



**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

9 AUGUST 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Henry, Sarah Zimmerman, Ashley Carter, Rocky Holliday.

ABSENT: Guerry Green

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Henry asked for public comments to be given. Robert Moser signed up to speak and he discussed that safety on the North End of the Island should be a focus of Town Council. Robert stated that a friend of his on a bicycle was run off the road by a car and he left Pawleys Island in crutches. Robert stated his friend was not hit by the car, but he had to take defensive actions that led to an injury. He said a report was filed. Chief Fanning stated that no police report was filed, the only thing the Town received of the incident was an email stating a bicyclist was run off the road on Pritchard St. Robert discussed the need for parking and traffic issues to be addressed. Ashley Carter stated that he believes adding side walks would benefit the parking safety issue on the Island.

Ryan Fabbri stated that an email was sent in by Henry Thomas for public comment that will be made part of the August 9, 2021, minutes which was agreed upon by Mayor Henry. (See attached)

3. APPROVAL OF 7-12-2021 MINUTES

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 7-12-2021 meeting. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Administrator's Report

I. Town Community Rating System (CRS) update

Ryan Fabbri discussed that the audit by FEMA went well. The Town's CRS rating went from a class level 6 to a class level 5 which means property owners will save more money on their flood insurance. At a class 6 level the property owners in total saved \$316,000. At a class 5 level the property owners in total will save \$395,000 across the Island. Sarah Zimmerman asked Ryan when the bill will reflect this change. The next insurance bill should reflect this.

II. FEMA flood map update

Ryan stated that the updated FEMA maps for Pawleys Island were meant to be done by June of this year. However, FEMA delayed it due to some sort of issue on their end which has delayed the maps until next summer. Ryan stated this is unfortunate because many property owners were waiting on these flood maps to do additions to their homes.

B. Police Report

Chief Fanning stated that the July police report was an ordinary July. There were several people cited for minor possession of alcohol and several firework citations were given. Sarah Zimmerman asked about the bicycle accident that occurred around the 4th of July. Mike stated that a car's window had clipped the handlebar of a bicyclist and they had fallen. The person in the car pled guilty in court that they did judge the distance from the bicycle and car properly. Ashley Carter stated that the beach was more crowded than usual this 4th of July. Chief Fanning discussed how there were so many people, and that the influx of beach tents can also paint a picture of more people being on the beach. Sarah asked if the tents appeared to be an issue. Chief Fanning stated that they are not an issue and that the officers have been able to easily navigate around the tents.

C. Building Report

Ryan discussed that three building permits were given and two of them were for the same house. No questions regarding building permits.

D. Financial Report

I. Approve payment to Belser & Belser, P.A. for \$3,508.84 (Invoice #23083)

Rocky Holliday asked Ryan what the total has been for Belser & Belser and if these legal fees will be billable to the insurance reserve fund. Ryan stated that it is upwards of \$40,000 at this point and that some of the legal fees can be reimbursed by the insurance reserve fund. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the payment. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

II. Approve payment to David DuRant & Associates, P.A. for \$10,294.24 (Thomas v Pawleys Invoices)

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the payment. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

III. Approve payment to Coastal Science & Engineering for \$13,566.21 (Invoice #21-06-2507).

Rocky asked Ryan if CSE has given any opinions on how the beach is looking after renourishment. Rocky was wondering if it looks as expected, better than expected, or not quite as expected. Ryan explained that CSE has seemed very happy with the renourishment and that this invoice is the yearly invoice for the beach survey done by CSE to see how much sand the beach is losing each year. Rocky asked Ryan if he could get some more feedback from CSE. Ryan

stated that he would. Mayor Henry asked for a motion to approve the payment. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All approved.

5. BUSINESS

A. Appointments to Board, Commissions and Committees.

- I. Appoint new member to Planning Commission for a term expiring February 18, 2023. New appointee will fill the unexpired term of Ken Leach.**

Mayor Henry expressed that Ken Leach's seat on the Planning Commission needs to be replaced. The person he was considering had fallen through and that now there was no one in line to consider. Mayor Henry asked Council to come up with possible candidates for the next meeting.

B. Discussion regarding prohibiting firearms in Town Hall or on Town-owned real property.

Ryan stated that the reasoning to include this on the agenda was from the new open carry law that will go into effect of August 15th. The Town currently has no ordinance preventing someone from bringing a gun into Town Hall. He explained that most municipalities have a law in place already. Chief Fanning said that all Georgetown public buildings have laws on this. Mayor Henry asked if anything would be required of the town such as signage or metal detectors. Chief Fanning stated that specific signage would be needed. Sarah Zimmerman said that it was surprising the Town did not have anything in place now and that she would be willing to act tonight on this. Durant stated that he would do some research and come up with an ordinance determining the right course of action. Mayor Henry stated that we should consider all public spaces and that he was not endorsing the idea but just believes the town should research all options. Rocky stated that the Town Hall should be considered first.

6. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sarah Zimmerman asked about the official financial report. Ryan stated that A-Tax payments are \$109,000 higher than last year already. He said that every year is higher, but this year is much more than usual. Rentals are booked solid for the next couple of months. Sarah asked Rocky about the drainage project. Rocky stated that there will be a big update at the next meeting. There was a small hiccup in the project due to a drain needing completely replaced. He stated that the valves have arrived. Mayor Henry said that this project could be classified as a major improvement.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rocky Holliday motioned to adjourn. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.



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ATTEST

9/13/21

DATE

9-13-21

DATE

8/10/2021

Town of Pawleys Island Mail - FW: Public Comment

To: info@townofpi.com <info@townofpi.com>
Subject: Public Comment

The Town Attorney is asking to be paid an extra \$10,000 to correct his own mistakes! He should pay for his own mistakes. He is also the town's parliamentarian, who should make certain the Town does not violate state laws, town ordinances or FOIA requirements.

Allegations in a pending lawsuit claim that the Town of Pawleys Island has repeatedly violated all three of these conditions. The Town operates by frequently turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to these violations. "If you don't like the way I do this, get an attorney," said the Town Attorney. Given no alternative, we took the Town Attorney's advice.

Henry Thomas
181 Atlantic Avenue