



**MINUTES  
TOWN OF HILLSBORO BEACH  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. The Town Clerk called the roll with the Commission members and staff present as listed below, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Town Commission:**

Mayor Dan Dodge	Commissioner Jim Lambert
Vice Mayor Claire Schubert	Commissioner Dick Maggiore
Commissioner Javier Garcia - Arrived at 6:08 PM	

**Town Staff:**

Town Clerk Jean-Marie Mark	Deputy Town Clerk, Irene George
Town Attorney D.J. Doody	Chief Thomas Nagy
Water Plant Superintendent, Mike George	

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes of the September 11, 2013 - 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing

*Vice Mayor Schubert made a motion to approve the September 11, 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

**2. Consideration of Resolution No. 767 - Adopting the Millage for General Operations for FY 2013-2014**

Mr. Stephen Bloom of Severn Trent stated the tentative millage rate is at 3.80 and would need a 2/3 vote to adopt. Mr. Bloom also provided Exhibit A and stated there were several increases since the previous meeting and reported a 3.9 millage rate would provide some contingency.

Commissioner Lambert inquired about the amount of the contingency.

Mr. Bloom reported about \$60,000 because of the insurance increase and if the Commission accepted the union agreement nothing would be changed. Mr. Bloom also reported the Town still has \$100,000 set aside for the beach.

Commissioner Garcia inquired if any of the FEMA money was included.

Mr. Bloom, reported he did not include any of the potential funds that could be received from FEMA.

Vice Mayor Schubert inquired if the contract should be discussed now.

Town Attorney stated the adoption of the millage rate must take place first

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 6:10 PM

Mrs. Rhea Weiss of 1149 Hillsboro Mile suggested the Commission keep the millage rate the same as last year.

With no one else stepping forward Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 6:12 PM.

Commissioner Maggiore stated if the millage rate was kept at 3.39, the taxes will still increase as the values have increased.

Mayor Dodge agreed with Commissioner Maggiore that the values are going up and was pleased the contingency was not touched. The average resident is living on a fixed income and it is wise to be conservative.

Commissioner Lambert stated the Town has some money in reserves, monies in contingency and that we are only lacking money for the beach. Commissioner Lambert inquired if the millage rate was increased to 3.49 how much extra money would this be and how would it affect the average homeowner.

Mr. Bloom stated it would be approximately an additional \$100,000 more in the budget and about a \$172 increase from year to year.

*Commissioner Maggiore made a motion to set the millage rate at 3.39. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 767 - Adopting the Millage for General Operations for FY 2013-2014

*Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 767 - Adopting the Millage for General Operations for FY 2013-2014. Vice Mayor Schubert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**3. Consideration of Resolution No. 768 - Adopting the General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014**

Mr. Stephen Bloom stated the budget presented is based on the tentative millage rate of 3.8. With the millage rate set at 3.39 the decrease is approximately \$138,000 with the new trash contract, fewer beach projects but this is offset by the increases through FRS, Fire Services and healthcare and other insurance premiums. Mr. Bloom further stated he had originally included a 10% increase but the healthcare premiums came in at a 19% increase and keeping the 3% COLA for the non-union employees there would be a additional savings of \$51,000.

Vice Mayor Schubert stated Town Hall needs a little help and would like to have some funds set aside to cover replacement of the ceiling tiles, lighting, flooring and painting - \$35,000.

Mayor Dodge stated funding for improving Town Hall can be pulled from contingency.

Commissioner Garcia suggested the Vice Mayor wait until the end of the new fiscal year before spending any of the contingency money.

Commissioner Lambert offered a different opinion, as he understands both sides and that Town Hall does look run down, let's see if the public supports it and if they do, go for it but would not suggest on waiting to the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Dodge stated the use of the space in Town Hall could be more efficient.

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 6:38 PM and with no one stepping forward Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 6:38 PM.

*Commissioner Garcia made a motion to approve the General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 768 - Adopting the General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014

*Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 768 - Adopting the General Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014. Vice Mayor Schubert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**4. Consideration of Resolution No. 769 - Adopting the Water Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014**

Mr. Bloom reported on the completion of the new water treatment plant and the water fund budget is 54.7% less than the current budget.

Commissioner Maggiore inquired about the status of the delinquent water accounts.

Mr. Bloom reported the policies had been forwarded to the Town Attorney's office for review.

Mayor Dodge opened the meeting for public comments at 6:44 PM and with no one stepping forward Mayor Dodge closed the public comments at 6:44 PM.

*Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adopt the Water Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014 as presented. Vice Mayor Schubert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Town Attorney Doody read into record by title only Resolution No. 769 - Adopting the Water Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014

*Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 769 - Adopting the Water Fund Budget for FY 2013-2014. Vice Mayor Schubert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF October 2012.

By:

  
Dan Dodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jean-Marie Mark, Town Clerk