

**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Town Hall Council Chambers
Thursday ~ January 27, 2011
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the regular meeting of the Haverhill Town Council was held on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill. Those present were James E. Woods, Mayor; Jay G. Foy, Vice Mayor; Jerry Beavers, Council Member; Mark Uptegraph, Council Member; and Henry Lynch, Council Member. Also present were Town Attorney John Foster and Town Administrator, Janice C. Rutan.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Woods offered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Town Administrator recorded all members were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no corrections, additions or deletions the agenda stood as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Minutes of the January 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

A motion was made Vice Mayor Foy, seconded by Council Member Beavers and unanimously passed (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arthur Bober was present representing the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office. Sergeant Bober reported on a van that had been stolen on January 23, 2011 from the roadside at 1209 North Military Trail. The van had recently been purchased online through e-bay and the new owner had not yet received tag or title for the vehicle. There had been a burglary at 1037 Park Hill Drive where a mower and edger had been taken from a shed on the property; however, the homeowner suspected an acquaintance of his daughter's might be responsible. A bucket of tools and the license tag had been stolen from a vehicle parked at 4560 Belvedere Road. There had been three vehicle repossessions in the Town.

SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

FIRST READINGS AND REGULAR AGENDA

None.

REPORTS

Town Attorney

None.

Mayor

Mayor Woods reported that he and the Town Attorney and Town Administrator would be meeting with potential purchasers of both the Sunset Isles and Emerald Cove properties.

He also informed Council that he had been contacted by Charles Ellmore of the Palm Beach Post for information regarding a follow up story on Haverhill's thirty mile per hour speed limit along Belvedere Road. Mr. Ellmore reported that the Post's reader's poll had voted Belvedere Road the worst speed trap in Palm Beach County. Mayor Woods had tried to explain to Mr. Ellmore that the Town of Haverhill was not responsible for the speed traps as the Town had specifically instructed the permit deputies working for the Town to refrain from traffic enforcement while working the permit. It was Palm Beach County's regular patrol and traffic deputies that were manning the stops. Mayor Woods commented that Mr. Ellmore was having a difficult time understanding the relationship between the Town of Haverhill and the Permit Deputies hired by the Town of Haverhill and the separation of that detail from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's department's regular patrols. Mayor Woods appreciated Mr. Ellmore's efforts in trying to be neutral in writing the article but expressed concern that Mr. Ellmore still did not understand the system.

Council Member Lynch questioned why the Town did not want Belvedere Road to be portrayed as a "speed trap". He commented that the Town had set the speed at thirty miles per hour to preserve the residential quality and as such he expected people to drive the speed limit.

Mayor Woods commented that there was a monetary slant being portrayed to what was the Town's original intention towards safety.

Vice Mayor Foy noted that a reduction in speed would produce a speed trap. He added that the average speed of the drivers prior to reducing the speed limit was between 45-50 miles per hour and if people would have driven 40 mph or less he would not have voted to reduce the speed limit. He added that very few people actually drive the posted speed limit.

Consultants

None.

Town Administrator

The Town Administrator reported that the Town had received \$1,030.44 for the last quarter in 2010 as its share of recycling revenue generated by the Solid Waste Authority through the Interlocal Agreement between the parties. She reported that the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council had notified the Town that several not for profit agencies had applied for grants to purchase new vehicles. The Town would not object to the applications. The Town Administrator said she would be looking into the Florida League of Cities energy auditing services as reported in a recent edition of Ken Small's CMs. The Florida League of Cities had filed a Resolution objecting to EPA's Numeric Nutrient Criteria. It had been reported that there was gang activity in Lake Belvedere Estates, immediately west of the Town's boundaries. Town Council was invited to stop by the Administrator's office to review the final Environmental Impact Study for the Palm Beach International Airport. Town Council's 2010 W-4s were distributed.

Committee/Delegate Report

Mayor Foy commented further on the numeric nutrient standards being applied by the EPA by referring to a letter sent to Florida Senators and Representatives from employers and representatives of local governments. The letter outlined in detail the concerns the impact of the EPA's numeric nutrient criteria rule will on all of Florida.

Vice Mayor Foy confirmed that Palm Beach County was moving forward with their drainage improvement project that would direct flow west to the E-3 canal west of Pineway. The project would improve Briarwood drainage issues.

Council Member Beavers commented on his neighbor's rather unique business that repairs large pipes, etc. with a "pipeliner" product. He had attended Representative Mark Pafford's Town Hall meeting as well as the Palm Beach County League of Cities meeting. He expressed concern that the newly enacted Ethics Commission would result in unfunded mandates for the Town. Council Member Beavers also announced that Marge Herzog, former Vice Mayor of Loxahatchee Groves had begun a petition against the Loxahatchee Water District for taking property without the property owner's permission. He commented on a recent North Palm Beach annexation that resulted in a Pub owner fighting the Town regarding hours of operation. Council Member Beavers commented on the recent

State of the Union address. Council Member Lynch responded that it was refreshing to see the bi-partisanship in the congress during the speech.

Mayor Woods announced that the annual picnic would be held on April 9, 2011 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and the next meeting scheduled to plan the event would take place on February 15, 2011 at noon.

Vice Mayor Foy reported the next meeting of the Water Resource Task Force would be held on January 28, 2011.

Treasurer's Report
(Included in packet)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A brief discussion took place regarding the Sunset Isles property. If the project was not build to the specifications as originally approved, recent changes would not allow them to consider easements in land calculations for drainage purposes.

The Town Administrator reported that Council Member Beavers had suggested that the Council packets be scanned and projected on a screen during the meeting in lieu of the paper copies. No formal action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

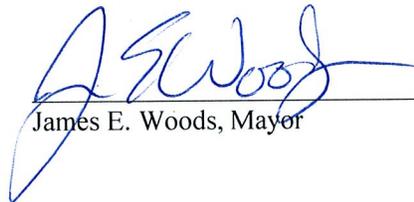
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Town Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved: February 10, 2011



Janice C. Rutan, Town Administrator



James E. Woods, Mayor