

**MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA**

WORKSHOP



AUGUST 31, 2015

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by Village Clerk Lori McWilliams. Present were: Mayor Abby Brennan, Vice Mayor Vince Arena, Council Member Steve Okun, Council Member Tom Paterno and Council Member Frank D'Ambra.

1. Homeland Security Briefing - Discussion about terrorism risks and any known threats that could pose a risk to Palm Beach County and how resources of the various agencies are configured and working together to address and respond

Council Member D'Ambra questioned the Village's plan with the recent increase in targeted police incidents. Police Chief Elg responded that [redacted] was charged with the ICE program, [redacted] was the task force manager, and that officers were continually evaluated for safety. [redacted] offered a quick overview and explained how Homeland Security was the detective bureau for the Federal Government, which included the DEA, Secret Service, terrorism, financial crimes, child porn and human trafficking, anything which would acquire a federal threshold. He elaborated on examples of responses to current and past situations and the advancement of technology and styles of those breaking the laws. [redacted] noted items such as GPS trackers which were being utilized to deploy onto, and track devices used to skim credit card information and to locate individuals involved.

[redacted] explained that once an issue was reported, and the gas station red flagged they could locate the skimmers, remove them and attempt to reduce the issue. He also supported offering good knowledge to the residents regarding skimmers and discourage the use of debit cards. Police Chief Elg noted that inspecting the tape on the front of gas pumps was a good practice as it would appear compromised once a skimmer was placed.

Manager Couzzo noted cyclical dynamics such as the abundance of deportation and visa overstays that were dealt with in the previous two years, in the Village. He stated that terrorism was an issue in more largely populated areas and terrorist task forces do not release their information.

2. All Aboard Florida and FEC Update

Mayor Brennan offered a brief update regarding quiet zones and train speeds. She expressed her concern for a recent trauma hawk incident which was affected by a stopped train, at several intersections, detouring and adding additional time to the transport.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Brennan asked for an update on the sale progress of the Seabrook property. The Attorney and Clerk responded that the property was in the bid process and advertised on the website and newspaper. Manager Couzzo noted there was a reserve, bottom price set as well.

Council Member Paterno noted there was an unscreened boat at a residence and asked that Manager Couzzo have code look into it.

Council Member D'Ambra noted that he had spoken to the County regarding sidewalk improvements for Bermuda Terrace. Manager Couzzo felt the sidewalk being moved inward could be a positive for residents and lessen placement of a particular residents storage issues. Council Member Paterno believed a letter should be sent regarding proper maintenance of the high hedge at the property in question. Manager Couzzo suggested legal send the letter requesting an update from the County concerning the code enforcement issue in Bermuda Terrace. He noted that the Village could cut, or remove the hedge, which was not maintained by the resident, in the Village right of way. He then suggested moving the sidewalk back and re-landscaping the area.

Council discussed safety issues and the possibility of adding benches, a wall and/or cross walk at the corner location which was a designated bus stop area. Council Member D'Ambra suggested the item be added to the October agenda, Mayor Brennan and Manager Couzzo agreed.

Manager Couzzo offered an update on the Jupiter Inlet Colony (JIC) bid figures which came in at 1,950,000 and exceeded the engineers estimate, and the Village's budget which was at 1,245,000. He suggested the engineers complete their analysis and noted that Mayor Comerford understood that more information was needed and nothing was set in stone at this point. Council Member Paterno felt the Village's commitment was set at 1.2 million.

Council Member D'Ambra inquired about the incoming Tiramisu restaurant. Manager Couzzo stated he had requested a summary from the engineer. Mayor Brennan responded that the restaurant planned to open October 1.

ADJOURNMENT: *Council Member Okun moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Mayor Arena. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 5-0; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lori McWilliams, MMC
Village Clerk

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