

MINUTES OF THE HOWEY IN THE HILLS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JULY 08, 2019

Mayor Nebel called the Town Council Meeting of July 08, 2019 to order at 6: 00 p.m.

Mayor Nebel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Services Director Ernest led the Invocation.

Present: Councilor Scott, Councilor McGill, Councilor Conroy, Mayor Nebel and Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane.

Also Present: Town Clerk Burke, Chief Thomas, Public Services Director Ernest and Town Attorney Ramos.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of plaques for Lt. Richard Roman and Ofc. Steve Knox for their courageous actions.

Chief Thomas gave background on the incident that had occurred at the Messersmith Residence.

Congressman Webster spoke kind words about the Officers as well.

Chief Thomas presented the plaques to the Officers.

Mayor Nebel wasn't feeling well so he passed the gavel to Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane and left.

REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Finance-No Comment

Police Department

Chief Thomas said that some kids jumped off of the Howey-in-the-Hills Bridge.

Code Enforcement

Chief Thomas said that Code Enforcement Officer Chester had resigned.

Town Attorney Ramos congratulated the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-007. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF AD VAOLOREM TAXATION AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Burke informed the Town Council that the mileage rate was at a not to exceed rate of 9.2750 however she was using the roll back of 8.9180 mills to balance the budget.

Councilor Scott, seconded by Councilor Conroy moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-007. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA; SETTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF AD VAOLOREM TAXATION AND SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2019-008. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR WELL NUMBER 3 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROADS 19 AND 48 FOR FIVE YEARS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT AND TAKE ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE LEASE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Services Director Ernest said that Well 3 is leased from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The agreement is an extension of the lease for five (5) years.

Councilor Conroy said that he wanted to recognize Mr. Ernest and Town Attorney Ramos for all their hard work.

Councilor Scott, seconded by **Councilor McGill** moved to approve RESOLUTION 2019-008. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR WELL NUMBER 3 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROADS 19 AND 48 FOR FIVE YEARS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT AND TAKE ALL OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EXTEND THE LEASE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion carried 4-0 with a roll call vote.

Consideration and Approval to purchase the Howey-In-The-Hills Fire Truck.

Town Clerk Burke said that Mayor Nebel and Peggy Clark, Historic Board Member, met to discuss the upcoming Budget year. In the meeting Mrs. Clark brought up the potential to purchase the Howey Fire Truck back from Lake County Fire Rescue. She said that Mrs. Clark was in contact with Brian Gamble about getting the final figures for the Fire Truck. However, Mayor Nebel wanted to put this on the Agenda as a discussion to see if the other Council Members were interested in purchasing the Fire Truck.

Councilor McGill said he agreed with purchasing the Fire Truck. **Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane** agreed.

Councilor Conroy said that he had several questions regarding the truck. For Example, should the Town talk to the Howey Mansion regarding the purchase or storage of the Fire Truck?

Councilor Scott said that he thinks the item should be tabled until Mrs. Clark can attend and all the exact figures are presented to the Town Council.

It was the census of the Town Council to table the item.

Council Members:

Mayor Pro-Tem MacFarlane said that she is getting a lot of interest in people wanting to play corn hole. She asked Mr. Perry Davis if he was planning on starting up specific days for people to come play. **Mr. Davis** said that currently Councilor Scott and he play on Tuesdays and Thursdays during fit camp at Griffin Park but if people were interested and wanted to come out and play he would get a group together.

Councilor Conroy said that during the Budget Meeting the Town Council needed to discuss Island Drive.

Councilor McGill Thanked Lt. Roman and Officer Knox along with the Police Department and how they handled the July fourth Holiday.

Councilor Scott thanked the Police Department as well.

Mayors— No Report

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Zoe McCall, 122 W. Magnolia Ave, said that the Town needed to look at the maintenance of roads and the horrible ingress egress from State Road 19 onto the local streets.

Roger Burgoyne, President of the Howey Men's Club, said that Mrs. Clark should speak with Cynthia Cardona regarding historical items and that he would get with her regarding the Fire Truck.

Jo-Jo Lowe, 139 E. Central Ave, July 19, 2019 is Meet the Artist.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

David Nebel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dairian Burke
Town Clerk