

**Board of Aldermen Monthly Meeting  
July 16, 2019**

- 1) ROLLCALL
- 2) BLESSING
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4) MINUTES
- 5) TREASURY REPORT
- 6) MARSHAL'S REPORT
- 7) BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT
- 8) BUSINESS AGENDA:
  - a) Proposed millage rate; set tentative budget hearing
  - b) Caribee Colony/IRLWC update
  - c) Vacation rentals - discussion
  - d) St. Lucie School Board appointment of member
  - e) Parks MSTU – approval of 2017-2018, 2018-2019 budgets; St. Lucie School expenses
- 9) PUBLIC COMMENT – REGARDING OTHER MATTERS
- 10) ATTORNEY'S REPORT
- 11) VICE-MAYOR'S REPORT
- 12) MAYOR'S REPORT
- 13) BOARD COMMENTS

No further business, meeting adjourned

1) **ROLL CALL**

Attending: Mayor Thiess, Vice-Mayor Grimes, Mrs. Van Hekken, Mr. Langel

Absent: Mr. Reed, Mr. Ritter

Also attending: Attorney Richard Neill Jr., Marshal Scott Dennis, Building Official Carl Peterson and Magistrate Patricia Diaz.

2) **BLESSING:** Vice-Mayor Jim Grimes

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4) **MINUTES**

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting

By: Jim Grimes

2nd: John Langel

Voice vote unanimously approved

5) **TREASURY REPORT** - See attached

Clerk Donna Dennis shared the following:

As of May 31, 2019

Operations account-	31,090.32
Money Market account-	237,642.71
Ad Valorem account-	271,066.40
Parks account-	<u>71,803.72</u>
Total -	\$611,603.15

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the May 31, 2019 Treasury Report

By: Jim Grimes

2nd: John Langel

Roll call vote unanimously approved

6) **MARSHAL'S REPORT** - See Attached

The Marshal discussed the following:

The boat stored improperly on Chamberlin Blvd has been relocated

Davis property on Old Dixie Highway has begun to be cleared of stored RVs and trailers

Lightlewood Lane property is being cleaned up, with two more trailers and an airboat removed since the last meeting. A citation has been issued.

Bid sheet for Chamberlin tree beautification is being created and bids are expected to be received before the next meeting.

14 hours of Code Enforcement time logged and will be paid with the monthly paycheck

7) **BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT** - See attached

MOTION - A motion was made to approve the Building Official's Report

By Vice-Mayor Grimes

2nd - Ingrid Van Hekken

Roll call vote unanimously approved

## **BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT – continued**

The Hoskin's dock plan was presented by Carl Peterson.

**MOTION: A motion was made to grant a residential permit for the Hoskin's dock**

By: John Langel

2nd: Jim Grimes

Voice vote unanimously approved

The Seawall / Retaining wall plan for the IRLWC single family residence was presented by Carl Peterson. One drawing showed it above grade while another showed it at grade so the Building Official will find out their intent and address drainage.

Speaking on this subject:

Craig Smith

**MOTION: A motion was made to grant a residential permit for the Caribee Colony Seawall / Retaining wall - contingent on the drainage issue being addressed**

By: Ingrid Van Hekken

2nd: John Langel

Voice vote unanimously approved

### **8) BUSINESS AGENDA**

Caribee Colony (IRLWC) noise and activity complaints and the Fort Capron issue: Mayor Thiess spoke to the owner of the property, Robert Pruitt, in reference to the drain block of the Fort Capron ditch. Mr. Pruitt told the Mayor he expects to get access to his own equipment to clear the debris from the ditch and he would have it done by the end of next week.

There was a discussion about the noise and activities from events being held at the Caribee Colony (IRLWC). Attorney Neill said that he will send a letter in regards to the commercial activities and events being held in the residential neighborhood. Mr. Neill said that there are aspects that can be regulated and the Board may want to address these items for the entire Village and the potential residential/vacation rentals that are legal in the State of Florida.

Speaking on this issue:

Julie Lounibos

Janice Smith

Phil Lounibos

Craig Smith

Anne Sinnott

Bob Barclay

### **9) PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was a discussion about concrete with rebar in it on the east side of Indian River Drive near the Summerlin and/or Offut property. No one was sure if it was there for years or just recently dumped. It was stated that unless a safety issue there really is nothing against putting rip rap at the shoreline.

**9) PUBLIC COMMENT - continued**

Speaking on this issue:

Paul Sinnott  
Janice Smith

An update on the median project on Chamberlin Boulevard was requested. Marshal Scott Dennis said a bid package was being put together. The bid will include the removal and or replacement of dead trees and up-righting of leaning trees.

Speaking on this issue:

Julie Lounibos

There was a complaint about automated security lights that are excessively bright on the road as you walk down the Drive. Marshal Dennis said he would get the address from the complainant and ask the homeowner to redirect the light.

Speaking on this issue:

Craig Smith  
Janice Smith  
Bob Barclay

Representatives from Guy's Quality Meat, including Mike Gazzara, were in attendance to advise they have taken over the food trailer known as Porky and Beans. Mr. Gazzara requested to know what they need to do in order to continue operation. They said the trailer will remain in the same location, not be moved and to be used the same way it has in the past. Attorney Neill said if they take care of the items as required by the State, they will essentially fulfill the requirements of the Village ordinance. Mr. Neill said they need to draw up a basic "site plan" to give the Village when they present their application for permit at the next meeting and the Board will need to approve the permit. Mr. Neill also said that, if they would gather and submit the materials beforehand, his office would check for completeness.

A resident asked about speed limit signs that have been missing and Marshal Dennis said he was placing both Speed Limit and Stop signs around the Village as necessary.

Speaking on this issue:

Craig Smith  
Janice Smith

**10) ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Neill discussed concluding the King litigation for which he presented a copy of a proposed form of judgment. It is Mr. Neill's understanding that the Kings agree with this proposal which basically removes negative statements but still says that the Kings win and that they can continue with the structure as it is, where it is including where it is in the setbacks. It also states the Village will not appeal and waive motion for retrial.

**MOTION: A motion was made to approve Attorney Neill's proposal as long as the Judge approves it.**

**By: Jim Grimes**

**2nd: John Lange!**

**Voice vote unanimously approved**

Attorney Neill said the Budget Committee needs to have a meeting before the next Board meeting in order to tell the Board a millage rate that it suggests would be approved in July. The Clerk advised she will be out of town but Mr. Neill said he and Mrs. Van Hekken were needed at the minimum. They and any other Board members who would like to attend will meet on Tuesday July 9th at 5:15.

Attorney Neill asked the status of the financial audit for the State and he was advised that the Village accountant, Jim Hartley, has begun working on it and will request and further information as needed.

Mrs. Van Hekken requested that the Village get a list of all Village residents that pay for electricity and water so we can know who will be paying for waste services in order to begin working on the next budget. Mayor Thiess said he would request this information.

#### **11) VICE-MAYOR'S REPORT**

Vice-Mayor Jim Grimes asked for an update on getting the potholes along North Indian River Drive filled with gravel along. Mayor Thiess advised this job has been completed. Mr. Grimes also asked about the drainage project on Yacht View Lane. Mayor Thiess said that job has been completed and once Hawkins can get some sod, it will be placed and then the invoice will be received.

#### **12) MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bill Thiess said he would be driving around the Village June 19th with Marshal Scott Dennis and a micro surfacing contractor to see if some of the roads in the Village could be resurfaced and how much it will cost.

Mayor Thiess said he will also be attending on June 19th a meeting of the Local Mitigation Strategy group with the County.

The Mayor said that on June 20th, he plans to meet with the Village Engineer, Steve Cooper and RJ with Hawkins Paving to look at North Indian River Drive and St. Lucie Lane to get an engineering survey to see what to do on North Indian River Drive between the Hoskin's and the Reed's properties since the elevation and slope is causing a lot of water to stand. The Mayor said the engineering consult will raise the cost but it is necessary to get the slopes right and create a swale.

Mayor Thiess said he will attend a Resilience Workshop on June 26th that will address climate change and sea level rise. He said it is very important for the Village to attend since we are so vulnerable.

The Mayor said he received some feedback in regards to the letter he wrote to Howard Tipton about the airport noise affecting St. Lucie Village and that a lunch has been set for July 17th to talk about this issue.

#### **13) BOARD COMMENTS**

Alderwoman Ingrid Van Hekken reminded the Board about the BBQ in Okeechobee on July 17th.

Marshal Scott Dennis requested guidance from the Board regarding the storage of non-traditional residential equipment, specifically including a man lift or cherry picker. The Board authorized the Marshal the authority to use discretion in allowing the storage when the equipment is primarily for the owner's personal use.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

## Treasury Report

Town of St. Lucie Village

June 30, 2019

Operations Account-----	\$ 41,664.39
Money Market Account-----	\$233,693.21
Ad Valorem Account-----	\$256,433.53
Parks Account-----	<u>\$ 71,803.72</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$603,594.85</b>

# Town of St Lucie Village

## Marshal's Report

July 1, 2019

J. Scott Dennis  
Marshal

Report Dates: June 1- June 30, 2019

I have conducted **23 tours** of duty traveling throughout the Village at various times covering approximately **141 miles** over approximately **85 hours (Includes training hours and vehicle maintenance)**, additionally, secondary contacts and code related meetings resulted in an additional **12 hours** of time.

### Property Checks/Code Enforcement:

Property checks were conducted on the below listed properties.

**3429-3463 Old Dixie Highway:** The Motorhome remains parked on 3463 Old Dixie Highway. Four trucks continue to park in the day time, with at least one routinely left overnight. **(06/30/19: No Change)**

**4101 Old Dixie Highway:** I have not been contacted by the owners as of this writing. The "pool" remains unsecured at this time. The boat has been removed from the front yard and the grass has been "mowed". **(04/30/19) UPDATE:** A site visit with Building Official was conducted. The construction fence has been fortified but still far short of Code requirements. Pool is still putrid green and an obvious health and safety issue. I was contacted by Mr Keith Morgan who claims to be a principal owner, he advised that they wish to put the pool into service. He was given Mr. Peterson's contact info. No attempts have been made. **(June 26, 2019)** After numerous letters and communications, Mr Morgan advised that they plan to sell the property instead of repairing.

