

Town of Pomona Park- Town Council & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022(6:00 pm)

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Dr. Robert Warren, Lynda Linkswiler, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, Victor Szatkowski, Bud Eckels

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. The Meeting began at 6:00 pm.

Town Clerk read correspondences

Meeting Minutes:

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt meeting minutes on November 8, 2022. Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business:

Kelly Krupski- Financial Review. No questions on the Check registry. Councilwoman Evans asked about taxes, and Kelly answered that all bonuses processed would receive a 1099. Outstanding bills- Beautification Bills for copies. Who is responsible for the payment of the documents? Two cents for black and white and 10 cents for color. No paper has been provided. Town Attorney Bobby stated that since he started, it has been questioned at every Meeting, and he recommends that we set up Meeting for what charges Beautification will receive, Such as the Community Center. A set Policy. A Special Meeting would need to be held.

A special meeting will be had on January 4 at 6 pm for Beautification.

Beautification- Lynda said the breakfast continues to improve. The next event will be Christmas Eve for the Community to have dinner. The food has all been donated. No monies will come out of the beautification fund. The Raffle basket has raised \$97, and the date has been moved to the dinner. Members will meet on December 17 to judge the lights. The prizes will be \$100, \$75, \$50. New raised beds have been ordered for out front of Town Hall. Mayor Joe brought up the push pins in the wall at the Community Center. Councilwoman Mead asked for a roster of Beautification Members and addresses for the members, along with phone numbers. Larry Flaman brought up that the office also decorated the Community Center. Councilman Eckels asked about the rental fees. And it was stated that it would be at the Special Meeting. Councilman Eckels asked about the maintenance building and land to put the garden. Councilman Eckels is asking about using the land. Town Attorney Bobby explained that action could be taken at a special meeting. Larry Flaman, 204 Perry St., asked about bidding on the 40ft tree that was up for bid.

Bill Garcia- Where would the tree go?

Larry Flaman asked if the Clerk had a contingency fund.

Kelly clarified if it was operating supplies.

Town Clerk Andrea explained the tree was not operational and needed significant work, and it was very short notice for the auction.

Beautification- Martha Mann 406 West Main St. Community Garden. Spring Garden needs to have the process start for a spring date. Councilman Eckels motions to approve where the Community Garden At the old maintenance building.

Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. Martha is requesting \$500 to buy the materials to make the raised beds. Mayor Joe is concerned about putting a garden in our Community and whether it is worth the effort. Councilman Eckels stated that the plants for the Town could be grown in the park. Mayor Joe noted that it's not a community garden. Town Attorney asked if members could be charged. Councilwoman Evans would like some information

From Welaka to see how they run the community garden. Yvonne spoke about a friend who showed her how to build boxes and feed a family.

Mayor Joe Called the question.

The Vote was unanimous in allowing Beautification to use a designated area at the old Maintenance shop for the community garden.

Mayor Joe would like to see a plan for the garden before the boxes are approved. Councilman Eckels asked about a \$500 donation if that could purchase the packages.

Any ARPA money needs to have a complete plan presented to the Council.

Councilwoman Mead- Tree Report in December, we had a fantastic first-year tree lighting ceremony. We hope to make this an annual event. We hope to make homemade ornaments and cranberries. The Arbor Day Foundation has approved Pomona Park for the 32 years of Tree City. Recognition to all involved. The Next Meeting is January 10, Arbor Day is January 13, and free trees will be handed out. Arbor Day 4 pm Friday the 13th. Please come forward with any suggestions on a new location for planting a new tree.

Bruce Wolfred- Asked for approval to move forward with the paving of Palm Ave and authorization to go out for bid. The funding question was answered in the Better Place Fund. Councilwoman Evans motions to allow Bruce to go out to bid for Palm. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. Dr. Warren asked what the cost would be, \$24,000. A, and B, May have been in the budget for years and have not been taken care of yet. The work on Palm will stabilize the road and add a swale. The Vote was unanimous.

Bruce Wolfred- A, B, May- no bids have been received. The only bid came through from Do All Concrete. Councilwoman Mead Motioned to approve Do All Concrete, and Councilwoman Evans and Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimous.

Bruce Wolfred- Chipper Bids- no other bids received. I want to approve the purchase of the Chipper. Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the purchase of the Chipper from Crystal Tractor. Dr. Warren 2nd. No Discussion. The Vote was unanimous.

Bruce Wolfred- Shop update- The building is erected, and the fencing is installed and under budget. The permitting process is in the works for electrical, and we are under budget. The installation should be around mid-January. The building at the old shop will need to be moved. A slab will be required. The estimated cost is \$3200 to do all concrete. Councilwoman Mead motions to approve the \$3200. Councilwoman Evans 2nd, With it being contingent on the DEP. Bobby explained that we need to make sure we get approval. The Vote is unanimous.

Mayor Joe-Review of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Great job from everyone. The national honor society kids are fantastic. The Town made the front page twice of the newspaper. Mayor Joe thanked everyone profusely.

New Business-

Hazen Ball Field Bobby Pickens- Would like to have an extended arm of the Babe Ruth program. And would like to use the fields in the Town of Pomona Park. The sign-ups are active. Bobby hopes that it will grow into using all three areas, including the concession stand. The Season starts on January 30. The Contract would be through the Town and Babe Ruth. Mayor Joe asked about who pays for electricity. Kelly explained that FPL is looking into changing the lights to LED. FPL covers the cost. Councilwoman Evans asked for a schedule and would love a

Town Council night. Bruce Wolfred- ADT Contract for the Fire Services for the New Building.

This is for a 60-month contract with no price changes.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve the ADT contract. DR. Warren 2nd

Art Blunt asked what it would cost to run the hydrant line. The Vote was unanimous.

New Term for Better Place Seat- Andrea Almeida- Councilman Eckels motioned to approve

Andrea Almeida's stay as the Better Place Seat for the Town of Pomona Park.

Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. The Vote was unanimously approved.

Town Clerk read Resolution 2022-8 by title only. Councilwoman Evans motioned to

approve 2022-8. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion.

The Vote is unanimous.

Public Comment

Town Attorney Bobby Pickens read a letter that was sent to the Mayor opposing the PUD development for Putnam County, so be it moved onto the record.

Bill Carol addressed the property next to the beach area and concerning that the beach area was his property. Mr. Carol is going to have a survey completed on his property. Mayor Joe explained that the Town had had a few surveys conducted for grants.

Martha Mann- request would like to know what projects are in the Town.

Larry Flaman- a turbidity curtain- to put around the swimming area. The Town could purchase it for \$7 a foot.

Councilman Eckels- asked about the Solar Farm. Mayor Joe explained that all of it goes through the state.

Bill Garcia 120 Parkin Rd

He stated that the town limits map has changed, and that half of the Town is lake Broward. The question is, what is the date on the map? It's 2015.

Asked about Code Enforcement-

Larry Flaman asked about the subcommittee

Mayor Joe announced Clerk Andrea had finished her 2nd year of training.

Reviewed upcoming Events- Arbor Day is January 13, 2023, at 4 pm.

Special Meeting January 4 Town Hall 4th at 6 pm. Councilwoman Evans motioned to Adjourn at 8:05 pm

Handwritten signatures in black and blue ink, likely representing the Councilwoman mentioned in the text.

