

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 31, 2009 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Tom Katsanis called the special meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday August 31, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to further discuss the handling of sewer problems.

ROLL CALL:

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

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck
Town Attorney Bert Harris
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman

ABSENT:

Council Member Carol Smart

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda – Council Member Bastardi made a motion the agenda be approved as presented; motion seconded by Council Member Royce. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

- A. Town of Lake Placid Sewer Discussion – The Mayor turned the meeting over to the Sewer Committee which was composed of Council Member Bastardi, Atty. Harris, Arlene Tuck and Gary Freeman. The Committee had been appointed by the Mayor.

Council Member Bastardi gave a little bit of an update and what the Committee had been asked to consider. That being possible options of getting customers to hook up to the Town's sewer system. Council Member Bastardi stated the Committee had come up with an availability charge of \$30.00 to \$40.00; this being an average of what the average flow per household is a month. Also to return all system development charges to individuals who have paid but not actually hooked up to the sewer. And, to those who have hooked up and have been using the sewer system, to give them a credit or refund of \$500.00.

Council Member Royce stated he would like to take each item separately, beginning with the availability charge. Council felt the availability charge was a good idea, but not to use it on the flow, to use it on the base charge. Mr. Freeman stated the base charge at present was \$19.00 for residential, \$29.85 for commercial-inside, and \$19.00 for master meters, plus \$18.25 for each additional unit on the master meter.

Council Member Royce made a motion a service availability fee be charged to customers who have the service available, but have not hooked up; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Royce made a motion the service availability fee be added to customers bills beginning with the January 1, 2010 bill; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Royce made a motion the cost of the service availability fee be the base rate charged to customers; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bastardi 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.