, and if this were to go through it could affect our Town tremendously.

### ➤ **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing

### ➤ **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**

- Christmas Lights will be going up soon.

### ➤ **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing

### ➤ **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing

### ➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**

- Christmas Parade is December 3<sup>rd</sup>... who would like to ride on the Float?
- Asked if Council wanted to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in December.
  - Council Consensus was to cancel the meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder to keep all Town Business off of your Facebook, cell phones, computers unless you want it to become Public Record, and confiscated during an investigation.
- Would like to revisit moving the Town to iPad/Computers to make sure Town Business is separate from personal business and updating the Chambers recording equipment.

➤ Mr. Williams – Town Manager – Nothing

➤ Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire

- Received a letter from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church inviting the Council to their 58<sup>th</sup> year Celebration and Pastor Clowers 3<sup>rd</sup> Year on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.
- Stated there have been an abundance of accidents and speeding. He stated he feels we just aren't getting enough coverage from the Sheriff and his deputies.

➤ Mrs. West – Westside Journal

- 80 year Celebration at Callahan Elementary School on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM
- Military Celebration at West Nassau on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

## XI. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: 8:55 PM



~~John Kenneth Bass, Council President~~  
Robert Rau, Mayor



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk