

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021**

1. Call to Order

A. Mayor Shalhoub called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The following officials were present:

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Vice Mayor
Gregory Freebold, President Pro Tem
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Council Member
Albert Pavon, Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shalhoub requested a moment of silence for residents Bess Gregory, Paul Ghigliotti and Dr. Jeffery Faivus. The Most Reverend Father Peter Sphortun of St. Mary's Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach, gave the invocation then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Second Public Hearing 2021-2022 Budget
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Local Planning Agency Public Hearing.
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Town Council Meeting.
- D. Approval of Proclamation proclaiming October 22, 2021 as Cardinal Newman High School Day.
- E. Approval to declare the following items from the Water Plant as surplus and allowing these items to be disposed:

HP Officejet Pro 8600
Serial #CN571FX1RK
Toshiba TV - asset tag #00386

F. Approval of forfeiture expenditure in the amount of \$9,350.00 for the Police Department to purchase two (2) Radar Feedback Speed Signs from Tapco Safe Travels which will be placed in the Town for speed deterrent along the Town's roadways.

G. Approval of Land Use License – James & Sharon Farrell, 7330 West Lake Drive
– New dock, Seawall & Boat lift

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

4. Presentations

Note – Chief Tracy Adams – Palm Beach County Fire Rescue gave her presentation after Chief Smith during the Status Report portion of the meeting. Minutes reflect the order of the agenda.

Chief Adams noted that they are putting together their End-of Year Report and will present it to the Council when it becomes available. She noted the number of calls that they responded to in September and stated that the average time that it takes from the time that they receive the call to the time they leave the station is under one minute. She also noted that they will keep better track of the types of calls that they are responding to, so that there will be an accurate count of the number of accident, fire and smoke calls in Town.

5. Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

A. None

6. Public Hearing

A. None

7. Unfinished Business

A. None

8. New Business

A. Lien – 1621 Carandis Road

Mr. Daniel Whitaker and his wife Marlene were at the meeting. Mr. Whitaker noted that he was cited many years ago for the condition of his yard. He stated that the violations were for areas where there was missing grass which was classified as loose dirt. He noted that he worked with Officer Schack to resolve the issue, but was not aware that the fines continued to accrue or of the liens against his property. He noted that he would like the lien amount reduced to \$3200.00 since the current amount due is excessive for

the infraction of loose dirt. He stated that he contacted Melissa Nash once he found out about the liens to try to resolve the issue, but was unable to negotiate with her to reduce the lien. He stated that it is the Town Council's roll to mitigate this.

The Town Council questioned Mr. Whitaker on the length of time it took to come into compliance, the other liens that are against the property, if he was present during the Code Enforcement Board Hearings when the violations were discussed and when he found out about the liens.

Mr. Whitaker noted that he fixed the violations right away, so he was not aware that the fines continued to accrue and liens were filed. He noted that he was at a few of the Code Enforcement Board Meetings, but the Cases were continued numerous times so he was not present for all of the meetings. He noted that he was not present for the meetings when the Board imposed the liens because he thought that Officer Schack would have taken care of letting the Board know that he was in compliance. He stated that he found out about the liens when he was trying to refinance his home.

Mr. Clark agreed that the lien amount for loose dirt is very high. He noted that there was 5 months from the time of the first notice to the time that liens were imposed and nothing was done to the property during that time. After the lien was imposed, the property remained in violation which caused the fines and lien amounts to continue to accrue.

It was noted that Mr. Whitaker was requesting that the lien imposed for Case #11-1170 concerning loose dirt be reduced and that he was willing to pay the other liens that have been imposed against the property.

The Town Council and Mr. Whitaker continued discussing the issue and determined that more information was needed regarding the case before making a decision.

Motion made by Council Member Rodriguez to continue this issue to the November 9, 2021 Town Council Meeting, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (5-0).

It was noted that the Town Council would like for Officer Schack to attend the meeting to provide additional information on the case.

9. Audience Comments

- A. Emailed Questions/Comments – None
- B. Written Questions/Comments – None
- C. Verbal Questions/Comments – None

10. Status Report

Chief Smith – noted that officers completed training provided by the Palm Springs Police Department and that they participated in a criminal investigation with PBSO. He noted that the Officers received new body cameras. He also noted that he will be ordering the new speed signs that were approved by the Town Council. The new signs will be placed in various locations throughout the Town within 60 days.

Mr. Schoech was not at the meeting. Mr. Bill Doney sat in for Mr. Schoech – noted that the foreclosure complaint noted in Mr. Schoech's report was from the nuisance property that the Town is maintaining.

Mr. Clark – noted that he found out that the Town may not need to provide a Basin Management Action Plan during his talks with Department of Environmental Protection about Lake Clarke.

Council Member Pavon asked Mr. Clark about the Blueway Trail. Mr. Clark noted that he will be talking to the Lake Worth Beach Commissioners about a resolution in support of the Blueway Trail.

Mr. Clark noted that Mr. Bill Lynch, Project Manager for Jones Edmunds, was attending the meeting in person instead of virtually.

Mr. Lynch – noted the different projects that his company has been working on for the Town. He stated that the master plan has been prepared, a consultant has been chosen and that they have been working on finding locations for the vacuum pump stations, one of which will be on DOT owned property along Forest Hill Boulevard.

He noted that they are trying to obtain funding to help pay for a sewer system to be installed in Town. He noted that they are continuing to work with PBC and Lake Worth Beach Utilities to utilize their road right-of ways for the sewer system.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that the Town will be looking at various funding sources, including appropriations from the State, to help pay for sewers.

11. Council Comments

Council Member Pavon – noted that some of residents will be getting together to participate in a Halloween boat parade on October 23rd.

President Pro Tem Freebold – noted that a Royal Poinciana tree was planted in Pine Tree Park in memory of Margaret Parkinson. He also congratulated Cardinal Newman High School on their 60th anniversary.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – thanked Mr. Lynch for his attendance at the meeting. He also noted that it was his granddaughter Vivian's birthday today.

Council Member Rodriguez – left the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Mayor Shalhoub – noted that he was a “Class of 99” Alumni of Cardinal Newman High School and read the Cardinal Newman High School Day Proclamation that was approved by the Town Council.

He wished his daughter Vivian Shalhoub a Happy 4th Birthday.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by President Pro Tem Freebold to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM, seconded by Council Member Pavon; Motion approved (4-0).

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk