

**TOWN OF LAKE PLACID  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council was called to order on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor Tom Katsanis at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. The invocation was given by Rev. Tim Taylor, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Tom Katsanis  
Council Member Charles Wilson  
Council Member Jim Waller  
Council Member Bill Brantley  
Council Member Debra Worley

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck  
Town Attorney Bert Harris  
Town Planner Sue BuChans  
Town Police Chief Phil Williams  
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman  
Town Public Works Director Jim Fulton  
Town Recreation Director John Komasa

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Council Member Waller made a motion the agenda be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, Council Member Brantley, Council Member Waller and Council Member Wilson voted yes; Council Member Worley had not yet arrived at the meeting. Motion carried 3 to 0.

**PRESENTATION:**

- A. Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co – Annual Audit – Mr. John Davis of Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. gave the Council an update on the annual audit. Mr. Davis stated the town was in good financial standing, except for the sewer department. Mr. Davis stated the Council needed to consider some other avenues to assist the financial condition of the sewer department. Council Member Waller made a motion the 2006 audit be approved as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, Council Member Waller, Council Member Wilson and Council Member Brantley voted yes; Council Member Worley had not yet arrived at the meeting. Motion carried 3 to 0.
- B. Mr. Davis reminded the Council they needed to do an audit for the State Revolving Loan Fund. He stated they could do it but it would have to be considered an additional audit. Council Member Waller made a motion that Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. proceed with preparing the audit as needed; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, Council Member Brantley, Council Member Waller and Council Member Wilson voted yes; Council Member Worley had not yet arrived at the meeting. Motion carried 3 to 0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Monthly Reports and Payment of Monthly Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes

Council Member Wilson made a motion the consent agenda be approved; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, Council Member Waller, Council Member Brantley and Council Member Wilson voted yes; Council Member Worley had not yet arrived at the meeting. Motion carried 3 to 0.

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

##### A. Town Attorney:

1. Ordinance regarding the sewer hook up credit (Ord. No. 07-556) Council asked that the Town Clerk proceed with the advertising of Ordinance No. 07-556.
2. Resolution offering to acquire the Placid Utilities from Highlands County, Ordinance creating the Lake Placid Regional Utility Commission (Ord. No. 07-557) and Resolution regarding the annexation of lands along West Interlake Boulevard – Council asked that these matters, along with the Growth Management Committee’s report be advertised for a special meeting on April 30, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.
3. Charter Change – Allow Mayor to vote if conflict of interest arises on Council – hold until later date.
4. Dasher Groves, Inc. Water and Wastewater Service Agreement – Council Member Waller made a motion to accept the agreement subject to the changes as noted; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
5. Law Enforcement – Taxing District – Atty. Harris will look into this.
6. Sanitation Bills on Tax Bills – Atty. Harris will check with the County on this matter.
7. Dr. Borkosky’s Public Records Request and threat of litigation – Atty. Harris explained to the Council that Dr. Borkosky had asked for the database of our water system billing software. Atty. Harris stated he has been told by Mr. Freeman, who contacted the software distributor that it would cost approximately \$3,000.00 to retract the information requested. Atty. Harris stated he has informed Dr. Borkosky’s of this matter and that Dr. Borkosky is threatening to file a lawsuit against the Town because of public records. Atty. Harris stated he was just making the Council aware of the matter.

##### B. Town Planning Department:

1. Highlands County Engineering Department – Traffic Impact Study Procedures – Ramon Gaverre, County Engineer and Kenya Milton, from the County Engineer office, plus Bob Wallace, of Tindale-Oliver & Associates presented a power point on concurrency management. After the presentation, Mr. Gaverre, stated he had left copies of the Interlocal Agreements Between Highlands County, Florida and the Town relating to development with the Town of Lake Placid and an updated Concurrency Management System Ordinance. Council Member Waller made a motion Sue BuChans, Atty. Harris and Mrs. Tuck work with the County Engineer’s office on the Interlocal Agreement and Ordinance; motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

C. Town Public Works Director:

1. Reliable Sanitation – Mr. Fulton stated he had not heard anything from Reliable Sanitation concerning our Ordinance requesting franchise fees. The Council asked Atty. Harris to write a letter advising Reliable if the Ordinance is not accepted they are to pick up their dumpsters that they have in town.

D. Town Recreation Director:

1. Tourist Club – Use of Medical Activities during Festivals – Mr. Komosa stated he and the Mayor had met with a representative of the Tourist Club to inform them the Town would be using the building as a medical information station during festivals and at other times as needed. Mr. Komosa stated they were given the impression the Tourist Club owned the building and the Town would not be allowed to use the building. Council asked that Mr. Komosa contact the Tourist Club and inform them this matter would be discussed further at the next meeting. The Council also asked Mr. Komosa to inform the Tourist Club that the property is public property and the Town has every right to use the building.
2. Disposal of excess sand at Lake June Park – Mr. Komosa stated when the renovation is stated at Lake June Sports Complex there will be a lot of excess sand to dispose of. He asked the Council for permission to sale the sand or dispose of it in the best matter possible. Council informed Mr. Komosa he had their permission to proceed as he felt was the best manner.

E. Town Utility Director:

1. Lake June Oaks Sewer Line – Mr. Freeman stated he had been approached by property owners asking if they could hook up to the sewer line at Lake June Oaks. He stated they were going to hook up at the time Mr. Arnone started hooking up his development on Lake Rachard. However, Mr. Arnone's development is at a stand still at this time and Lake June Oaks Property Owners would like to proceed with their hook ups. Council Member Worley made a motion Mr. Freeman move forward with the sewer line on Heartland Boulevard if the property owners agree; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.
2. Update on Assisted Living Facility – Mr. Freeman stated the Assisted Living Facility is way behind on their schedule. He stated the grant will be running out the first of next year and if the project is not completed, the Town will have to reimburse the funds. Council asked Mr. Freeman to write a letter to the Assisted Living Facility developer and advise him we are very concerned and want a commitment on when they will begin.
3. Bob Paul – Mr. Freeman stated he had received a letter of intent from Mr. Paul stating he would be willing to sell the Town some land for a future water system.

F. Police Department – No reports

G. Town Clerk – No reports

H. Mayor/Town Council –

1. Council Member Worley – gave an update on Earth Day, which will be April 21, 2007 at DeVane Park.

Council Member Waller made a motion the meeting adjourn. Motion seconded by Council Member Wilson. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.