

SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL  
MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2011 5:35 P.M.

Drew Severance, of the First Presbyterian Church presented an invocation. Students from the Lake Placid Christian School led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Mayor John Holbrook called the special meeting of the Lake Placid Town Council to order on Monday October 24, 2011 at 5:35 P.M. at Town Hall, 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, Florida. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

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

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck  
Town Attorney Bert Harris  
Town Police Chief Phil Williams  
Town Utility Director Gary Freeman  
Town Public Works Director John Komasa

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of agenda – Council Member Royce stated he would like to add another thing to the agenda. He stated he is concerned about the flood maps that are being prepared by the County through Southwest Florida Water Management District. He stated there are many homes in Lake Placid that will be effected by the flood maps but are not in the impacted parcels that are being reviewed by SWFWMD. Therefore, these property owners will not be receiving any notification from the SWFWMD concerning the flood maps. He stated he would like to discuss this matter later.

Council Member Royce made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended; motion seconded by Council Member Worley. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

INTERVIEWS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

This special meeting had been set to interview prospective candidates for the seat vacated by Council Member Davis on September 20, 2011. The Clerk informed the Council she had four applications, all were voters within Highlands County for the past six months and all were residents of the Town of Lake Placid. She stated the candidates were: 1) Tom Katsanis; 2) Ken LeBlanc; 3) Mack Payne and 4) Mike Waldron.

Mayor Holbrook stated we would ask allow each candidate a time to introduce themselves and ask for questions. Each candidate gave an introduction of themselves and answered questions after their introduction. The Mayor and Council then ranked the candidates. The ranking was as follows:

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| Mike Waldron | Ranked #1 by three |
| Ken LeBlanc  | Ranked #1 by one   |
| Ken LeBlanc  | Ranked #2 by three |
| Mike Waldron | Ranked #2 by one   |

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| Tom Katsanis | Ranked #3 by two |
| Mack Payne   | Ranked #3 by two |
| Tom Katsanis | Ranked #4 by two |
| Mack Payne   | Ranked #4 by two |

Council Member Worley made a motion to fill the vacancy by vote for Mike Waldron; motion seconded by Council Member Bastardi. On roll call, Council Member Worley, Council Member Bastardi, and Council Member Royce voted yes. Motion passed 3-0.

Mike Waldron was sworn in and took his seat on the Council.

#### PRESENTATION:

- A. Julie Fowler – LarsenAllen, LLC – Mrs. Fowler was present to answer some questions concerning their participation in the Town’s audit. Mrs. Fowler stated her company’s policy was not to do any audits that they had participated in, until one year has lapsed since their participation. Therefore, if the Town wanted them to consider doing the audit for 2011-2012, they would not be able to work with the Town this year.

Council Member Royce stated his understanding was that at the next Council Meeting Council would be advised by Atty. Harris if we are following the Statute as to hiring an auditor. At that meeting Council will decide whether to stick with LarsenAllen or go out for bids. Council was in agreement Wicks, Brown, Williams & Co. would do the audit, but we do need someone to come in and bring the books up to a status that the audit can be completed.

#### B. Public Works Director:

1. Bids for mower – Mr. Komasa stated we had received several bids on the two mowers he had advertised for. He stated staff reviewed all bids and was recommending the bid from Royce Supply Co. for a total of \$15,839.98. He stated the bid is \$18.00 more than the lowest bid, but staff was recommending Royce Supply Co. because of their location and ability of the provider to furnish maintenance and service and because Royce Supply has always been willing to assist the Town, even to loaning the Town equipment when the Town needed it. Council Member Bastardi made a motion the Council accept the Department Head’s recommendation on this issue; motion seconded by Council Member Waldron. On roll call, motion carried unanimously.

#### PENDING MATTERS:

- A. Recreation – Atty. Harris presented the Council with a proposed Ordinance for recreation fees. The Council reviewed the Ordinance, made changes and asked Atty. Harris to bring it back to the Council.

Council Member Bastardi made a motion the meeting adjourn; motion seconded by Council Member Waldron. Mayor Holbrook, hearing no objections, declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.