



MINUTES OF THE HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING SESSION
HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Mayor MacFarlane called the Town Council Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Martha MacFarlane announced that one of the Town Councilors, Councilor Klein, had extenuating circumstances and would not be able to physically attend the meeting that night, but would attend virtually by Zoom. Mayor MacFarlane had spoken with Town Attorney, Heather Ramos, who had said that a motion could be made by the Council to allow Councilor Klein to participate and vote virtually by Zoom.

Motion made by Councilor Lehning to allow Councilor Klein to participate and vote remotely by Zoom; Councilor Gallelli seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Voice Vote.

Mayor MacFarlane led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Martha MacFarlane, Mayor
George Lehning, Councilor
Rick Klein, Councilor (Virtual)
Ed Conroy, Mayor Pro-Tem
Marie V. Gallelli, Councilor

Staff Present:

Sean O'Keefe, Town Administrator
John Brock, Town Clerk
Heather Ramos, Town Attorney (Virtual)
Rick Thomas, Police Chief

Confirmation of Meeting Notification and acknowledgement of Quorum was completed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor MacFarlane read aloud Resolution 2021-09:

The Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Solid-Waste Collection

Mayor MacFarlane opened for Public Comment and Questions for this issue only.

Berniece Hower, 444 Bellissimo Place – Mrs. Hower asked how often there would be increases from the waste company and how residents would be notified. **Mayor MacFarlane** explained that it would be noticed in Town Council meetings, Town would also notice people in

their monthly water bills, and there would be future Public Hearings if the Non-Ad Valorem rate would be increased.

Town Clerk Brock explained that the current contract with the Solid Waste provider was running out within the next year and would be going back out for bid in 2022.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Public Comment and Questions.

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Councilor Gallelli asked how bidding for the Solid Waste contract would go during the next year, since we have nowhere else to go but GFL. **Mayor MacFarlane** explained that there were plenty of other Solid Waste companies that operated locally that could bid on this contract next year.

Mayor MacFarlane explained that the Town would still charge for Solid Waste on the water bill until January 1, 2022 when the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment would take over the charges.

Councilor Gallelli asked if the prices change next year would the Town need to submit to the Lake County Tax Collector and Lake County Property Appraiser again. **Mayor MacFarlane** stated that there was a process for this, and the Town would follow that process next year.

Mayor MacFarlane closed Councilor Comment and Questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy to approve Resolution 2021-09; Councilor Gallelli seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

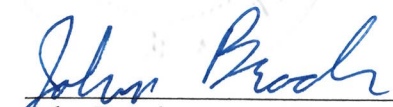
Councilor Lehning	YES	Councilor Klein	YES
Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy	YES	Councilor Gallelli	YES
Mayor MacFarlane	YES		

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Lehning seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m. | **Attendees: 12**

ATTEST:


John Brock, Town Clerk


Mayor Martha MacFarlane