



**REGULAR MEETING
INDIAN BEACH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 12, 2020
TOWN HALL - 5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pickett. Commissioners Fortune, Williford, and Wylie were present. Also attending were Town Manager White, Deputy Clerk Brickhouse, Police Chief Pollock, Fire Chief Haraway, citizens and news media. Public Service Director Golden was absent.

Commissioner Fortune gave the invocation, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Fortune made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wylie made a motion to appoint Michael Luther as the commissioner to replace Allen Smith. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager/Finance Officer's Report

Town Manager White reported that the office continues to work on the new software, and he is excited that he will have more control over finances. The first payroll was completed with minor issues.

He announced that the Retreat would be on February 17th beginning at 9:00 at Summer Winds. If anyone has anything specific to discuss, to please let him know.

He reviewed the finance report that was enclosed in the agenda. The Administration Department and Police Department are in good shape and Fire Department has overspent due to vehicle, building, plumbing and mechanical issues. The budget looks good.

The audit has been completed and he has re-opened the town's loan approval process with the LGC to re-finance the police building.

Manager White reported that PKS is still working on the final tax number and for the month of December they have collected \$286,123 and of that amount \$15,913 is for beach nourishment.

Manager White reported for Public Works Director Golden and he has removed all Christmas decorations and will start checking and repairing beach accesses next.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT- Chief Pollock gave his report and it was accepted as presented.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Chief Haraway gave his report and it was accepted as presented. Mayor Pickett asked how many years of service is left on the ladder truck. Chief replied 4 to 5 more years.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Manager White reported for Public Works Director Golden and he has removed all Christmas decorations and will start inspecting and repairing beach accesses.

Old Business:

New Business

(a) Lee Carroll, auditor for the town, reported that the audit is done. The Town has \$784,00 in total long-term liabilities, \$1,813,000 in Net Investments in capital assets, \$257,816 in Restricted – Stabilization by State Statute, and \$428,771 in Unrestricted. The \$546,647 was reimbursement for beach nourishment and total revenues of \$1,988,242. Mr. White reported that the town should be getting \$8,500 reimbursement for Hurricane Florence and \$14,000 for Hurricane Dorian.

(b) Town Manager White swore in William (Billy) W. Pollock III as the new Police Chief of Indian Beach.

Commissioners Comments, Public Comments & Announcements

Commissioner Smith advised that he is relocating and is resigning as commissioner. He recommended Michael Luther as his replacement.

Lauren Donnachie thanked Chief Sutzko and expressed her opinion on offshore drilling. She also asked for an update on the sidewalk project.

Larry Baldwin expressed his opinion on offshore drilling.

Victor Heinrich reviewed some of the budget audit.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Linda Brickhouse, Deputy Clerk

Stewart Pickett, Mayor

Refreshments followed the meeting.