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Subject: News Alert & 2-20-18 Council Meeting Recap
Attachments: 2-21-18 PSA Tax Collector Roofing Inconvenience.jpg

Dear Residents & Interested Parties,

Below are the updates to actions taken at the Town Council meeting on February 20 and news items that you may find to be of interest.

Council actions:

- A **reclaimed water franchise agreement** between the Town and Indian River County was approved with the stipulation that there is no cost to the Town to build the subaqueous line from the mainland to John's Island.
- The Mayor reported that **all FMPA members but Ft. Meade** have approved the sale of Vero Electric to FPL, and their meeting is (today) Monday, 2-26.
- **Barbara Bunney** was recognized for her 5 years of service to the Town on the **PZV Board**. Her resignation prompted the appointment of **Matt Hutmaker** moving up to regular member status, and **Dorothy Merkle** being appointed as the new alternate member. The Council expressed appreciation for the willingness of our residents to serve in these important non-paid, voluntary positions.
- The Town Manager was authorized to begin negotiations with **Mancil's Complete Sitework**, who was the sole bidder on the **Old Winter Beach Road** construction project. With 26 viewers and 6 bidders who downloaded over two dozen documents, receiving only one bid came as a surprise. Details on potential additional requirements the County is requesting that may cost \$85,000 more are being worked through, which may require a **special called meeting** in a week or so.
- **Finance Committee Chairman Jim Poole** discussed the reserve funds in the Building Department with the Council and staff. They recommended accepting the suggestions made by Building Official Guanch last month, with continued reduction in fees to lessen the reserve funds. Council discussed a possible rebate to the previous permittee (homeowner). Having more space and ADA compliance for the Building Department and other administrative offices at Town Hall was also discussed, as well as simplifying the permitting process.
- The recommendation to award the bid to lowest of two bidders, **Blue Goose Construction**, for \$22,500 to demolish the Community Center and remove trees as needed was approved following discussion about possibly building a *smaller Community Center*.
- Three bids were received for **hurricane repairs to the Public Safety Department** with the recommendation to award the bid to lowest bidder **Dirocco Construction**. The Council approved it with a maximum price of \$27,776.
- One bid was received for the **dune crossover repairs**, which was approved for award to **Deckmasters** for \$7,450.
- A discussion about the **trash & recycle service** was held with **Republic Service representatives Joanne Stanley and Scott Floyd** present to address concerns. Mr. Stabe reported that a meeting with them this week resulted in a one-month trial to see if the complaints diminish.



News items:

- The Indian River County (IRC) Administration Building B will be undergoing a re-roof project **beginning Monday, February 26** that will disrupt the drive-through service. Please see the attached PSA from Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan.



- The **Town has formed two groups to regularly pick up beach trash** that leave from 1) Bermuda Bay on **the first Tuesday** morning monthly or from 2) Ocean Colony **every Friday**

morning. We ask the participants to stop by for bags and gloves as needed during normal business hours, and to have a representative report back on the volume of trash or unusual debris that is or needs to be removed from the beach.

- Please be aware that there has been a **large population of Portuguese man of wars** washing up on our beaches, and therefore also are in the surf. Their **sting** from tentacles that can be over 10' long is rarely deadly to people, but stepping on them or touching it can cause a painful welts on exposed skin. "Popping" them releases Argon gas, which could cause stinging like a burn on the hands or feet. They can be very tiny, and are one of the loggerhead turtles favorite food sources!
- [Turtle nesting season](#) begins March 1. Please see the Town website information via [this link](#).

Respectfully yours,

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