

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

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

The following official was absent:

Albert Pavon, Council Member

B. Moment of Silence, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Shalhoub requested a moment of silence for resident Felipe David Sotolongo and for Tim “The Byrdman” Byrd, longtime friend of the Town. Pastor Hunter, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, gave the invocation then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Shalhoub noted a request for the Town to add a Proclamation declaring the week of February 21 through February 27 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week to the consent agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to add the Proclamation to the consent agenda as Item 3. F, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (4-0).

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the Agenda after the addition of Item 3.F, seconded by Council Member Rodriguez; Motion approved (4-0).

3. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Town Council Meeting.

B. Approval of Resolution 2022-01 – Appointing Wesley Cook as a member of the Code Enforcement Board.

C. Approval of Resolution 2022-02 – Expressing appreciation to Benjamin Hartman for his service on the Code Enforcement Board.

- D. Approval of Proclamation recognizing the week of February 20 - 26 2022 as Engineer's Week.
- E. Approval of the Second Amendment to the agreement between the Town of Lake Clarke Shores and Accounts Receivables, Inc. which will extend the agreement for debt collection services for an additional six (6) month period commencing on February 13, 2022 and ending on August 12, 2022.
- F. Approval of Proclamation recognizing the week of February 21 – 27 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (4-0).

4. Presentations

A. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Annual Report

Chief Adams presented the PBC Fire Rescue Annual Report. She noted the changes made in the way that their personnel respond to COVID related calls. She noted they added a third person to each of the response vehicles. She also noted that the Fire Rescue Strike Team assisted at the Surfside Condo collapse site and the average response time for Palm Beach County is a little over six minutes. She noted that January is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Shalhoub thanked Chief Adams for her report and all that PBC Fire Rescue does for the Town.

5. Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

~~A. 1821 Carissa Road Variance Request~~

- ~~1. Presentation by Town of request and recommendation of ZBA—Charles Schoech.~~
- ~~2. Presentation by Applicant—Kirenia Pena~~
- ~~3. Public Hearing~~
- ~~4. Rebuttal by Applicant if Necessary~~
- ~~5. Council Comments~~
- ~~6. Council Conclusion (Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law)~~

Applicant withdrew their request for a variance.

6. Public Hearing

A. None

7. Unfinished Business

A. None

8. New Business

A. BBQ Discussion – Vice Mayor Shalhoub

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that the BBQ Committee met in January to discuss the Town BBQ. There was consensus that the BBQ should go on this year, but needed to be held at a time when it would be safe to do so. The Committee discussed ways to help prevent the spread of COVID such as having less tables under each tent and less chairs at each table. They also discussed the possibility of not having the children's activities during the BBQ since there would be no way to sanitize the equipment after each use. The Committee also discussed doing away with the Saturday Take-out orders and having the entire "pit crew" stay in the cooking area.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that Town staff recommends that the BBQ be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Shalhoub to hold the Town BBQ on May 15, 2022, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (4-0).

9. Audience Comments

A. Emailed Questions/Comments – None

B. Written Questions/Comments – None

C. Verbal Questions/Comments (in person and virtually) –

Mark Hassell, 7205 West Lake Drive – noted that he had submitted a petition for a speed hump for West Lake Drive that was signed by residents in the area and inquired about the status of this request.

Mr. Clark noted that he is waiting on the costs for the installation from the Town Engineer. The request for approval of the speed table, not speed hump, will be on the March 1st agenda.

Ann Warren, 7524 Edgewater Circle – provided an article from the Palm Beach Post regarding Miami-Dade County's plan to address the pollution in Biscayne Bay by converting from septic tanks to sewers in the area to the Town Council for them to read.

Louise Bing, 7401 West Lake Drive – noted that it is good that the Town Hall Lobby remains closed since there is no way of knowing if people are vaccinated or not. She noted that the employees deserve a safe place to work.

Patricia Boyer, 1437 Mediterranean Road E – noted that since the Town is considering not having the Saturday BBQ Take-out orders, would the residents would be able to come to the BBQ on Sunday to get their food then leave instead of eating it on site, so that they would not have to worry about being exposed to COVID. She also asked about the possibility of having staggering the times for picking up the take-out orders instead of doing away with them all together.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that this would be something to consider.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted that food being put into take-out containers ahead of time for resident to take home on Sunday would not work because some people do not want all of the food that would be offered.

Ms. Boyer also noted the article from the Palm Beach Post about the septic to sewer conversion in Miami-Dade County and stated that Miami-Dade obtained grants to help lower the costs for the residents. She asked if residents can do anything to help with this.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that the Town has also been looking for grants and other resources to help with the costs. He stated that residents can send letters to the Legislators and the Governor to let them know that they are in support of the funding.

