

Marineland Town Commission Meeting  
September 17, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Classroom adjacent Strickland Conference Center

Attendees:

Leslie Babonis, Mayor  
Craig Lenniger, Town Commission  
Angela TenBroeck, Town Commission  
Suzanne Dixon, Town Manager  
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

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment: None heard

Staff comments:

- Review of request for special event applications
- Note: Application fees are due prior to application review
- Announcement: the Ethics Training class for elected officials on October 14<sup>th</sup> offered by the Florida League of Cities
- Note: cautioned regarding chain emails among elected officials

Consent Agenda:

- The Cullum/Sharp wedding application was tabled until October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- There was a brief discussion re: the LBTR licenses

Approved

(Motion by C. Lenniger, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Babonis).

Minutes:

Approved as amended.

(Motion by A. Tenbroeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Babonis).

Town Financial report:

The discussion included

- Calculation of the FPL franchise fee and the Florida communications services tax
- The Mobius profit sharing fee and due on October 30<sup>th</sup> for the previous fiscal year
- Various expenses, journal entries & other adjustments or carryover projects
- Overall, the budget is favorable with revenue up and most expenses down

Marina financial report:

The discussion included

- Revenue decline in daily & weekly slip rentals due to pandemic effects and inconsistent internet service. Expenses are down
- Despite the net income being down, the Marina operations are to be commended in remaining profitable.

Invoice review: tabled until October 2nd

FY 2021 First Budget Hearing:

- The millage rate is 10 mills. The rolled back rate is 9.59 mills
- The budget was reviewed line by line.
- Discussion included aspects regarding self-insured funding; benefits to pay down credit line or maintain reserves; and clarification to advertise the CRA budget.

The FY 2021 Marina budget is in progress.

Streetlights/Turtle season:

- Discussion re: FPL year-round charges although the lights are off during turtle season. How to lower our costs? Perhaps a fuel surcharge credit or possibly terminating/reactivating the account before & after turtle season.

Credit card account for application fee payments:

- Discussion re: needs/costs/possibilities for PayPal or Square

Site plan review procedures:

- An application has been developed that includes fees and attached site plan requirements. This application was displayed for review by the Commissioners. The consensus was favorable.

Approved

(Motion by A. TenBroeck, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Lenniger).

Wastewater issues:

- DEP had an inspection/noted several items/ all have been corrected
- JDI is willing to transfer the current plant as is to the Town
- There was discussion re: value/ benefits/problems for the Town to own & operate the wastewater plant.

Peninsular Property:

- On hold for now – however this is an ideal time for a long-term lease or purchase

Cell tower property issues:

- The building & fence are in extreme disrepair. Flagler County will eventually demolish the building.
- Easement to the tower is only available through the park during operating hours.

Conditional use application:

- Salt Air Farmer's Market was tabled until October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Other business:

- LBTR licenses will use a numbering system. Example 20-01
- Flagler County will work on improvements to the River to Sea beach parking lot.

No public comment.

Swearing in for newly re-elected commissioner: Leslie Babonis.

At this time Commissioner Babonis announced her resignation as of October 2<sup>nd</sup>. She has accepted a position at Cornell.

Election of Mayor & Vice Mayor:

- Motion to nominate Craig Lenniger as Mayor  
Approved  
(Motion by L Babonis, 2<sup>nd</sup> A. TenBroeck).
- Motion to nominate Angela TenBroeck as Vice Mayor  
Approved  
(Motion by L Babonis, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Lenniger).

The next regular Town Meeting will be October 15, 2020, 6:00 PM, Strickland Conference Center (or in the adjacent classroom to allow adequate space for social distancing)

The Final CRA budget hearing will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, 5:45

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes of the meeting were taken and prepared by Suzanne Dixon