

Marineland Town Commission Meeting
June 18, 2020
6:00 PM
Classroom adjacent Strickland conference center

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees:

Leslie Babonis, Mayor
Craig Lenniger, Town Commission
Suzanne Dixon, Town Manager
Brandon Mellin, Town Clerk
Bill Bosch, Town Attorney
Chris Kelley, Mobius Marine
Teri Webley, Mobius Marine
Gail Hankinson, Attorney, Mobius Marine
Janis Fleet, Town Planner
Members of the Public

1. Public comment: None heard

2. Consent agenda:

May consent agenda: Approved
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

June consent agenda: FPL bill for account ending -38 pulled for discussion.
Approved
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

3. Minutes:

May Commission meeting (5/21/2020): Amended for clarity.

Approved as amended
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

Financial planner interview [workshop (6/11/2020)]: Amended for clarity.

Approved as amended
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

4. Financial report: Tabled until the July regular Commission meeting.

5. Marina financial report: Despite significant disruption from the Coronavirus pandemic, the marina is only marginally below budgetary projection.

6. Invoices:

-Fleet & Assc. (Town Planner) - Approved (Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

-Conner Bosch Law (Town Attorney)- Admiralty case litigation- Approved (Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

-News Journal (May Zoom meeting announcement) - Approved (Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

-Conner Bosch Law (Town Attorney)- Monthly legal expense- Approved (Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd L. Babonis).

7. Initial Budget discussion: The Town will have to put together its annual budget at the July regular Commission meeting. Budgetary items the Mayor proposed for consideration include lateral connection to the new water main and marina insurance. The Mayor asked all present to further consider upcoming budgetary concerns for the Town and be prepared to propose said concerns at the July Commission meeting.

8. Cellular tower issues update: The Flagler County building inspector is moving forward with a plan to remove the condemned building, pending a response (or lack thereof) from the property owner.

9. Special Events: In keeping with county guidance on the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the Town of Marineland will now begin to consider special event applications. The Town legal counsel advised adding a Covid-19 advisory to the special event application webpage.
Approved by consensus

-Applications for wedding permits will now be sent to the Town manager and their approvals will be placed on the consent agenda.

10. Director of Finances applicant: The Mayor contacted the references for the company, Storehouse Treasures, and the Town's potential representative at Storehouse treasures, Lea Montgomery. All of the references held the applicant in the highest esteem. The Town manager for Beverly Beach went as far as to describe Mrs. Montgomery as an asset, who is proactive rather than reactive. There was a discussion on: the hireability of the Company and their chosen representative, the fee schedule proposed by Storehouse Treasures, and the Town's budgetary needs.

Motion to hire Storehouse Treasures with the proposed monthly rate of \$375, providing that any overages are not exceed 10 billable hours a year, without consent, and the representative agrees to attend the entire monthly Town commission meeting.

Approved

(Motion by L. Babonis, 2nd C. Lenniger,).

14. Other business:

-DEP- There was a sewage leak in mid-March from a manhole in between the former CFS building and the UF administration building. The Utilities manager is denying that the leak occurred, despite documentation. A discussion ensued on: proper protocol for this and similar situations, what is or isn't within the Town's authority on utilities concerns, and what resolution is possible.

-Friends of A1A- Commissioner Lenniger will be joining board of directors as a representative for the Town.

-River to Sea beach parking lot- Flagler county has brought in several dumps of material to address ongoing washout concerns.

-FWC- Commissioner Lenniger and Chris Kelley are in the process of meeting with FWC about potential room for greater FWC representation in the Town.

-Municipal elections- The Town of Marineland will hold its municipal election for 1 commissioner seat on September 1st. All eligible residents are encouraged to register. Registration closes on August 6th.

-LBTR- The Town manager has asked that the commission decides at the July meeting if there will be any changes to the issuance of the LBTRs due to the coronavirus pandemic. The LBTRs go out in early August.

-Census- Commissioner Lenniger reminded all present to fill out the 2020 census.

-Right of way on west A1A- It was brought to the attention of the commission that the right of way is not being mowed by DOT. Commissioner Lenniger will give them a call.

-Florida Dept. of Health- Has a large surplus for washable masks. They are seeking volunteer organizations for distribution. Interested parties should contact Florida Dept. of Health.

13. Public comment: None heard

The next regular Town Meeting will be July 16, 2020, 6:00 PM, Strickland Conference Center (or in the adjacent classroom to allow adequate space for social distancing)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM. Minutes of the meeting were taken and prepared by Brandon Mellin.