

**SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 27, 2007 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Tom Katsanis called the special meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday August 27, 2007 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

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

Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman
Town Recreation Director John Komosa
Town Police Chief Phil Williams

ABSENT:

Town Public Works Director Jim Fulton

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

A. Lake Placid Police Department:

1. FEMA Grant – Discuss whether to approve – Chief Williams informed the Council he had been approved for a 75/25-match grant through FEMA for shutters and funds to evaluate the structure of the building. Chief Williams asked Council if they wanted to proceed with the shutters and evaluation or replace the roof. He stated when the hurricanes came through they damaged the roof, which had just been replaced in June 2004. He stated if though the company came back and fixed the roof, they still have a small leak.

Council Member Brantley made a motion Chief Williams inform FEMA we do want to proceed with the grant; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Williams stated anticipating the Council might want to go with a new roof, he advertised for bids. Atty. Harris stated the Council needed to reject all bids. Council Member Wilson made a motion all bids for the new roof at the police department be rejected; motion seconded by Council Member Waller. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

B. Town Utilities:

1. Discussion and decision on whether or not to enter into a contract with Highlands Utilities for the purchase of their system – Mr. Freeman informed the Council he contacted Highlands Utilities with the Council's proposal of an option for \$500,000.00 and do due diligence. Mr. Freeman stated Highlands Utilities counter offered for \$735,000.00, with no due diligence. Mr. Freeman stated he had met with Atty. Harris concerning this matter. He stated further contact with Highlands Utilities could not accomplish anything. He further stated the law requires a municipality to do due diligence before purchasing utilities.

After much discussion Council felt they must follow the law. Therefore, Council Member Waller made a motion to decline Highlands Utilities counter offer; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Waller made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Brantley. Mayor Katsanis hearing no objections declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.