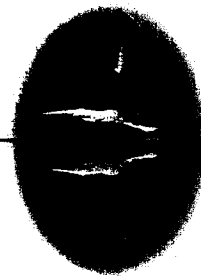


# Town of Indian Shores

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## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES - OCTOBER 8, 2013

**INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING convened at 6:05 P.M. Those present were Mayor Lawrence, Vice Mayor Smith, Councilor Herndon, Councilor Irelan and Councilor Sutch.**

**Also Present: Attorney Robert Metz; Chief Williams; Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance; Elaine Jackson, Deputy Clerk; Diantha and Larry Schear; Janet McKee; Pat Soranno; Anne Miller; Art Newsom; Matt Towson; and Jeannie Carlson, Beach Beacon Reporter.**

#### 1.0 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

##### 1.1 Consideration of approving Council Agenda for October 8, 2013.

*Mayor Lawrence requested that item #1.16 be addressed first, since Councilor Sutch was running late. (Councilor Sutch arrived 6:10 pm).*

***MOTION by Councilor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Irelan, to approve agenda for October 8, 2013 as amended, to address item #1.16 first. Motion carried 4-0.***

##### 1.2 Comments from the public on any Agenda item.

*Attorney Metz explained that by a new state statute effective October 1, 2013, the public has a right to comment on any subject prior to discussion of any item.*

##### 1.3 Consideration of approving “CONSENT AGENDA”, as follows:

###### A. MINUTES: Council - September 18, 2013

***MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith – seconded by Councilor Sutch, to approve “Consent Agenda” covering minutes of September 18, 2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.***

James J. Lawrence  
Mayor

William F. Smith  
Vice Mayor

Carole Irelan  
Councilor

Steve Sutch  
Councilor

Joan G. Herndon-Parrott  
Councilor

E.D. Williams  
Chief of Police/  
Administration

Lisa G. Robinson  
Director of Finance  
and Personnel

Marcia Grantham  
Town Clerk

Robert J. Metz, Jr.  
Town Attorney

Steve Andrews  
Building Official

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

*From 9/3/2013 thru 9/24/2013.*

*MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith – seconded by Councilor Sutch, to approve “Consent Agenda” covering re-occurring expenses, as published. Motion carried 5-0.*

**1.4 APPROVAL of Committee expenditures: NONE**

**1.5 CORRESPONDENCE:**

*A. Memo from Town Clerk, dated October 1, 2013, regarding Qualification requirements for Municipal election to be held on March 11, 2014.*

*Mayor Lawrence briefly explained the first steps in the qualifying process and stated anyone interested in running for a Council position is welcome to talk to him about what it entails, and see staff for proper paperwork.*

**1.6 Town Attorney’s Report. NONE**

**1.7 PUBLIC HEARING: First Reading of proposed ORDINANCE 2013-3, revising Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, of the Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 70-7 – Vehicles Used for Human Habitation Prohibited; and enacting a new Section 70-7 entitled, Recreational Vehicles, Boats, or trailers on Public or Private Property; Establishing Definitions, Permit Requirements for Parking, Conditions of Permit, Habitation Prohibition and Prohibited Overnight Parking on Streets.**

*Attorney Metz conducted the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2013-3, by title only.*

*Chief Williams stated he would like to insert an exemption for construction trailers on construction sites and would discuss with Mr. Metz.*

*Mayor Lawrence stated this is a public hearing and called for comments from audience members, however there were none.*

*MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith – seconded by Councilor Sutch, to approve first reading of proposed Ordinance 2013-3, as published. Motion carried 5-0.*

- 1.8 PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 9-2013, establishing a policy whereby Council meeting and Committee meeting Agendas reflect specific Agenda items wherein members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the Council taking official action on a matter.**

*Attorney Metz conducted the reading of Resolution 9-2013, by title only.*

*Mayor Lawrence stated this is a public hearing and called for comments from audience members, however there were none.*

*MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith – seconded by Councilor Sutch, to approve Resolution 9-2013, as published. Motion carried 5-0.*

- 1.9 Consideration of approving re-appointment of Diantha Schear to Seat #6, on the Town's Board of Adjustment, whose term expires October 28, 2013. Note: Seat #5 appointment to be determined at a later date.**

*Mayor Lawrence reported Diantha Schear has agreed to be re-appointed, but Mr. Murphree has declined. Mayor Lawrence reported he has extended an invitation to two other people and asked Council to inquire whether anyone else they knew would be interested.*

*Mayor Lawrence further reported it has been a few years since the Board has had to meet, and requested that Mr. Metz hold a training session for the members prior to the next scheduled Board meeting.*

*MOTION by Vice Mayor Smith – seconded by Councilor Irelan, to approve re-appointment of Diantha Schear to Seat #6 on the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried 5-0.*

- 1.10 Consideration of approving re-appointment of William Priakos to the Town's Police Pension Board for a four (4) year term, which expires in October 2017.**

