# Town of Indian Shores

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#### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES - DECEMBER 10, 2013

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING convened at 6:00 P.M. Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilor Herndon-Parrott, Councilor Sutch and Councilor Irelan.

Also Present: Attorney Metz: Chief Williams; Major Hughes; Marcia Grantham, Town Clerk; Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance; Anne Miller; Art Newsome; Charlie Parrott; Larry and Diantha Schear; Matt Towson; Mike Petruccelli; Lindsey Noble; Steve Uhlhorn; Fran Meegan; Jeannie Carlson, Reporter.

# \*\* PRESENTATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS.

Mayor Lawrence presented Plaques and Pin:

Officer Shaun Griffin promoted to Master Patrol Officer.
Officer J.D. Tindall promoted to Detective.
Officer John Wiseman promoted to Master Patrol Officer.
Officer Paul Hayes presented Pin for 20 years of service.
Officer Jeff Rawson promoted and received Captain's Badge.

# 1.0 <u>REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</u>

1.0 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for December 10, 2013.

**MOTION** by **Councilor Irelan** — seconded by **Vice Mayor Smith** — to approve Council Agenda for December 10, 2013, as published. <u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>

2.0 Comments from the public on any Agenda item.

There were no comments from the public.

James J. Lawrence Mayor

E.D. Williams Chief of Police/ Administration William F. Smith Vice Mayor

Lisa G. Robinson Director of Finance and Personnel Carole Irelan Councilor

Marcia Grantham Town Clerk Steve Sutch Councilor

Robert J. Metz, Jr. Town Attorney Joan G. Herndon-Parrott Councilor

> Steve Andrews Building Official

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### 3.0 Consideration of approving "CONSENT AGENDA", as follows:

A. MINUTES: Council - November 12, 2013
Admn. & Fin. Com. - November 12, 2013

MOTION by Councilor Sutch—seconded by Vice Mayor Smith—to approve "CONSENT AGENDA" covering Minutes, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

#### B. RE-OCCURRING EXPENSES: (Resolution 7-2008)

From 11/5/2013 thru 11/19/2013.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith — seconded by Councilor Sutch — to approve "CONSENT AGENDA" covering Re-Occurring Expenses, as published. <u>Motion carried 5-0.</u>

## 4.0 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE

#### 5.0 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Lawrence reported on receiving a response from Senator Rubio regarding a letter from the Town expressing concern relative to the flood insurance issue.

Mayor Lawrence read a couple of paragraphs from the letter, and stated it was not as much support as he would like, but noted that Senator Rubio did write back.

Mayor Lawrence presented the Christmas card signed by the employees thanking Council for their holiday pay.

#### 6.0 Town Attorney's Report. No report.

Attorney Metz stated he and his wife Jill had a great time at the Town party and thanked the Town for inviting them to the party.

7.0 Consideration of retroactively approving employee holiday pay of \$150.00 for employees, and \$75.00 for Reserve Officers, noting the holiday pay of \$125.00 for employees was incorrect when approved at the November 12, 2013 Council meeting.

**MOTION** by **Councilor Irelan--** seconded by **Councilor Herndon-Parrott --** to retroactively approve employee holiday pay of \$150.00 for employees, and \$75.00 for Reserve Officers. **Motion carried 5-0.** 

8.0 Consideration of request from Madeira Beach for the Town to approve the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Madeira Beach Triathlon scheduled for June 1, 2014.

Major Hughes reported that at last year's event three (3) bikes crashed in the center span, where the metal grate is, and he heard they are thinking of laying down a piece of carpet this year over that area. He advised he would obtain execution of the Contracts same as last year.

Major Hughes also reported he would contact them and verify the date, as the Park Boulevard Bridge is scheduled to shut down for one month starting sometime in June 2014.

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Smith—seconded by Councilor Sutch—to approve request from Madeira Beach to approve the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Madeira Beach Triathlon scheduled for June 1, 2014, subject to bridge being open. Motion carried 5-0.

