

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of September 26, 2016 to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Sears led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Lieutenant Roman led the Invocation.

Present: Mayor Sears, Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, Councilor Conroy, Councilor Mabry and Councilor Kearney.

Also Present: Lieutenant Roman, Library Director Hall, Public Services Ernest, and Administrative Assistant II Burke.

BOARD REPORTS

Library Board Minutes – Councilor Conroy asked how to better communicate with the Public. **Library Director Hall** said provided the mechanisms on how she communicates and the Public says they do not read the utility bill, newsletters, etc.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes – Councilor Conroy asked if there were any plans to use the Venezia donated land. Discussion ensued. Parks & Recreation Chairman Ernest announced the re-grand opening of the Sara Maude Nature Preserve.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 2016-006, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE LAKE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Sears read by title only Resolution No. 2016-006.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Councilor Mabry, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-006. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Update on Boat House at Boondocks

Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item and the Town should expect the Boondocks to begin construction within 30 days.

Discussion: Code Enforcement

Councilor Conroy discussed Code Enforcement and asked if it is working or not.

Mayor Sears said he has asked Chief Thomas if there any problems and he said Chief Thomas said it is working fine. **Lieutenant Roman** said there are no issues they cannot

handle and it is working well. He said they keep the communication open with Mayor Sears and Town Clerk Brasher. **Mayor Sears** said he spoke with Town Attorney Blom-Ramos and may have something to bring forward for consideration.

Mayor Sears Town Council's Objectives and Accomplishments

Mayor Sears gave background and said he will have a report next month.

Consideration and Approval of Wetland Monitoring and Reporting Services Proposal from SMW GeoSciences, Inc in the amount of \$4,820.00

Mayor Sears gave detailed background on this item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel, seconded by Councilor Kearny, moved to approve the Wetland Monitoring and Reporting Services Proposal from SMW GeoSciences, Inc. in the amount of \$4,820.00. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Tree Ordinance: enforcement of current tree removal ordinance and finalize wording on tree ordinance including a clear definition of "hat racking"

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel gave background on this item and said he is not prepared to further discuss this item this evening. **Town Planner Harowski** said he has meet with Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel and Public Services Supervisor Ernest on the tree ordinance. A lengthy discussion ensued.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Code Enforcement/Police Department Report – No comments

Finance Report – No comments

Impact Fee Balance – No comments

Library Director Report - No comments

Public Services Report – No comments

Town Hall Report – No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Sears – Gave an update on Well No. 3.

Councilor Mabry – None

Councilor Conroy – None

Mayor Pro-Tem Nebel – None

Councilor Kearney – Said the end of the year is upon us and thanked Town Clerk Brasher and Mayor Sears for the job well done. He said when he comes to Town Hall he sees Town Hall Staff slammed with work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Ellis, 135 W. Magnolia Ave. discussed numerous items regarding building permits and fees. He further asked the Town Council to reimburse him for the work he did around the road near his home.

Sal Gallelli, 1104 N. Tangerine voiced his concerns regarding the trees.

The Town Council Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Sears called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Sears announced the following:

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS
FINAL MILLAGE AND FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2016-2017

MAYOR SEARS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED:
TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS
FINAL MILLAGE AND FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2016-2017

Procedures for Millage and Budget Public Hearing per TRIM:

Mayor Sears stated;

The current year tentative millage:	9.2750 mills
The current year roll-back rate:	9.3369 mills
The percent of change from the roll-back rate over final millage rate is:	-0.66%

Mayor Sears read by Title Resolution No. 2016-007, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 9.2750 FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY IN THE HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Sears asked for public comments and questions.

Councilor Conroy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-007, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 9.2750 FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY IN THE HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Mayor Sears restated;

The Taxing Authority is: The Town of Howey-in-the-Hills

The Rolled Back Rate is: 9.3369 mills

The Percentage of change over the roll-back rate is: -0.66%

The Final Millage Rate to Be Levied Is: 9.2750 mills

Mayor Sears read by title Resolution No. 2016-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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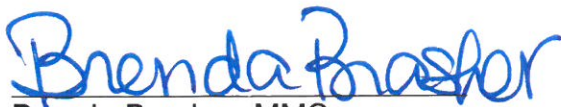
Councilor Mabry, seconded by **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel**, moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-008, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Mayor Sears announced that the Public Hearing for the adoption of the fiscal year 2016/2017 Final Millage Rate and Final Budget is now complete.

The Final Budget Public Hearing adjourned at 6:38 p.m.


Chris Sears

ATTEST:


Brenda Brasher, MMC
Town Clerk