*MOTION by Councilor Herndon – seconded by Councilor Irelan, to approve re-appointment of William Priakos to the Town's Police Pension Board. Motion carried 5-0.*

- 1.11 Consideration of ratifying an amendment to the Union Contract regarding a wage re-opener and request for a 3% CPI increase across the board for Union members, effective October 1, 2013.**

*Chief Williams reported there was a closed session, which went very quickly. Management made an offer within the parameters set by Council and it was accepted. Now agreement is back to Council for ratification.*

***MOTION** by **Vice Mayor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Sutch**, to approve amendment to the Union Contract regarding a wage re-opener and request for a 3% CPI increase across the board for Union members, effective October 1, 2013. **Motion carried 5-0.***

**1.12 Consideration of retro-active approval to purchase a 2013 Ford F150 Super Cab 4x4 for the Public Services Department from Bartow Ford in the amount of \$21,840.00**

*Chief Williams reported the vehicle was a new 2013 Ford F150, with an extended cab and within the budgeted amount. Three proposals were sought from the following:*

<i><b>Walker Ford</b></i>	<i><b>\$27,183.50</b></i>
<i><b>Florida Sheriff's Association Contract</b></i>	<i><b>\$28,010.00</b></i>
<i><b>Bartow Ford</b></i>	<i><b>\$25,840.00</b></i>

*Chief Williams recommended Bartow Ford because they were the lowest bid, offered the highest trade in allowance (\$4,000) and included an amber light bar installed with the vehicle.*

***MOTION** by **Councilor Herndon** – seconded by **Vice Mayor Smith**, to retro-actively approve the purchase of a 2013 Ford F150 Super Cab 4x4 for the Public Services Department from Bartow Ford in the amount of \$21,840.00. **Motion carried 5-0.***

**1.13 Consideration of approving cost proposal from ACF Standby Systems in the amount of \$8,301.14 for repair of the Municipal Center's Generator.**

*Chief Williams reported the generator was contractor's choice and not a bad unit, with a good reputation. It was out of timing, blew one of the catalytic converters and had a problem with the rain caps, requiring numerous repairs, replacement parts and service calls. Funds used to repair the generator come from last year's budget residual.*

*Chief Williams stated the town has a 2<sup>nd</sup> generator to power the Public Services building, but it needs to be hooked up with gas.*

**MOTION** by **Vice Mayor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Sutch**, to approve cost proposal from ACF Standby Systems in the amount of \$8,301.14 for repair of the Municipal Center’s generator. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 1.14 Consideration of approving request from Lisa Robinson, Director of Finance, to attend GFOA Conference, November 18 – 22, 2013, in Sarasota, FL, at a cost of \$ 280.00 for registration and \$645.00 for 5 nights accommodations.**

**MOTION** by **Vice Mayor Smith** – seconded by **Councilor Sutch**, to approve request from Lisa Robinson to attend GFOA Conference, November 18-22, 2013, in Sarasota, FL, at a total cost of \$925.00. **Motion carried 5-0.**

- 1.15 Consideration of approving Police Activity Report covering the month of September 2013.**

**Chief Williams** briefly addressed issues on report, relative to the increase in citations, which he attributed partly to the two part-time reserves, filling in for vacations, one of which is very traffic- oriented, and the other a former DUI officer with the Sheriff’s Department. Criminal reports and arrests are down; only one accident occurred; ordinance violations are up due to police department working in conjunction with code enforcement. A lot of deaths occurred recently, including one suicide in Redington Shores,

**Anne Miller** questioned the placement of cruiser at the bottom of the bridge.

**Chief Williams** responded that was the most strategic place to catch speeders.

- 1.16 Chief Williams’ Report.**

**Chief Williams reported on items as follows:**

- 1) Met with contractor and building official relative to the pavilion project. Fire Department signed off on plans and project is ready for permitting. Attorney is reviewing contract. Once project begins, construction is expected to take 72 days.
- 2) Deadline to submit proposals for the playground project is Friday, October 11, 2013 at 1:00 pm. No new bids have been submitted thus far, however, most wait until deadline day.
- 3) Some Hawthorns and Sable Palms in median died due to fungus. A remedy has been applied.

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- 4) *A pre-construction plan meeting took place relative to Waterside/Ashton Woods project to build 54 townhomes. October 30<sup>th</sup> is deadline for plans to be submitted and reviewed, and construction will begin December 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be five buildings built per year, for two years. Each unit expected to sell for \$500,000 and up. It has been determined that it would be better to permit at each stage basis.*

*Ashton Woods requested use of a garage in the model unit as a sales office, but was refused due to lack of ADA restroom facilities. They are now leasing a place in the Bay Mariner shops.*

*There was a question raised relative to starting the building process before the plat was recorded, which needs further investigation.*