9.0 Consideration of approving combined Financial Statements for periods ending October 31, 2013 and November 30, 2013.

Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance, reported the spend rate for the first and second months of October were based on closure of the FY 12-13 Budget.

The Director of Finance advised the annual audit has started and they will be here for the week, so any change will be made this month.

The Director of Finance further reported that year to date expenses increase at the beginning due to up-front costs for contracts, and advised Ad Valorem taxes are coming in and as of today \$612,000.00 has been received.

**MOTION** by **Councilor Herndon-Parrott**—seconded by **Vice Mayor Smith** — to accept Financial Statements for periods ending October 31, 2013 and November 30, 2013, and hold for audit. **Motion carried 5-0.** 

# 10.0 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of November 2013.

Chief Williams reported a significant decrease in criminal reports, increase in traffic citations, noted calls for service were down by 48 from last year, and no increase in crashes.

**MOTION** by Vice Mayor Smith — seconded by Councilor Sutch — to approve Police Activity Report covering the month of November 2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.

#### 11.0 Chief Williams' reported on the following items:

- 1) <u>Pavilion Certus Builders:</u> Have made progress over last week and a half, as footers are poured and block should go up next week, together with batten board for the floor of Pavilion.
- 2) <u>Christmas Lights:</u> Appears like all lights are working, noting they really look good, and thanks to Madeira Beach for bucket truck to put up, and Indian Rocks Beach for coming to plug them in for the Town.
- 3) <u>Florida League:</u> Spoke with Ken Small at Florida League of Cities and he advised he would help with various services available through the Florida League.
- 4) <u>Major Air Conditioning Units:</u> Repair issues with cooling condenser and sister unit, advising manufacturer has agreed to replace and include labor at manufacturer's cost. Have made some progress on the emergency generator, noting the local dealer has worked on it extensively. Chief Williams reported he sent a letter to the CEO and feel there is some activity on it, noting it is an engine timing issue.

### 12.0 Comments from the public on any subject.

- 1) Lindsey Noble, resident, complimented Officer Mike Byran regarding his diligence on controlling speed on the Park Boulevard Bridge.
- 2) Art Newsome, President, ISPOA, announced that ISPOA and the Women's Club would be holding a combined Christmas party on December 12, 2013 at 6 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Municipal Center.
- 3) Larry Schear, Fire Board Commissioner, reported there was not a quorum at the last meeting, however the Fire Board has approved interviewing a potential conflicting candidate for a Seat on the Board to represent both Belleair Beach and Belleair Shore.
- \*\* Mayor Lawrence recognized Diantha Schear and Mike Petruccelli, two candidates running for Council positions in Indian Shores.

### 13.0 Mayor's and Council Members comments on any subject.

Councilor Irelan reported the Library would be holding another Read & Feed on December 17, 2013 at Noon, featuring the book "Worthy McGuire", and noted the author would be present.

Councilor Irelan wished all happy holidays.

**Councilor Sutch** reported the cardboard recycle container back of the Municipal Center fills up quickly due to the bulk and size of cardboard.

The Town Clerk reported that Progressive Waste Solutions had just requested the Town to switch the signs to put cardboard in the front, and she will asked if this container can be checked and dumped more often.

**Councilor Herndon** reported that Florida ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the country in use of solar energy, and has now slipped to #18, advising she is going to put in solar panels, and she wished all a Merry Christmas.

Vice Mayor Smith reported on the status of the flood insurance situation, advising that not much is happening. He stated that many people think they are in the "A" zone, but noted the maps have not been updated, and many are going to find themselves in the "V" zone when they are updated.

Mayor Lawrence reported there will be a Republican primary election held on January 14, 2014, prior to the general election on March 11, 2014 to elect someone to fill the Congressional seat held by Bill Young for many years.

Mayor Lawrence advised the Town Council will have to move their regularly scheduled meeting on that date to Wednesday, January 15, 2014, to accommodate that primary election.

Mayor Lawrence wished everyone a happy and Merry Christmas, and to be especially safe during the busy holidays.

INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

MARCIA GRANTHAM, CMC

Town Clerk