

**REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2009 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Tom Katsanis called the regular meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday March 9, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. Thelma Becker of Manna Ministries and the Memorial United Methodist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Katsanis led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Tom Katsanis
Council Member Charles Wilson
Council Member Ray Royce
Council Member Steve Bastardi
Council Member Carol Smart

CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of Monthly Reports and Payment of Monthly Bills
- D. Proclamation for National Public Works Week

Council Member Royce made a motion the consent agenda be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bastardi stated he would like to have a workshop to discuss the 2008-2009 budgets. Just to make sure the budget is in line for the rest of the year. Council asked Mrs. Tuck to schedule a workshop on Monday April 6, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. CDBG – Engineer Bids – Corbett Alday, Guardian – Mr. Alday stated he was present to present the engineer bids for the Town’s CDBG – Hurricane Shelter/Civic Center project. Mr. Alday stated we only received one bid and it was from Edward Pilkington, A.I.A. Architect P.A., of 226 E. Park Avenue, Lake Wales, and Florida 33853. Mr. Alday stated the company has been assisting the Committee and is very well qualified. Council Member Royce made a motion that Town staff be authorized, led by Atty. Harris, to negotiate with Edward Pilkington firm to see if we can come to an agreement on cost for final Architectural and Engineering specifications and permits; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Royce stated what he anticipated is that the firm should give us a cost so that we are at a point that we have bid ready documents and that we can go forward.

- B. Taylor Conklin – Use of John’s Park for Fundraisers – Miss Conklin, who is Miss Lake Placid, requested permission to use John’s Park the second Friday of each month to hold games and activities for children. This would be in conjunction with the Lake Placid Merchants monthly activities. Miss Conklin stated she had spoken with Mr. Smoak (whose family donated the Park with the understanding it would remain a serene park) and he stated his family would not have any objections to the activities. Council Member Bastardi made the motion the request be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Smart. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

- C. Patricia Steed – Central Florida Regional Planning – Mrs. Steed stated she was present at the request of the Mayor. She stated the Mayor called and informed her the Town was interested in seeing what other portions the Town had when it came to planning. Mrs. Steed introduced the Central Florida Regional Planning Committee functions and stated they would be interested in helping the Town at any time. She stated their fees are based on what projects they are requested to fulfill. The Council asked the Clerk to forward Mrs. Steed a copy of our Interlocal Agreement with the County for Planning. Mrs. Steed stated she would keep in touch with the Town.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance 09-592 – Amending 08-590 – (Amending bill credits, providing for irrigation meter) Mr. Freeman stated, after reviewing the Ordinance, staff feels the section referring to Leaks, Breaks and Errors, should be removed. He stated the Ordinance does not allow for any free water and Staff agrees with this. Council Member Royce made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-592 on first hearing, with the exception of striking Section 135-21; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ordinance 09-586 – Red Light Cameras Ordinance (1st hearing) Traffic Light Safety Act – Council Member Smart made a motion Ordinance 09-586 be approved on first hearing, with it being amended to a penalty of \$150.00 instead of the \$100.00 and with a cleanup of the wordage; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Royce and Council Member Smart voted yes; Council Member Bastardi voted no. Motion carried 3 to 1.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- A. Town Planner – Not present
- B. Recreation Director:
1. Bids for rubberized surface loan results – Mr. Komasa stated the bids had not been opened because Mrs. Tuck had a proposal to present to Council. Mrs. Tuck stated the Town’s Code allowed for the Town to borrow from the Cemetery Trust Account (perpetual account). She stated she would like to propose the Town Council borrow up to \$110,000.00 at 4% interest for 48 months from the Cemetery Trust Account. The account presently has over \$200,000.00. The account would be paid back with funds received from RPAC, who has already agreed to reimburse the Town. Council Member Bastardi made a motion the Town Council borrow up to \$110,000.00 at 4% interest for 48 months from the Cemetery Trust Account to loan to the recreation department for the purchase of the rubberized surface for the Miracle League/T-Ball field; motion seconded by Council Member Smart. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
 2. Contract between Surface America and the Town of Lake Placid – Mr. Komasa reminded the Council they had accepted the bid from Surface America last month but wanted to hold up on accepting the contract until they had the contract from Excavation Point. Council Member Wilson asked about the warranty on the product. Mr. Komasa stated there was a seven year warranty. Council Member Smart made a motion to accept the contract from Surface America, with the inclusion of the warranty information and attorney fee clause to enforce and a venue provision; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
 3. Contract between Excavation Point, Inc. and the Town of Lake Placid – Council Member Royce made a motion the contract between Excavation Point, Inc. and the Town of Lake Placid for excavation work at the Lake June fields be accepted; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
- C. Public Works Director – Nothing to Report
- D. Police Chief – Not Present

E. Utility Director:

1. Data Flow Systems – SCADA System – Mr. Freeman presented Council with an up concerning the SCADA System. He reminded the Council they had requested he get recommendations from other cities concerning the Hyper Server Tack II system. After discussion and a presentation on what the system would do, Council Member Smart made a motion we proceed to purchase the system at a price of \$24,973.00; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
2. Envisors – USA Economic Stimulus Plan and Purchase of property for New Water Tank (Bryan Paul's Property) – Mr. Freeman stated the Preliminary Engineering Evaluation Report for the proposed new North water Production Facility (Bryan Paul's Property) was complete and he was ready to move forward to obtain the property (4 acres on the east of U.S. Highway 27, and south of our cemetery property). Council Member Royce made a motion we authorize Atty. Harris to meet with the Paul family and if he deems it appropriate to order an appraisal of the property; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

F. Town Attorney-

1. Ordinance No. 09-591 – Atty. Harris stated he was presenting the Ordinance for discussion and review by the Council. Council asked Atty. Harris and Mrs. Tuck to get together and discuss the Ordinance.
2. Mural Society – Carolyn Phipers representing the Lake Placid Mural Society, requested the Town prepare an Ordinance listing some requirements for painting murals on buildings. Mrs. Phipers stated the Mural Society has been very restrict with the murals having to depict the history of Lake Placid, the paint having to be a certain quality, and the upkeep a must. She stated the Mural Society would like to continue this trend and have it placed in an Ordinance. Atty. Harris was asked to get with the Mural Society and come up with an Ordinance for the Council to review at its next meeting.

G. Town Clerk-

1. Mrs. Tuck stated she had received a letter from a company assisting Highlands County with putting out for bids their insurance fee for the year. Mrs. Tuck stated the County had received a lesser fee from our insurance company and we were being informed so that if we wanted to put out for bids. Mrs. Tuck stated the insurance company we are with at present (Public Risk Management, Inc.) requires 12 months notice of our withdrawal. She stated she would like permission to submit a Resolution to PRM with our intent of putting the insurance fee out for bids for the 2010-2011 year. Council Member Royce so moved; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Smart made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.