- 5) *Surplus properties such as an air conditioner, exercise equipment, table, and other items which are hard to store, have been listed on Govdeals.com. A 5% commission will be paid on all items sold.*
- 6) *Bonnie has ordered new graphics for bus stops, as part of the beautification plan.*
- 7) *Attorney Metz will review ordinances relative to live-a-board boats and living in recreational vehicles.*
- 8) *A hot dog vendor, who works outside Lowes on Park Blvd, is seeking to establish a stand at the Indian Shores Food Mart area. Vendor would be off roadway and meet ordinance requirements. He is certified with the state. A permit must be issued, and we will pursue this, unless Council opposes.*
- 9) *Frank Chivas will start remodeling the Cigar Bar at the Salt Rock Grill and has presented his plans for approval. The balcony facing the west would be enclosed to accommodate more patrons, with a real roof instead of an awning.*
- 10) *A landscape company working in the area is suspected of blowing debris into the CDS units. We cleaned out 3.5 tons of debris from the units and would like to explore NPDS restrictions to prevent landscapers blowing clippings out onto Park Blvd.*
- 11) *The "Moose is Loose". Part-time employee Michael "Moose" Scott is retiring at the end of October. Please express your appreciation when you see him.*

**1.17 Comments from the public on any subject.**

**Larry Schear, Fire Commissioner,** thanked Council for use of the Council chambers for the Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue Commission meetings.

**Mr. Schear** reported that the 911 Memorial is still under construction. The project has had several delays due to rainy weather. There is no definitive date for completion.

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*Mr. Shear* further reported there have been 212 incidents in the Fire District, 168 being EMT, and 44 being Fire. Only 19 incidents are attributed to Indian Shores.

*Diantha Shear, President, Indian Shores Women's Club,* announced the club has changed its by-laws and is now meeting on the first Thursday of each month, in order to avoid conflict with the Property Owners Happy Hour. The next Women's Club meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup> at Salt Rock Grill.

*Mrs. Shear* reported new bookcases were delivered and set up in the Library, making it more user friendly.

*Art Newsome, President, Indian Shores Property Owners Association,* announced the next ISPOA Happy Hour will be Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Pub.

*Larry Shear* reported he sampled the hot dogs at the vendor stand for the one-day trial and they were delicious.

**1.18 Mayor's and Council Members comments on any subject.**

*Councilor Sutch* announced Mickey Quinn's would be serving free lunch to all Coastal Cleanup Volunteers on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. It has not yet been determined where to set up for this.

*Councilor Sutch* inquired about trimming shrubbery at the 193<sup>rd</sup> Avenue entrance to Town Hall, as it obstructed his view and almost caused an accident.

*Councilor Herndon* announced the new Saturday Zumba Gold class was a success and the Fountain of Youth Fitness class was improving.

*Councilor Herndon* stated she had attended a club meeting Saturday morning run by reporter *Jeannie Carlson*, who is president of the club, and encouraged all in attendance to question her about it after the meeting.

*Vice Mayor Smith* reported on attending the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association meeting in Del Ray Beach. The city of Palm Beach reported 25,000 turtle nests, and no renourishment can take place during turtle nesting season. The east coast is running out of sand and looking for places to find more. The state leveraged a large amount of funds from the federal government for renourishment due to loss of sand from hurricanes Sandy and Debbie. Sandy victims particularly experienced tremendous loss of property, flooding in the subways, etc.

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*Vice Mayor Smith* further reported there was a presentation relative to the economic value of our beaches, showing more tourists visit our beaches than major theme parks and national parks combined. Senator Dennis Jones was in attendance, and has been a tremendous friend to Pinellas County by helping to obtain funding. He stated we are fortunate to have an organization like FSBPA, as a powerful lobby. Debbie Flack is also invaluable. He also stated he feels privileged to represent the town at this organization.

*Vice Mayor Smith* further reported on attending a two-hour outreach meeting sponsored by FEMA and its consultant, RAMPP, about development of new flood maps for Pinellas County, as part of the Biggert Waters Act. This will take place over the next three years and could be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2016. This will result in new Base Flood Elevation and Flood Zone designations. We have some Indian Shores properties now in V Zones, and some buildings presently paying insurance rate for A Zone, that could be changed to V Zone rates. Study might result in spreading V Zone area, which would increase rates by as much as 10 times. Pre-Firm properties built below Base Flood Elevation, pay subsidized rates now, but they will pay their full unsubsidized rates phased in 25% per year.

*Mayor Lawrence* expressed his appreciation for *Vice Mayor Smith* and his dedication, as he not only attended the meeting in Del Ray Beach to represent the town at FSPBA, but drove four hours to attend the FEMA meeting, and then drove another four hours back to Del Ray Beach.

*Mayor Lawrence* announced he would be on vacation in the Dominican Republic from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Mayor Lawrence* stated he had tickets to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Folk Fair and will be unable to attend. If anyone is interested in using the tickets, please advise.

**INDIAN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING adjourned at 7:35 P.M.**

  
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**ELAINE JACKSON, MMC**  
**Deputy Town Clerk**