

# Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Daniel P. Clark, P.E., Town Manager

Date: October 6, 2021

Subject: Status Report for the October 9, 2021 Town Council Meeting

## **Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule**

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting November 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting followed by CRA Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

Virtual – Coffee with the Mayor and Manager, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM Holiday Parade – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM Jim and Judy Tackett Annual Tree Lighting Event – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM Holiday Home Décor Contest – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM

#### 2022 Special Legislative Funding Request (HB2001)

We have asked Representative Silvers to assist us in securing a 2022 Special Legislative Appropriation of \$600,000 for the Pine Tree Bridge Replacement. The bridge project is expected to cost \$1.2M and Rep. Silvers is allowing us a 50/50 match in this request. Senator Berman is addressing this request in the Senate.

#### 2022 Special Legislative Funding Request

Palm Beach County and the Town have asked Representative Silvers to assist us in securing a 2022 Special Legislative Appropriation of \$1,700,000 for the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) Grant Program. The LWLI Grant Program special appropriation will support the MICA West Water Quality Improvement program is the Towns first effort to address water quality and nutrient loading issues in Lake Clarke. It will put sewers in the MICA West area along with new watermains and regraded swales. Palm Beach County will be addressing this issue in the Senate on behalf of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative.

#### **FDEP OSTDS TAC Subcommittee**

"Public input is an important and valued part of all Florida rule development activities." The Florida State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has created a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to assist DEP in rule making for Onsite Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS). The mission statement reads: The mission of the OSTDS TAC shall be to provide a forum for identifying and constructively outlining recommendations to the governor and legislature based on the most recent scientific information available and the direction provided by Chapter 2020-150, Laws of Florida. As an engineer and a government official, I have been

assigned to a subcommittee of the TAC specifically looking at Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL's), Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) OSTDS, drain field setbacks, and other operational and technical issues associated with septic tanks. We will be providing technical expertise to the TAC. This Subcommittee and the TAC were created by Section 8 of Chapter 2020-150 Laws of Florida. Most of the Subcommittee's work will be completed by January 1, 2022.

## Lake Clarke as "Impaired"

I have opened a dialog with FDEP on the impaired status of Lake Clarke. They are open to discussing a remedial action plan before a TMDL or Basin Management Action Plan is created. We are to continue our discussions next week. A remedial action plan would likely have the same requirements as a TMDL but would save the Town a lot of money in the preparations, review and adoption process of a TMDL.

## Munis Upgrade Installed

The IT server upgrades were just completed. The Munis upgrade has been installed on schedule. We now have 6 months of training and expect to go live with the new version in March 2022. Munis is our utility billing and accounts payable software. The Munis upgrade required a significant amount of additional server capacity that wasn't available in the older servers. The new servers are capable of providing what is now required of Munis. Utility operations will continue as usual. The Munis IT department is telling us there will be a partial day system shut down (likely office closure) in March as we transition to the new version.

## **2021 Audit**

The audit has started for the FY2021. This is year two with our new auditor CRI (Carr, Riggs, Ingram). If you get a call from them or a questionnaire in your email, please respond as soon as possible. Mr. Ron Bennett (Nolan, Holt, and Minor) is assisting staff to expedite the audit process.

## **Blueway Trail and Lake Worth Beach**

We have meetings scheduled with the City Commissioners of Lake Worth Beach the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to meet the new City Manager at the same time. We will be discussing how we can move the boatlift, portage, and fishing pier projects forward with their involvement. We are thrilled that the new City Commission is receptive to having this discussion.

#### Jones Edmunds Monthly Report

The Town has quite a few utility projects moving forward with Jones Edmunds. In your Town Council Meeting packet is the first monthly report prepared by our project manager Bill Lynch. This first report is a little longer than we will have moving forward to set the background and understanding of the Task Orders. Mr. Lynch is usually found attending our Town Council meetings virtually. If you have questions, I'm sure he'd be willing to respond.