



“The Crossroads to the Future”

Town Council Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Knagge, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, eight (8) members of the Community, 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** -- None

V. **Minutes**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VI. **Treasurer's Report**

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

VII. Business

- Public Hearing
 - Variance – Safeway Discount Beverage License – Andy Safar
 - Mr. Safar asked the Council to consider allowing him to convert his convenience store into a package store by granting a Variance since he is 477 feet from the Youth Building of Crossroads Family Worship Center.
 - Mr. Bass Closed the Regular Meeting: 7:04 PM
 - Public Comment: None
 - Mr. Bass Reopened the Regular Meeting: 7:05 PM
 - Motion to grant a Variance to Safeway Discount Beverage for a liquor license by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mr. Fontes.
 - Discussion:
 - Mellecker – Will this be strictly a Package Store? Cigarettes & Vapor?
 - Mr. Safer stated it will no longer have food. It will strictly be a Package Store with Cigarettes & Vapor.
 - Fontes – There is a new law that has passed the House & Senate that is waiting on the Mayor’s approval that would make the distance 1000 feet instead of 500 feet if the business is over 10,000 square feet.
 - Mr. Safer stated his building is not that big.
 - Smith – Did our current Liquor store need a Variance?
 - Mr. Williams stated that it did not because it met all the Code Requirements, and was not near a school or church.
 - Knagge – Do you already have store like this in other areas?
 - Mr. Safer stated that he has 3 in Jacksonville.
 - Mr. Bass called for a Vote:
 - Fontes – Yes
 - Smith – No
 - Shaw – No
 - Mellecker – Yes
 - Bass -- No
 - Motion Failed due to a 3-2 vote.
 - Variance is NOT granted.
- Volunteer Firefighters Equipment – Captain Larry Downey
 - Stated they had purchased the first radio which ended up being about \$4,000 with installation & programming, but this does lock in the pricing for the remaining radios.
 - Stated that the original date given for the radio switch over was incorrect and we only have until January 1, 2018, not December 2018 as originally discussed.

- Stated that the Department was granted the Forestry 50/50 Grant for \$20,000 on April 4, 2017.
 - Motion to accept the Grant from the Forestry Department by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Captain Downey stated they would like to use the funds to buy an updated 'Jaws of Life' extraction system that will take the time from extracting a victim from 12-15 minutes to 3-5 minutes. This would be a sole source item since we will be purchasing a refurbished model with a lifetime warranty.
 - Motion to declare the purchase of the 'Jaws of Life' Sole Source and purchase with Forestry funds matched by Town by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Captain Downey stated they would like permission to go after another Forestry Grant to help pay for the remainder of the Radios.
 - Motion to apply for another Forestry 50/50 Grant in the amount of \$40,000 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Captain Downey stated they are still awaiting a response on the Grant that was submitted to Senator Bean and he would let Council know as soon as they hear anything.

VIII. Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$12,659.68**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Fund **\$17,997.77**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

- Water & Sewer Adjustments
 - Mr. Willie Nelson on Madison Lane
 - Toilet Flapper Leak which means the water went into the sewer.
 - Mr. Fontes stated the Adjustments doesn't meet the requirements, so he doesn't recommend the Adjustment.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements
 - \$37.28 Water & Sewer + \$196.71 Active Customers = \$633.99 Total Disbursements
 - Motion to disburse \$633.99 by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith.
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion Carried

IX. Around the Council Table

➤ Mayor

- Thank you from the West Nassau Historical Society thanking the Town for supporting Railroad Days.
- Thank you from Compulsive Gambling group for the Proclamation.
- National Day of Prayer is this Thursday night at 6:30 at the Fire Station.

➤ Mrs. Smith – Parks – Nothing

➤ Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer

- Will be attending this year's National Day of Prayer, but will spare everyone and not sing or pray.

➤ Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer – Nothing

➤ Mrs. Shaw – Streets -- Nothing

➤ Mr. Mellecker – Zoning

- Asked Ms. Knagge about the BTR's. She stated Susan had been out of Town one week and she was out sick the following week, so they hadn't had a chance to nail everything down. Mrs. Knagge stated she would try to have the information at the next meeting.

➤ Mr. Branham – Attorney – Nothing

➤ Mrs. Knagge – Clerk –

- Dr. Burns has requested a Joint School Board Meeting in September or October here at our Chambers.
 - Council Consensus was to have it on September 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM.
- National Day of Prayer May 4th at 6:30 in the Fire Station Meeting Room.
- Reminder -- No meeting on July 3rd

➤ Mr. Williams – Town Manager

- Budget Dates
 - Tentative Millage Rates & Proposed Budget – July 17th
 - 1st Public Hearing – September 5th
 - Final Budget Hearing – September 18th
 - Advertise on September 14th

➤ **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**

- Office Opening on July 3rd? Shouldn't Employees have that day off? Mayor stated he had already made the decision that we will be open that day.

X. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
- Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:15 PM**



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk