



Town of Lake Clarke Shores

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Daniel P. Clark, P.E., Town Manager
Date: May 5, 2022
Subject: Status Report for the May 10, 2022 Town Council Meeting

Proposed Upcoming Town Council Meeting Schedule

May 10th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
June 14th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting
July 12th – 6:30 PM Budget Workshop, followed by CRA Meeting, and Regular Town Council Meeting
August 9th – 6:30 PM Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Town Events

2022 LCS Fishing Tournament – May 7th, dawn start
Town BBQ – May 15th, 11:30 AM Town Hall
2022 Summer Fishing Camp – June 6-10, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

ABM Performance Report

ABM provided their Year 2 Performance Report documenting a \$10,562 cost avoidance for the energy upgrades completed in 2019 and 2020. This number reflects an 18% increase over the contract guarantee. Additionally, they provided a \$21,959 annual operational saving as stipulated in the contract.

Great American Cleanup Event

It was a very good event for our first in-person clean-up in quite a while. For those of you interested in numbers, we had 38 people helping us clean the Lake and shorelines. We collected 1,300 pounds of debris. The largest item was a metal pole and the strangest was an iguana skeleton. Greg Parkinson collected the most debris. We even had a group of children from a local middle school and a group of out-of-state visitors helping. Please thank the participants for their assistance and dedication in helping us make our community better. Our next clean-up will be in September.

Sewer System Financing

We prepared a memo (attached to my report) comparing ways to borrow money to pay for the sewer system. It confirms that the SRF Loan is the cheapest monthly cost and the cheapest overall cost. Staff will continue to pursue SRF Funding from DEP. The example does not reflect any project we have or are designing, but does compare financing for a \$4M project. It has been reviewed and approved by our Financial Analyst and our Consulting Engineers.

SWAG Grant

Lake Clarke Shores submitted an application for a State Water Quality Assistance Grant on April 29th. We asked for \$1.9M for the MICA West septic to sewer project. It is the only project that met the DEP's criteria. The projects had to be shovel ready.

Federal 319(h) Grant

The Town submitted to DEP's Division of Water Restoration Assistance a request for \$660,000 to connect individual homes to a sewer system. The grant requires a 40% match. Again, this request was for the MICA West project as it is the project we have that is closest to shovel ready.

Palm Beach County ARPA Monies

During a Board of County Commission Meeting, the staff told the Commission they had allocated \$75M for environmental projects. The Town had just made a presentation on our septic to sewer needs and so the Commission asked us to get with County staff and apply for those funds. In discussing the \$75M, it was disclosed that the County only had \$6.5M for non-County wastewater projects. They indicated that at least six other communities were dealing with impaired water bodies. We went ahead and submitted three projects to the County: 1) MICA West with a request of \$1.9M, 2) Phases 3-5 the Vacuum Sewer System with a request of \$5.8M, and 3) Lake Clarke Biomass Removal for \$500,000. The County's requirements were that we commit to a 50% match and that we are either shovel ready or near shovel ready on these projects. The Town can be shovel ready or near shovel ready on items 2 and 3 by September 2023.

Palm Beach County \$200M GO Bond for Housing

The County is considering a \$200M GO Bond for housing. The program is complex but is supported by the Economic Council and the Housing Leadership Council. There are incentives that would help us develop and improve the CRA. It is complementary to our CRA housing overlay codes we discussed at the last CRA meeting. We look forward to learning more about this program.

PBC General Obligation (GO) Environmental Bond Discussions

Palm Beach County staff are working to collect additional information for the Board. No new update at this time. The Water Resources Task Force meeting was cancelled in April.

NPDES Illicit Discharges

As part of our overall commitment to Lake Water Quality Improvement, our Utility Department has been looking into some illegal/non-stormwater discharges. Due to Federal Mandate 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(iv)(B) and Town of Lake Clarke Shores NPDES Permit No. FLS000018-004; the Town is required to detect, remove, prohibit, and enforce any non-stormwater discharges to the municipal storm drain system unless the illicit discharge or illegal dumping is specifically exempted or covered by an individual NPDES permit. This mandate includes direct non-stormwater discharges to the Lake or our canal systems. The Town has codified our responsibilities in the Town's Code of Ordinances Sections 62-161 through 62-165 (Ord. 2021-02).

Utility is providing notices to residents of improperly connected pool drains, roof drains, and grey water lines. Our goal is to improve lake water quality through voluntary compliance with our ordinances. If voluntary compliance doesn't work, we have the authority to issue fines from \$125 to \$2500 per occurrence per day.

The Utility Department shares Best Management Practices that makes complying with the ordinances simple. For example, just run your pool overflow over your grass to remove the pollutants before it enters the Lake. Please watch for our Buzz newsletter to get more helpful hints.