

SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL  
FRIDAY AUGUST 27, 2010 2:00 P.M.

Mayor John Holbrook called the special meeting of the Lake Placid Town Council to order on Friday, August 27, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

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

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck  
Town Attorney Bert Harris  
Town Planner Sue BuChans  
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman

ABSENT:

Council Member Cheryl Davis

- A. Approval of Closing and Related issues regarding the Town's purchase of the Wastewater collection and treatment system from Highlands Utility Company. Atty. Harris and Council Member Bastardi informed the Council this matter was not ready to be closed. There were still some issues to work out. Council Member Royce made a motion that we authorize Council Member Bastardi and Atty. Harris to negotiate an agreement for the management of that utility (Highlands Utility Company) if they deem it appropriate and if they reach an agreement that the Mayor sign that agreement; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Royce stated his motion was basically to secure that it would be beneficial for the Town in the long run.

- B. Further discussion of the Interlocal Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County; the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan amendments; the Lake Placid Joint Planning Area; terms of the potential acquisition of Placid Utilities; and issues involving a Municipal Regional Utility for the Joint Planning Area. Council Member Bastardi gave an introduction into the reasons the Town is hopeful of acquiring Placid Utilities. He stated the Town someday would like to grow to the north and south. The calling card for annexation is utilities. With the County controlling the utilities to the north, the Town would not have an opportunity to grow in that direction.

After much discussion with residents of Tomoka Heights and the homeowners President, Mrs. Wagner, the attached Memorandum of Understanding was accepted by all parties. (The Memorandum of Understanding was approved by Town Council on August 27, 2010) Council Member Bastardi made a motion to approve the outline of the Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

1. Under Section 1: Under Regional Utility delete last point

2. At the bottom of the page, delete the last paragraph
3. The middle section, Utility Rates, strike Tomoka in both points and keep Placid Utilities
4. On page Two, to clarify Highway Park lots to the County staff
5. Page Three, include a statement that the Town will not rob the Placid Utilities escrow fund.
6. The Placid Utilities wastewater sewer plant will be capped at 200,000 gallons per day
7. That the Town will hold and operate the utilities as a regional system and not sale the same.

Motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Royce made a motion that we ask Council Member Bastardi and Atty. Harris to continue to represent the Town in discussions and/or negotiations with the County in regards to the acquisition of the County's utility system and that we authorize the Mayor to sign or put into effect any documents necessary that come from those negotiations and represent the Town, along with Atty. Harris, at the absence of Council Member Bastardi; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

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 3:00 P.M.