



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

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, three (3) members of the Community, and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mrs. Knagge

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bass at 7:03 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** -- None
- V. **Minutes**
 - Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- VI. **Business**
 - Resolution 2017-R02 – American Cancer Society Relay-4-Life
 - Motion to approve Resolution 2017-R02 in the amount of \$500 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried.

- Lease Agreement – Nassau County School Board
 - Discussion:
 - Mr. Williams recommended turning the property which is the student parking lot and part of the Gymnasium over to the School Board.
 - Mr. Branham will contact the School Board’s Attorney about the logistics.
 - Council Consensus: Hold off on final decision until the Attorney’s work out the legal aspects.

- Water & Sewer Rates
 - Mr. Fontes recommended that the Council consider a rate increase since we haven’t had one in several years and costs have increased on our end.
 - Mr. Fontes discussed possibly raising the rates on the schools from \$1.62 to \$1.67.
 - Mr. Fontes recommended only a 5% increase on the Sewer side, and a 3% on the Water side.
 - Council Consensus:
 - Mr. Branham prepare an Ordinance and discussions start at next meeting with new rates proposed to start in April.
 - Clerk to Run Ad in Newspaper for Public Hearing, and start Ordinance Procedures.

- Resolution 2017-R03 – Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
 - Motion to pay \$350 to sponsor a Table by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Read by Title – Mr. Branham
 - Discussion:
 - Who would attend?
 - Mayor and his wife would attend.
 - Most likely the Clerk, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Shaw.
 - Mr. Fontes stated he doesn’t see why the Public should pay for him to eat.
 - Mr. Mellecker and Mr. Bass agreed.
 - Mrs. Shaw withdrew her Motion.
 - Council Consensus:
 - If the Mayor and his wife would like to attend he could choose to have the Town pay with his own authority.
 - Anyone else could purchase their own tickets.

VII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$13,189.32**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Fund \$11,124.82
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried
- Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

VIII. Around the Council Table

- Mayor – Nothing
- Mrs. Smith – Parks – Nothing
- Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer -- Nothing
- Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing
- Mrs. Shaw – Streets -- Nothing
- Mr. Mellecker – Zoning – Nothing
- Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing
- Mrs. Knagge – Clerk -- Absent
- Mr. Williams – Town Manager – Nothing
- Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire
 - Asked where we were at on the Soil Sampling of the Railroad Bed.
 - Mr. Williams said it all came back clear and we are now working on the Survey and next moves.

IX. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: 7:47 PM



 John Kenneth Bass, Council President



 Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk