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Subject: Town Meetings Recap from 9-20 & News
Attachments: SHARPS disposal.pdf; UNWANTED MEDS disposal.pdf

Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

The Council met twice Thursday and the following actions of interest took place:

- The Mayor announced that he will be attending the **PSC Hearing in Tallahassee** on October 9th and 10th regarding the intervention petition that was filed on behalf of the Town's residents who are serviced by Vero Electric. Representatives from the County and the City of Vero Beach will also be attending. Vero Electric rates continue to be second highest in the State for municipally-owned electric utilities, and cost the school and hospital district hundreds of thousands of dollars more than they would be paying FPL.
- **Old Winter Beach Road** was briefly addressed by the Mayor, who wanted to assure the residents that the Council is aware of the trials of construction at their doorstep. The possibility of having a liaison between the Town and The Shores was mentioned. The Council also agreed to have The Shores Homeowner Association Board do a presentation at the October 17th Council meeting, which begins at 8 am.
- A performance bond for **The Strand** to ensure that if trees are removed, they will be replaced as required by the Town's Land Development Code. Two residents from Ocean Pearl spoke about the development and trees that are next to their property.
- The **community center costs**, final payment for a comprehensive **PSD comparison study**, and determination to offer dates to begin **collective bargaining** with a labor attorney representing the Town were also discussed briefly.
- Council agreed to hire the Mercer Group to conduct a search for a **town manager**.
- Some of the **Building permit fees were restructured** at Council's direction to bring the reserve balance down in the fund. See [Resolution 18-08 on this page](#) of the website.
- The contract for **Medical Director** for Public Safety Department, Robert Ford, was extended for two years with an increase in pay. Captain Shaw said he is doing a fantastic job in keeping the EMT's/paramedics up to date with training as required by the State.

The second meeting was the **final budget hearing**, at which the Council passed your final millage rate for the Town as **1.2890**, a **6% drop from last year**. The Town's portion of your Indian River County ad valorem tax bill is **less than 10%** of the total assessed charges. With the **Town operating its own fire/EMS service as part of our Public Safety Department**, *you save more than all other County residents pay for that service alone.*

The County recently published reminder flyers for what to do with **unwanted medicines and "sharps"** that were included in the paper. They are attached and [posted on the website also midway down this page](#).

As a reminder, the Planning, Zoning & Variance (**PZV**) **Board meets on October 8th** at 2 p.m., and the Town Council meeting in October was moved to **Wednesday, October 17th at 8 a.m.**

Thank you for your continued interest in the affairs of the Town of Indian River Shores.

Respectfully yours,

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