

SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
OCTOBER 4, 2010 5:30 P.M.

Mayor John Holbrook called the special meeting of the Town of Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday October 4, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. The meeting was called to further discuss the acquisition of Highlands Utilities Company. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor John Holbrook
Council Member Ray Royce
Council Member Cheryl Davis
Council Member Steve Bastardi

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

ABSENT:

Council Member Debra Worley

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Purchase of Wastewater Collection and Treatment System from Highlands Utility Company and Pugh Septic Tank Services, Inc.

B. Rates to be charged by the Town of Lake Placid to customers of the Highlands Utility Company after acquisition.

Atty. Harris presented a Resolution to the Town regarding the purchase of the assets of Highlands Utility Corporation. The Resolution advised that the meeting was published in the Highlands Today/Tampa Tribune on September 22, 2010, notice was also mailed to the customers of Highlands Utilities Corp. on the 21st day of September 2010 by the HUC Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Lorie Lammie. The Resolution contained the following:

1. Matters considered by the Lake Placid Town Council.
2. Determination of the public interest.
3. Statement of public interest.
4. Rates
5. Closing

The Town also discussed the rates to be considered. The rates of the Town of Lake Placid are higher for commercial businesses because Highlands Utilities Corp. had a cap of 21,000 gallons on their usage, and the Town of Lake Placid does not have a cap. Mark Tharp, of the Golden Corral, was the only concerned citizen to speak. Mr. Tharp stated with the Town's prices, his bill would increase by 40%. He stated he was very concerned that the Town would continue raising the prices. The Council had Mr. Freeman to immediately start working on a rate study. One suggestion made was to charge the commercial businesses the same thing we charge residential customers.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion to approve the Resolution for the acquisition of Highlands Utilities Corp., as amended; motion seconded by Council Member Davis. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Holbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.