

**MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE/PLACE: October 6, 2016
 Pawleys Island Town Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Otis, Rocky Holliday & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: Mike Adams, Ashley Carter

This meeting is to inform everyone the status of what has been done, and what is going to be to done, to prepare for Hurricane Matthew, and to receive Council approval.

Mayor Otis stated that we are expecting to get storm surging of 3 to 4 feet and 13 inches of rain with tropical force winds of 60 to 65 mph over the course of the hurricane which is expected to be approximately 18 hrs. We are expecting to have up to 2 feet of water on the roads. Once the winds get to 40 mph all police, sheriff's department, National Guard and any emergency personnel seek shelter so anyone staying will be on their own until the winds die down under 40 mph. The first winds of over 30 mph should hit around 3:00 a.m. Saturday. The projected tract is that this storm will be off shore then circle back into Florida. We have been coordinating with Georgetown County and with the State. We agree with moving the evacuation to the end of the day. Our plan tonight, when we are patrolling the island, is to look for lights on in houses and for cars in front of houses and we will make note of these addresses and tomorrow those houses will be checked as to the status of the occupancy. If they are not going to evacuate there is a form the police will have for the occupant of that house to sign that they understand the risks involved in staying. Council agreed to have this form signed by occupants that are not evacuating the island.

We have notified property owners with sirens and loud speakers once in the past announcing that there was an evacuation from the island, however in this age of social media it would be difficult not to know of an evacuation, but just in case we will have do that once this afternoon. Mayor Otis suggested that we close all the beaches and beach accesses. The accesses will be taped off tonight after 11:00 p.m. Chief Fanning stated that the sheriff's office made arrangements for the National Guard to help us with looking at credentials at access points. The Town's officers are prepared to work 12 hour shifts starting Friday night. The causeways will be closed Saturday until it is deemed safe for re-entry and the Governor has lifted the evacuation. Ryan Fabbri and the Chief will make an assessment of any damage to the island after the storm, and Town will make a determination at that time as to when property owners will be allowed on the island.

The Council agreed to and supported the above plan.

Meeting adjourned.

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