

**MINUTES
TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

I. A) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Mayor Gregory Freebold called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following members and officials were present:

Gregory Freebold, Mayor
Valentin Rodriguez, Jr., Vice Mayor
Robert M. W. Shalhoub, President Pro Tem
Paul R. Shalhoub, Council Member
John Studdard, Council Member
Daniel Clark, Town Administrator
Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk
Wes Smith, Chief of Police
Charles Schoech, Town Attorney

B) MOMENT OF SILENCE, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Freebold requested a moment of silence for Janet Gleason, Town Administrator Dan Clark's Aunt; Donna Anderson, Utilities Field Technician Eddie Svida's Sister; Joyce Ortisi, Town Clerk Mary Pinkerman's Mother; Virginia Russo, Town Clerk Mary Pinkerman's Aunt; Lee Leffingwell, prior Town of Lake Clarke Shores Building Official and former Town Manager of Mangonia Park; and Dominic (Matty) Mattioli, former Town Council Member and Mayor of Royal Palm Beach.

Father Peter Sphortun of St. Mary's Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach,, gave the invocation and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to approve the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of the Minutes of the January 16, 2018 Town Council Meeting.
- B) Approval of Proclamation recognizing the week of February 18 – 24, 2018 as Engineer's Week.
- C) Approval of Proclamation recognizing the week of February 25 – March 3, 2018 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week.
- D) Approval of Proclamation recognizing the month of March 2018 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

- E) Agreement with Raftilis Financial Services for the Lake Clarke Shores Sewer Assessment.
- F) Approval of Forfeiture Expenditure an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the Police Department to sponsor the “Drug Awareness & Anti Bullying Education during the April 8, 2018 Town BBQ. The money will be used toward the rental of play equipment, activities and refreshments for the children of the Town and their guests.
- G) Approval of Resolution #18-03 Establishing the Town of Lake Clarke Shores Infrastructure Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

IV. PRESENTATIONS: Overview of the Palm Beach County Library System - Douglas Crane, Palm Beach County Library Director

Mr. Crane noted that the Main Branch on Summit Boulevard is the closest branch to Lake Clarke Shores. He also noted that it is the largest branch in Palm Beach County. He gave a brief overview of the Palm Beach County Library System and the many benefits the library offers to the residents of Lake Clarke Shores and Palm Beach County.

V. QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS:

- A) None

VI. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A) Lien Reduction Request – 1915 Antigua Road

Ms. Wenyu Qiu noted that she and her husband purchased the property from Bank of America and was told that they could request a lien reduction from the Town Council once they brought the property into compliance. She noted that they spent over \$50,000 to bring the property into compliance within two months of purchase. She noted that Mr. John Sauter came before the Town Council in December to request a lien reduction on their behalf, but the request was denied. Ms. Qui stated that she would like the Town Council to reconsider their decision and reduce the liens.

It was noted that this was purchased as an investment property, not a home that the new owners plan to live in.

Motion made by Council Member Shalhoub to deny the request to reduce the liens; seconded by Council Member Studdard; Motion approved (5-0).

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Agreement with the Town and Accounts Receivables Inc., DBA ARI, for Debt Collection Services

Ms. Melissa Nash introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the services that ARI can do for the Town.

Mr. Clark noted that the Town has unpaid utility accounts and liens that ARI could collect, if the Town Council approves the agreement.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub noted that the Town also has unpaid Business Tax Receipts that should be added to the list on page 20 of the agreement. Mr. Clark noted that all other types of outstanding balances would fall under Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable Billing with a 20% collection service fee.

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to approve the agreement with Accounts Receivables, Inc., seconded by Council Member Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

None

X. STATUS REPORTS:

Mr. Schoech - did not have any additional items to report.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez noted he is continuing to work with Mr. Schoech on updating Town codes.

Mr. Clark – noted that Mr. Pavon was in attendance and that he is one of the three people appointed by Council to the Surtax Oversight Committee.

Mr. Clark introduced Officer Brian Pizzuti, and noted that Officer Pizzuti was an unpaid volunteer officer for the Town for over one year before being hired.

He noted the next “Coffee with the Town Administrator and Chief” event will take place on February 22, 2018. He encouraged everyone to attend.

He also noted that within the next few weeks the Department of Environmental Resource Management will start treating Lake Clarke with a special chemical that will kill the hydrilla at its roots. He stated that residents should not use the water from the lake to irrigate their lawns during this treatment. He noted that the residents along the lake will be notified when this project will begin. Mayor Freebold noted that the pellets that they will be using to kill the hydrilla will work better with the higher water level in Lake Clarke. He also noted that he read the product label and stated that the fish and other wildlife will not be affected by this treatment.

Chief Smith – noted that the Town crime statistics are down overall from last year.

Mayor Freebold asked Chief Smith if there has been any changes since the Town held the Bike Safety Meeting on December 12th. Chief Smith noted that there are still some issues with a few of the bicyclists, but the meeting went well overall.

Council Member Studdard noted the number of auto burglaries in December and asked if there have been any arrests. Chief Smith noted that one arrest has been made and that they are investigating other suspects at this time.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Freebold – noted that he and Council Member Shalhoub attended Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee where they discussed various topics with the legislators that are of interest to the Town. He noted that they were well received in Tallahassee and that Council Member Shalhoub did a great job.

He also noted that he participated in the Town's first Triples Tennis Tournament.

Vice Mayor Rodriguez – noted that the Triples Tennis Tournament was lots of fun and stated that he would like to have additional tournaments in the future.

He also noted that there is a property in town that is being leased through Air B&B for short term rentals. He noted that he would like the Town to regulate these types of rentals, if possible.

He asked Officer Pizzuti to assist with the bicyclist so that they will remain safe. Officer Pizzuti noted that he is a bicyclist, so he will attempt to talk to them about the importance of bicycling safely.

President Pro Tem Shalhoub – noted that a whole hog will be on display during the 25th Annual BBQ on April 8th. He also noted that volunteers are needed for the event.

Council Member Studdard – thanked the volunteers that have agreed to participate on the Tax Surcharge Oversight Committee.

He stated that he was unable to attend Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee, because he was supporting Mr. Clark during his Blueway Trails presentation at the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Meeting. He noted that Blueway Trails, Inc. was formed as a non-profit organization as a means for collecting donations to help fund the boatlift project and to help educate people about the Blueway Trail.

Council Member Studdard also noted the number of jet-skiers and other boaters that are speeding along the lake. It was noted that the Police Department is training additional officers to assist in patrolling the waterways to help keep boaters safe.

Council Member Shalhoub – stated that he and Mayor Freebold talked to many Legislators while they were in Tallahassee during Palm Beach County Days. He noted that they discussed issues that are important to the Town.

He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by President Pro Tem Shalhoub to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Council Member Shalhoub; Motion approved (5-0).

Gregory Freebold, Mayor

Mary Pinkerman, Town Clerk