



Town Council Meeting

January 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM

In Person and via Zoom

MINUTES

Mayor MacFarlane called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor MacFarlane led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL

Acknowledgement of Quorum

MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Councilor George Lehning | Councilor Marie V Gallelli | Councilor Rick Klein | Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Conroy | Mayor Martha MacFarlane

STAFF PRESENT:

Sean O'Keefe, Town Administrator | John Brock, Town Clerk | Rick Thomas, Police Chief | Morgan Cates, Public Works Director

AGENDA APPROVAL/REVIEW

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy to approve of the agenda; Seconded by Councilor Klein. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Voting

Yea: Councilor Lehning, Councilor Gallelli, Councilor Klein, Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy, Mayor MacFarlane

Nay: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Routine items are placed on the Consent Agenda to expedite the meeting. If Town Council/Staff wish to discuss any item, the procedure is as follows: (1) Pull the item(s) from the Consent Agenda; (2) Vote on the remaining item(s); and (3) Discuss each pulled item and vote.

1. The approval of the minutes and ratification and confirmation of all Town Council actions at the January 10, 2022 Town Council Meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Lehning to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Voting

Yea: Councilor Lehning, Councilor Gallelli, Councilor Klein, Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy, Mayor MacFarlane

Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Consideration and Approval: **Appointment of Thomas Silvanic to the Town's Parks & Recreation Board.**

Mayor MacFarlane introduced the item and asked Mr. Silvanic to introduce himself and state why he wanted to serve on the town's Park & Recreation Board.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy to appoint Thomas Silvanic to the town's Park & Recreation Board; Seconded by Councilor Gallelli. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Voting

Yea: Councilor Lehning, Councilor Gallelli, Councilor Klein, Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy, Mayor MacFarlane

Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS

3. Consideration and Approval: **Resolution 2022-001 Dedicating part of a highway to the memory of Sheriff Gary Borders, Howey-in-the-Hills resident.**

Mayor MacFarlane introduced this item and read Resolution 2022-001 by title only:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF STATE ROAD 19 (S.R.19) IN MEMORY OF FORMER HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS RESIDENT, RETIRED LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF GARY S. BORDERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made by Councilor Lehning to approve **Resolution 2022-01 Dedicating part of a highway to the memory of Sheriff Gary Borders, Howey-in-the-Hills resident**; Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy. Motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Voting

Yea: Councilor Lehning, Councilor Gallelli, Councilor Klein, Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy, Mayor MacFarlane

Nay: None

4. Discussion: **Update on Consultation Services for Wastewater**

Mayor MacFarlane asked Town Administrator, Sean O'Keefe, to introduce this topic. Mr. O'Keefe gave an update on the hiring of a consultant/expert on wastewater services. Mr. O'Keefe stated that the town had spoken with several different consultants including Black & Veatch, who suggested that the town should work with the Florida Government Utilities Authority (FGUA).

Public Comment:

Chuck Millar, 11770 Us Hwy 1, Ste 308 E, Palm Beach Gardens Fl – Mr. Millar stated that Atwell consulting group was interested in assisting the town with its wastewater consulting needs.

Peter Tuite, 300 E Croton Way – Mr. Tuite asked if the town had a place to put a wastewater treatment plant.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

5. Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy

Mayor Pro-Tem Conroy was happy to see the town moving forward with acquiring a consultant.

6. Councilor Lehning

Councilor Lehning wanted to know about the status of the town hall sign being installed and the status of the Downtown Sewer Project.

7. Councilor Gallelli

Councilor Gallelli stated that she had spoken with residents who had concerns with developments and that the town is growing too fast. Councilor Gallelli stated that the Town Council's focus should be on building Howey better, not just bigger. Resident participation in the process and meetings is encouraged and beneficial.

8. Councilor Klein

Councilor Klein thanked Councilor Gallelli for bringing up her topic.

9. Mayor MacFarlane

Mayor MacFarlane stated that town staff would be meeting with the town's auditor soon and that town staff had been working diligently on preparing for the audit.

Mayor MacFarlane also stated that the town would be looking at its building standards as it relates to the number of water meters necessary for future developments that want to pull irrigation water from the lake.

Mayor MacFarlane also reminded everyone that there would be a Town Council Workshop on January 26th about revising the town's charter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any person wishing to address the Mayor and Town Council and who is not on the agenda is asked to speak their name and address. Three (3) minutes is allocated per speaker.

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

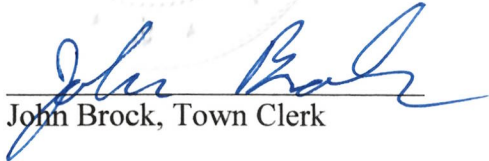
The Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. | **Attendees: 26**

ATTEST:





Mayor Martha MacFarlane



John Brock, Town Clerk