

HILLIARD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Hilliard Town Hall / Council Chambers
15859 West County Road 108
Post Office Box 249
Hilliard, FL 32046

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

John P. Beasley, Mayor
Kenny Sims, Council President
Lee Pickett, Council Pro Tem
Joe Michaels, Councilman
Jared Wollitz, Councilman
Dallis Hunter, Councilman

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Lisa Purvis, Town Clerk
Cory Hobbs, Public Works Director
Gabe Whittenburg, Parks & Rec Director
Lee Anne Wollitz, Land Use Administrator

TOWN ATTORNEY

Christian Waugh

MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026, 7:00 PM

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Anyone wishing to address the Town Council regarding any item on this agenda is requested to complete an agenda item sheet in advance and give it to the Town Clerk. The sheets are located next to the printed agendas in the back of the Council Chambers. Speakers are respectfully requested to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. A speaker's time may not be allocated to others.

PLEDGE OF CIVILITY

WE WILL BE RESPECTFUL OF ONE ANOTHER
EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE.
WE WILL DIRECT ALL COMMENTS TO THE ISSUES.
WE WILL AVOID PERSONAL ATTACKS.
"Politeness costs so little." – ABRAHAM LINCOLN

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor John Beasley
Council President Kenny Sims
Council Pro Tem Lee Pickett
Councilman Jared Wollitz
Councilman Dallis Hunter
Councilman Joe Michaels

REGULAR MEETING

ITEM-1 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

None

ITEM-2 Consideration of adopting Resolution No. 2026-05, authorizing submission to the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to allow the Town of Hilliard to qualify for a reduced permit application fee of \$100 per permit for public purpose projects.

Lee Anne Wollitz - Land Use Administrator

Motion made by Councilman Wollitz, Seconded by Councilman Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels

- ITEM-3 Town Council consideration of next steps following negotiations with New Leaf Communities, LLC for purchase of the Mikkelsen Estate Property
Christian Waugh – Town Attorney

Attorney Chistian Waugh advised that negations have advanced. Presentation at the next meeting.

- ITEM-4 Town Council approval of the Public Works Director's recommendation to fill the vacant Public Works Technician position.
Cory Hobbs - Public Works Director

Motion made by Council Pro Tem Pickett, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz.
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels

- ITEM-5 Town Council consideration of approval for Phase 1 of a Watermain Replacement Capital Improvement Project, with a total project budget of \$60,000.00.
Cory Hobbs – Public Works Director

Motion made by Council President Sims, Seconded by Councilman Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels

- ITEM-6 Town Council consideration of approval of a Capital Budget Project in the total amount of **\$20,000.00**. The project includes the replacement of one damaged fire hydrant and the installation of three (3) new fire hydrants along North Oxford Street and Webb Street.
Cory Hobbs – Public Works Director

Motion made by Councilman Wollitz, Seconded by Councilman Hunter.
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels

- ITEM-7 Town Council approval of Peters & Yaffee Engineering, now owned by LJA Engineering, Inc., Payable through March 27, 2026, Project Name: Design West Sixth Street in the amount of \$5,980.50.
DAYSPRING COMMONS DEVELOPER FUNDED PROJECT LUMP SUM CONTRACT \$116,672.26

Motion made by Council President Sims, Seconded by Council Pro Tem Pickett.
Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Hunter, Councilman Michaels

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PUBLIC

Timothy Fisk 27146 W First Ave states the New Clerk needs records protection. You can see the computer screens through the window. ADA Parking at North Oxford Park is not up to code, trip hazard. Golf Carts, google says Town is responsibility for enforcement.

Todd Jones 27207 Pond Drive, he has recently moved back and is working to be back in the community for good. New Construction Company to operate out of State Farm building in Callahan. He asks about his offer. Bid is higher than the "other guy". Tells council to figure out who they want to work with.

Heather Gates West Fifth Avenue, ask will the Town let the people know what the property is selling for?

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

Council President Sims clarified that Attorney Christian Waugh is currently negotiating the matter and that the process must be seen through to completion. He further stated that Attorney Waugh will review Todd Jones's offer.

Councilman Michaels reported that 135 participants have registered for the soccer program and 50 participants have registered for the men's basketball program. He also stated that registration is currently open for flag football and volleyball. Additionally, he reported that the North Oxford Park Grant project is nearing completion.

Councilman Wollitz, stated that the Town purchased the property it was not given to the Town. He noted that the offer has been published. He also advised that Nassau County has issued a burn ban. Councilman Wollitz asked everyone to keep Mrs. Purvis in their prayers. He further reported that a player in the men's basketball league suffered cardiac arrest. Fortunately, the Town's automated external defibrillator (AED) was used, and it saved the player's life.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Land Use Administrator Lee Anne Wollitz reported that the Town is working on obtaining additional automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

She attended the West Nassau Chamber meeting earlier today, where Representative Dean Black was present. She provided him with an update on the Town's sewer rehabilitation project.

Ms. Wollitz also advised that Nassau County has issued a burn ban and noted that information regarding the burn ban has been posted on the Town's website.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Attorney Christian Waugh, reported on information received from the Florida League of Cities regarding recently passed legislation. He also addressed the property offers, noting that the matter was not only listed on the current meeting agenda but was also discussed at the previous Town Council meeting.

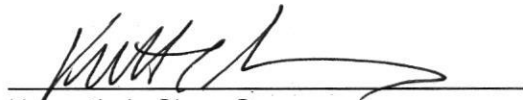
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

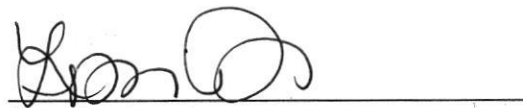
Motion made by Council President Sims, Seconded by Councilman Wollitz.

Voting Yea: Council President Sims, Council Pro Tem Pickett, Councilman Wollitz, Councilman Michaels

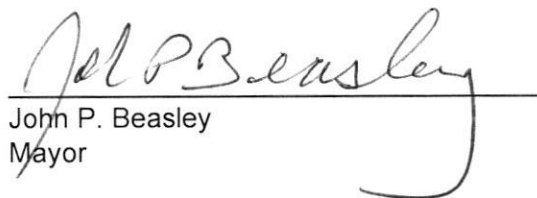
Approved this 16th day of July, 2026 by the Hilliard Town Council,
Hilliard, Florida.


Kenneth A. Sims, Sr.
Council President

ATTEST:


Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:


John P. Beasley
Mayor