

Marineland Town Commission Meeting
August 20, 2020
6:00 PM
Classroom adjacent Strickland conference center

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM with Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees:

Leslie Babonis, Mayor
Craig Lenniger, Town Commission
Angela TenBroeck, Town Commission
Suzanne Dixon, Town Manager
Brandon Mellin, Town Clerk
Lea Montgomery, Town Financial Director
Bill Bosch, Town Attorney
Chris Kelley, Mobius Marine
Teri Webley, Mobius Marine
Janis Fleet, Town Planner
Members of the Public

1. Public comment: None heard

2. Consent agenda: Approved
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd by A. TenBroeck)

3. Minutes:
July Commission meeting (7/16/2020):
Approved
(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2nd A. TenBroeck).

4. Financial report: There was a discussion on the Town's debt services (currently **owes** \$143,000 on the Town's loan).

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

6. Budget discussion: The Town financial **director** used the actual budget for '19/20 to create the Town of Marineland proposed budget for '20/21. There was a discussion on which millage rate to use. If the Town uses the 10.0000 millage rate it will increase the Ad Valorem tax to \$113,262. In order to keep the Ad Valorem revenue at ~\$54,000 the Town would need to use a 4.8130 millage rate.

* This discussion occurred under the assumption that the increased valuation of the Town put all of the tax burden on the private property owner. The Town clerk ran the numbers and found the Town's valuation by the Flagler county property appraiser includes the properties held by the Marineland Dolphin Adventure.

The commission directed the marina manager, Chris Kelley, to discuss the Possessory interest tax revenue with the Flagler county property appraiser.

Comprehensive plan update- There was a discussion on the current budget for Town planner and how much in excess will be needed to finish the comprehensive plan update.

The Commission decided the Town planner should work on the comprehensive plan update, and to remain within the previously budgeted amount plus \$4,000.

Motion to authorize the Town planner to work on the comprehensive plan review, with expenses not to exceed \$12,000.

Approved

(Motion by L. Babonis, 2nd A. TenBroeck).

Additions to the budget: The commission discussed adding technology to the proposed budget (Official Town emails, Town landing page)

CRA Budget: The CRA budget and revenue are required to balance out. The commission discussed how to effectively utilize the CRA funds (needs versus impact).

7. Public Hearing:

Conditional use permit (Salt Air Farmers Market)- The Commission expressed concerns with the application and asked the applicant to resubmit with additional details. The authorized the Town manager to assist in locating and fixing any deficiencies in the application.

Approval tabled until the September regular commission meeting

8. Waste water issues: Florida DEP came out to Marineland in order to inspect the 4 permits that are on file. They were unable to locate all of the necessary pipes/systems and are attempting to obtain accurate location information.

The Attorney for the Utility owner has reached out to the Town Attorney to discuss the potential purchase of land for the phase 3 marina expansion and asked for the Town's interest in taking over the utility. It is not currently known if the utility owner will fix the current deficiencies nor if the intention is to sell the utility or donate it to the Town.

9. Cellular tower issues update: Flagler County is continuing to work towards a resolution with the property owner.

10. Public Hearing:

Xtreme triathlon: Approved pending receipt of the application fee.

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

11. Invoices:

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

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

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

11. Other business:

-LBTR- The Town manager has the LBTRs for Mobius Marine, Ripple Effect Ecotours and Marineland Dolphin Adventure. She will contact Marineland Dolphin Adventure to find out if the gift shop is still independently run.

-Elections- Ballots were sent out to all that requested them. The Town will need to reach out to the County supervisor of elections to purge the voter list of the people that do not live in Marineland. The election is September 1st.

- Vagrants- Commissioner Lenniger informed the Commission that there have been several vagrants in the River-to-Sea preserve, with one individual being officially trespassed.

12. Public comment: None heard

The next regular Town Meeting will be September 17, 2020, 6:00 PM, Strickland Conference Center (or in the adjacent classroom to allow adequate space for social distancing)

*This meeting will also be the 1st budget hearing

The 1st CRA budget hearing will be September 17, 2020, 5:30 PM

The Final CRA budget hearing will be October 2nd, 2020, 5:45

The Final regular budget hearing will be October 2nd, 2020, 6:00 PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Minutes of the meeting were taken and prepared by Brandon Mellin.