

REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY JULY 11, 2011 5:35 P.M.

Mayor John Holbrook called the regular meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday July 11, 2011 at 5:35 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. Prior to the meeting Rev. Richard Norris of the Trinity Lutheran Church gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor John Holbrook
Council Member Debra Worley
Council Member Steve Bastardi
Council Member Ray Royce

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman
Town Public Works Director John Komasa
Town Police Chief (Lt. James Fansler sitting in for Chief Williams)

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of monthly bills

NOT PRESENT:

Council Member Cheryl Davis
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Police Chief Phil Williams

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Corbett Alday – CDBG – Citizen Views concerning the Community’s Housing, neighborhood, commercial, economic or other CDBG eligible community development needs – Mr. Alday gave an explanation of the CDBG process. He explained the CDBG has to benefit low and moderate income persons or to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. He stated the Town does not have an open CDBG grant at this time and does qualify to submit an application.

B. Corbett Alday – Fair Housing Workshop – (First Public Hearing) Mr. Alday stated he was going to hold a training workshop at this time. He provided information on fair housing laws and enforcement for local government official and the public. He stated this workshop is intended to provide the local government officials and the public with information concerning fair housing requirements.

Mr. Alday reminded the Council they needed to form a Citizens Advisory Task Force Committee. Mayor Holbrook stated he would like to see the Local Planning Agency members and Mr. Gary Freeman as the CATF.

Council Member Worley made a motion the LPA members and Mr. Freeman be made the Citizens Advisory Task Force Committee.

PRESENTATION:

A. John Davis – Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. – 2010 Audit – John Davis and Corey DeHays of Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. gave a report on the final audit of the Town. Mr. Davis stated they only had one finding and listed only 6 management suggestions for the Council. Mr. Davis did suggest Council review their purchase order policy. He stated the General Fund and Infrastructure Funds were in very good shape. The water system fund was starting to bring in money. He stated the only funds that were of concern are the wastewater fund and cemetery fund. Mr. Davis suggested it would take some time to secure a wastewater customer base. Mrs. Tuck stated they are noticing more individuals leaning towards cremation rather than purchasing cemetery lots.

Council Member Worley made a motion to accept the 2009-2010 as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:

A. Town Planner

1. Council Member Worley – Sign Ordinance – Council Member Worley stated she had done some homework on the sign ordinance as the Council had requested. She stated she had also attached some suggestions for obscenity, which Council had discussed at a prior meeting.

Council Member Worley suggested the following changes:

154-15.3 Sign permits.

1. *Permit required.* To obtain town review and avoid expensive mistakes, all signs shall be required to comply with this Code. Unless specifically exempt, no sign shall be placed, newly constructed, ~~altered~~, enlarged, or relocated in the Town of Lake Placid until a sign permit has been issued by the Town.

5. *Permitting authority.* The Town ~~Local~~ Planning Department shall act on all applications for a sign permit, a variance from the terms of this Code, and exemptions requests.

8. *Obscenity.* Put in:

Sec. _____, - **Public urination or defecation prohibited.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to urinate or defecate in other than a toilet while at a public place.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to urinate or defecate at any place where such conduct may reasonably be expected to be viewed by others; provided, however, this section shall not apply where a person is urinating or defecating in a toilet.

Council Member Worley made a motion to move forward with the changes that were discussed to set a hearing; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

B. Town Public Works Director (Streets, Sanitation, Recreation, Cemetery) Mr. Komasa was going to show Council a PowerPoint presentation of the Town's public works equipment. However, he could not get the PowerPoint presentation to work. He stated he would show it at the budget workshop. He had no other comments.

C. Town Utility Director – Mr. Freeman had not reports.

D. Town Police Chief – No reports

E. Town Attorney – No present

F. Town Clerk:

1. Approval of Proposed millage rate – 3.9300 – Mrs. Tuck proposed setting the millage rate for the TRIM notices at 3.9300 (which is the rolled back rate). She stated this is something we do every year. You can reduce the rate, but you cannot increase the rate once it is sent to the Property Appraiser. Council Member Royce stated he would like to set it at 3.8100, our millage rate for last year. He and Council Member Bastardi stated they did not want to go over the 3.8100 rate, maybe even consider lowering it. Council Member Worley made a motion the proposed millage rate for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year for the Town of Lake Placid be set at 3.8100; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

2. Cody Study – Mrs. Tuck handed out some information concerning a salary study for the Town, which was discussed at our last budget workshop. She stated she had inquired as to whether or not the study would cost more than \$5,000.00 and she was told by Cody & Associates, Inc. the study would not cost more than the \$5,000.00. Council Member Worley stated she wanted to research this matter a little more before voting on it.

G. Mayor/Council Members: No comments

Council Member Bastardi made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. Mayor Holbrook hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.