Robert Gonzalez, 1420 South Lake Court – noted that he was unable to attend the meeting in person since it was his father's birthday. He thanked the Town Council for the availability to attend the meeting virtually.

He also reminded everyone that he is a candidate for Town Council Group 4.

Charles Damsel, 8147 Pine Tree Lane – noted he would like to see more of a police presence in the southern area of Pine Tree Lane since drivers constantly ignore the stop sign at Pine Tree Lane and Keller Road. He asked if the Town is able to see the vehicles running the stop sign in the bridge cameras and if officers could issue tickets based on this.

Chief Smith noted that they cannot issue tickets based on the camera. The officers have to witness the infraction firsthand.

Mr. Damsel also noted the gates on Keller Bridge are frequently broken because vehicles attempt to drive over the bridge when the gates are not fully opened or as they are closing. He asked if and how much the Town collects from those who break the gates.

Chief Smith noted drivers are charged \$250.00 for damaging the gates and that approximately 85% of those who receive invoices from the Town pay them right away.

Lashawn Roman, 1415 Keller Road – thanked everyone for their service to the Town.

Bernadette Shalhoub, 8429 West Lake Drive – noted that the Town should have a Welcome Committee that would welcome new residents to the Town.

There was discussion on the Welcome Packet that was given to residents in the past. It was noted that the Welcome Packet was on the Town Website, but was removed because it was not ADA compliant.

Gerard Sanchez, 8360 West Lake Drive- asked about the status of the proposed boat lift and if people would be able to purchase a permit to use it or if they would have to pay each time they use the lift.

Mr. Clark noted that there is another legislative request to help pay for the design and permitting for the boat lift since South Florida Water Management District had problems with the first design that was submitted. It was noted that there is no decision on how payments for using the boatlift will be made as of yet, but use of a payment app is a possibility.

10. Status Report

Mr. Schoech – did not have any comments at this time.

Chief Smith – noted that he was unable to provide the January statistics because the statistics are not available until the end of month. He also noted that one new hire is being processed for an open full time position in the Department and they are looking at hiring part-time officers also. He stated that he would like the information on golf cart renewals to be put back onto the Town website.

He also noted that a more permanent type of barrier will be installed at the railroad crossing on Forest Hill Boulevard to prevent drivers from turning onto the railroad tracks.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub noted the closure on Pine Tree Lane in December. Chief Smith explained that the roadway was closed to traffic and residents in the area were advised to stay in their homes for their safety due to an attempted murder suspect being holed up in his house located on Pine Tree Lane. The roadway was reopened once the situation was under control.

Mr. Lynch – noted that the design report was delivered today and that he will provide the Town with information to pass onto the residents regarding the sewer project.

Mr. Clark – noted that the movie that is usually shown on the Friday night before the BBQ will be rescheduled to sometime in late summer, early fall instead.

11. Council Comments

Council Member Rodriguez – noted that this year is the 65th anniversary of the Town. He reviewed some of the items that were included in the Town's 50th Anniversary Book

including the list of residents that lived in the area for 50 years. He stated that it would be nice to be able provide an updated book that recognizes all of the residents that have lived in Town for over 50 years. He noted that some information from the Town's old anniversary books could be used as a starting point for a new anniversary book.

Mayor Shalhoub noted that the Town could ask for volunteers to assist with this project. Council Member Rodriguez encouraged each Town Council Member to appoint someone in the same manner as was done for the 50th Anniversary Committee.

President Pro Tem Freebold – noted the Great American Clean-up that will be taking place on April 23rd and the Fishing Tournament that will take place on May 7th.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub – discussed cell service issues that are arising from the new 5G technology. He also noted that one of his neighbors is concerned with the size of the speed hump that will be installed on West Lake Drive.

Mr. Clark noted that if the Town Council approves the installation of the speed “hump”, the Town will be installing a speed “table” instead. A speed “table” is wider and easier to drive over than a speed “hump”. He noted that speed “tables” will be used for all future traffic calming devices on the Town's roadways.

Vice Mayor Shalhoub thanked the Town's employees for all they do for the Town.

Mayor Shalhoub – reminded everyone of the Candidate Forum taking place on March 1st immediately followed by the Town Council Meeting, the Waterway Clean-up on April 23rd and the Fishing Tournament on May 7th. He thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Council Member Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, seconded by President Pro Tem Freebold; Motion approved (4-0).

Paul R. Shalhoub, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk