

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 4, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Edmonds. Commissioners in attendance were: Jodi Sapper, Pam Allen, Ruby Mullin, Barbara Luther and Jason Auman.

**A. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report**

Items approved by motion were:

The minutes from the January 7th Town meeting were presented for review. After further review, Commissioner Allen made a motion to accept the minutes with a second made by Commissioner Auman. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for January was presented for review. After review, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Mullin with second by Commissioner Sapper. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Police Report:**

The Police report was presented by Chief Maness. He detailed the number of miles driven (1227), hours worked during January were 242.25 with 4 hours special assignment at Seagrove School and 8 hours in court. There were 8 warrants served, 30 traffic citations, 10 written warnings, 36 verbal warnings, 3 pedestrian/motorist assists, and 7 officer assists. There were 2 domestic calls, 5 alarm calls, 1 miscellaneous call, and 2 incident reports. There were 23 miscellaneous reports filed, and 131 building checks. Chief Maness reported that there was a police chase where the driver was apprehended and arrested on misdemeanor child abuse, felony to elude and failure to restrain a child.

**C. Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Sapper had nothing to report.

Commissioner Allen had nothing to report.

Commissioner Mullin turned her report over to Chairman David Fernandez who reported on several recommendations from the Planning and Zoning meeting, held earlier in the evening. The first recommendation was in regards to off premise signs. There were two signs addressed by the committee. The first was the Semper Fi Pottery sign across from the new gun shop, the committee requested that the town ask them to move it

outside of city limits. The second one was the billboard beside the bank. Since the property has been sold, the sign needs to be removed. Commissioner Mullin made a motion that Town Clerk Morse write a letter to the Semper Fi Pottery and the other landowner requesting they remove their signs and give them thirty (30) days to comply or they will be fined \$50.00 per day until moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Auman. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding sewer hook-ups for commercial buildings. There was a lengthy discussion on how the town might be able to increase the infrastructure of the town. The Zoning committee recommended that when a new development comes to town that the Town of Seagrove work closely with them to encourage them to expand the sewer system, if it benefits the town and the business; using the town as a government agency to be able to acquire grants to increase the infrastructure. There was discussion about making it mandatory trying to work with them. The feeling of the committee was more in working with the new business coming to town to expand the sewer system.

Then next issue was regarding signage. It was unanimously decided by the zoning committee to recommend that on Business 220 that the town ordinance be changed to allow signs of 96 square feet on Business 220 for any building over 10,000 square feet. Any building under 10,000 square feet will have a proportionally smaller sign, approximately 1/100<sup>th</sup> of the square footage. The current ordinance allows for a 26 square foot sign for any business. Since the variance was made for the new Dollar General the committee recommended that this ordinance be cleaned up to avoid further variances being made on future signage for new businesses. As it relates to 705 on the overlay district, the committee felt like this should not be changed in terms of signage.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the signage recommendation from the Zoning Committee, Commissioner Sapper made a motion to change the ordinance to read any building 10,000 square feet or over can have a maximum sign of 96 square feet, anything less than 5,000 square feet will have a maximum sign of 32 square feet and any building between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet be proportionate to the square footage. Commissioner Mullin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A public hearing has been set for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 for discussion on this ordinance change.

The next issue was regarding the WE Hunt Property. It was brought to the committees attention that Mr. Hunt would like to deed over the roads in his trailer park to the town. The trailer park is currently in the city limits but is private property, but he would like for the town to begin maintaining these roads and he would be willing to deed those roads to the town. The zoning committee feels like this should take place.

There was also a discussion about zoning compliance and the procedure for residential properties. There was confusion about what the current rules were if a resident wants to make a change to their property and how that should be handled. Commissioner Mullin



made a motion to reinstate the original ordinance for zoning compliance certificates and make Town Clerk Morse the zoning administrator. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Sapper. Motion carried unanimously.

The proposal from the zoning committee regarding the WE Hunt property was then discussed. It was determined that Mayor Edmonds would speak with the Town Attorney to find out the procedures for completing this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luther had nothing new to report.

Commissioner Auman asked whether Seagrove teams have first choice to use the practice fields over outside teams. It was agreed that the Seagrove teams will have first choice over any outside teams wanting to use the fields.

Clerk Morse read a letter received from the Co-op of Seagrove Potters requesting return of the \$120.00 they donated for a banner for the Centennial Celebration. After further investigation into this, it was noted that their name was listed on a sponsor banner. Mayor Edmonds has agreed to make sure that these signs are displayed along the side of the building. David Fernandez has agreed to speak with the Co-op regarding this matter at their next meeting.

There are still three outstanding privilege licenses as of this time. Chief Maness will check on the status of these businesses and get back with Clerk Morse.

#### **D. Old Business:**

Mayor Edmonds informed the committee that Harrison McNeill, the young man who wanted to do a 5K Walk/Run back in September has rescheduled this event for Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10:00 am.

#### **D. New Business:**

Steve Williamson, appointee to the Water Board, gave his report from the January 27<sup>th</sup> Water board meeting. Mr. Williamson passed out copies of his report to the committee members. The copies included the agenda, November minutes, and Treasurer reports for November and December. The only thing relative to the Town of Seagrove is the Grocery Store driveway. They have voted to extend the sewer line approximately 60 feet out towards the stop light. This will extend the sewer line out from under the driveway so if there are issues in the future, the driveway will not have to be dug up. Commissioner Mullin requested Mr. Williamson find out how much residents are paying per gallon for water.

### **E. Community Business:**

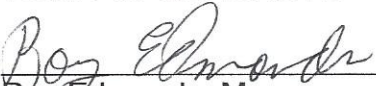
Bobby Rowland addressed the committee regarding his new Safety Consulting business that he is hoping to open soon. His business name is SHK Safety Consulting and Risk Management, LLC and is located at 126C East Street. He is renting space from Gene King. He will need to get a privilege license and sign permit. He is willing to work with the town on any issues regarding OSHA Compliance or IMSHA compliance. He is hoping to open in the next 2-3 weeks.

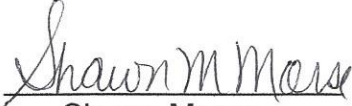
An idea was brought before the town by Greta Lint to have the ordinances put on the Town website. Commissioner Mullin made a motion to have Ed Sapper add the ordinances to the website. Mayor Pro-Tem Luther seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Harrelson stated that Mr. Page, owner of Page House, told her that he would like to donate some of his historical items that were displayed at the Centennial Celebration, to the Seagrove Library.

There being no other business to address, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther and seconded by Commissioner Sapper. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Roy Edmonds, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Shawn Morse  
Town Clerk