

**MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MAY 09, 2016**

Mayor Sears called the Town Council Meeting of May 09, 2016 to order at 5:30p.m.

Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop # 254 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Services Supervisor John Ernest led the Invocation.

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

Also Present: Police Chief Thomas, Public Services Supervisor John Ernest Town Clerk Brenda Brasher, and Utility Clerk Dairian Burke.

NEW BUINESS

Consideration and Approval of the Emergency Management Plan

Chief Thomas said he sent the plan to the County Emergency Operations, they reviewed it and sent back some comments.

Councilor Conroy, Seconded by **Councilor Kearney**, moved to approve the Emergency Management Plan. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval of the Personnel Policy

Mayor Sears said that it had been brought up at several different meeting, and was sent to the Town Attorney for review.

Peggy Ernest asks if every volunteer must have a back ground check in order to volunteer. **Town Clerk Brasher** said that the Town Council adopted the same policy as the L ibrary, in which that every volunteer must have a back ground check. **Mayor Sears** says that he will email the Town Attorney about the stipulations on volunteering with or without children and send out an email blast on what she says.

Councilor Kearney, seconded by **Councilor Mabry**, moved to approve the Personnel policy. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration of Proposal for Police Department Server's, Software, and Equipment

Chief Thomas said that he and Eric Clark, IT services with Lake County Sheriff Department met together and talked about the new system the Police Department needs. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Kearney asks how many years did the Town Council and or Police Department knew that they needed new servers. **Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel** replied that it was about four years ago.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel said with that we should not go into Reserves and we should lease the server and equipment.

Mayor Sears says he thinks the server and equipment should be leased over a 4 year span to break up the payments over time and not all at once.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by Councilor Conroy, moved to approve a four year lease of the Police Department Server's, Software, and Equipment, after the Town Attorney reviews the lease. Motion carried 5-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval for the Sara Maude Boardwalk Repair

Public Supervisor John Ernest says that public services will repair the south side board walk with the existing side rails and guard rails that will be removed from the north boardwalk. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Councilor Mabry asks what the \$3,500 for Sara Maude is for since the last meeting they agreed on going to the observation deck and not repairing the south extension. He says that the board walk is nickel and diming the Town.

David Kilmartin, 128 E Laurel Ave, says that the money is being wasted and the money should be used to get the Police Department equipment.

Jenny Deschenes, 207 E orchid Way says that the boardwalk is an asset to the Town, and they want to include the boardwalk into a 5k run at the Christmas Festival.

Public Supervisor John Ernest states that in this year's budget they will have money for tree removal for Sara Maude.

Ed Smith, 308 N Palm Ave asked if the boardwalk is insured. **Town Clerk**

Brasher informs him that the deductible she believes is \$5,000.

Councilor Kearney says he thinks the boardwalk adds quality of life and enhances the property values in town.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel, seconded by **Councilor Conroy** moved to approve the South Boardwalk Repair in the amount of \$4,300. Motion carried 4-1 with **Councilor Mabry** voting no.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Kearney says that the Town should be very proud of Chief Thomas and Lieutenant Larry Chester and what a pleasure it was working with them on the Emergency Management Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel talked about the EOC training and how informative the meeting was. Also, how Public Supervisor John Ernest and he have completed stage one of the tree ordinance and it will be on the next agenda. **Mayor Sears** agrees with the Town Council looking over the ordinance the next meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem David Nebel also adds that he personally doesn't like to assume the liability that we as a Town are assuming by not doing anything about the water wells, controls and water hydrants. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mayor Sears-None

Councilor Conroy-None

Councilor Mabry thanks the Police Department for their services, He also thanks **Public Services Supervisor John Ernest** for keeping Howey beautiful and encouraged the public to have their friends come to the meetings and get the residents more involved with what is going on in the Town.

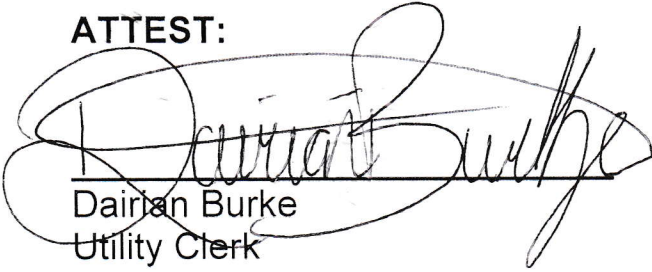
PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm



Chris Sears, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dairlan Burke
Utility Clerk