**3130 N US1: Sarasola Marine Generator:** As a follow up to Mr Smith's complaints, on November 1, 2018 I visited the property and left my card with an employee. That evening, I spoke with Henry Sarasola regarding people living in an RV on the property. He advised that he did in fact live in an RV on the property. He stated he feels that he can because he is serving as a security guard on his property. I advised him that it is against Village Code to live in an RV more than the minimal amount provided in the new Ordinances. I advised him that I would give him 30 days to find alternative living accommodations. **(04/30/19) UPDATE:** Through consultation with Village Attorney, we will move forward with a zoning violation as opposed to 2018-6. **Update (06/22/19): No Change**

**3139 Old Dixie Hgwy: Polly Davis Residence:** As a follow-up to Mr. Smith's complaints of vicious dogs, I responded to the Davis residence. I waited a few minutes prior to approaching the front door. While there two mixed breed partial pit bull dogs aggressively came at me. One was relatively docile but the other attempted to bite me multiple times to no avail. The alleged owner of the dog eventually came from a trailer in the rear yard and took control of the dogs. Ms. Davis contacted me later in the day and explained that the dogs belonged to a tenant who appears to live in an RV on the property. She advised that she was throwing the tenant off the property, I advised I would follow-up in 30 days. **04/30/19) UPDATE:** A Notice of Violation was issued. Correction date of June 9, 2019

J. Scott Dennis  
Marshal  
07/01/2019

was given for compliance. **Update June 24 19:**The majority of the property has been cleaned and older motor homes and campers have been removed.

**305 St Lucie Lane;** I have received two complaints regarding excess RV, and utility trailers in violation of the newly adopted code

*Update April 3 one trailer (16' cargo has been removed, I spoke with son in law, Ronnie Wolf and daughter Heather who advised that they were working on the issue.)*

**Update April 30, 2019:** To date three trailers have been removed and multiple loads of music items have been removed. I have been to the residence 6 times working with the Taylor's to address this issue. I have not yet written a Violation Notice as there has been good faith efforts to comply. **Update June 16,2019:** Formal Warning Notice issued. Substantial compliance had been completed and extension thru July 17 was given.

**3774 Spinnaker Court, John Ray: June 2019: CLOSED**

**3627 Old Dixie: Complaint: People living in an RV: June 27, 2019 CLOSED**

**Projects/ Crimes/ Equipment Issues:**

Illegal Dumping 3400 Block of Old Dixie. A trailer load of debris was dumped at the front swale of 3463 ODH. Additional dumping of a shed and landscape debris was found at John White and Old Dixie. Contact was made with the representatives of Polar Water/Crystal Water where the shed was dumped. The two issues are believed to be related. No Items Reported.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** It is strongly recommended that the Board consider a fine schedule for basic offenses and the Magistrate Process be used as an Appeal Mechanism, and a second step should warnings and fines be ineffective.

This month I spent approximately 8 hours in code related activities.

Taylor	305 SL Lane	3 hours
Davis	3139 ODH	1 hour
Crystal Water	4205 ODH ( Dumping)	4 hours



# St. Lucie Village Building Officials Report

June 1 2019 – June 30 2019

## PERMITS and REINSPECTION FEES

R22-2019	Kris Mead, 3921 N. Old Dixie HWY. / Service Repair	\$159.00
R23-2019	Michael Bartus, 467 River Prado / Boat Lift with Electric.	\$179.00
R20-2019	Summlin's Marine Construction, 2933 N. IRD / Dock	\$419.40
R25-2019	Adron Fence, 3307 N. IRD, Kraaz / Fence	\$104.00
R26-2019	Robert Forsythe, 4065 N Old Dixie Hwy / Reroof	\$159.00
R27-2019	Barry Dulac, 216 Olson Ave. / Fence	\$104.00

**Total \$1124.00**

## Inspections

Monthly Fee Month		\$718.00
Monthly Telephone Fee		\$50.00
Flood Plain Manager Month		\$100.00
R22-2019	Kris Mead, 3921 N. Old Dixie Hwy. / Service Repair	\$50.00
R05-2019	Daniel Pennell, 3709 N Old Dixie Hwy. / Final Fence	\$50.00
R58-2018	James Clark, 2511 Lightlewood Ln. / Generator Final	\$50.00
R21-2019	Grimes A/C, 495 Waters Dr. / Final Mechanical Final	\$50.00
R20-2019	Summerlin's Marine Const. / Plan Review.	\$50.00
R19-2019	Grimes A/C, 311 Milton Rd. / Final Mechanical	\$50.00
R14-2019	IRC Plumbing, 437 River Prado / Final Plumbing	\$50.00

**Total \$1218.00**