



**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS  
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Founders Park Community Center  
87000 Overseas Hwy  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
Thursday, February 25, 2016  
5:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Deb Gillis called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The following Councilmembers were present on roll call: Mayor Deb Gillis, Vice Mayor Jim Mooney, Councilman Mike Forster, Councilman Chris Sante and Councilman Dennis Ward. Also in attendance were Village Manager Maria Aguilar, Village Attorney Roget Bryan, Village Clerk Kelly Toth, and all other appropriate personnel.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cynthia Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A.** Acknowledgement of Richard Russell's Service on the Historic Preservation Committee – Councilman Mooney

Mayor Deb Gillis thanked Richard Russell for his service on the Historic Preservation Committee.

- B.** Presentation by Leadership Monroe Class 24- Presented by Robert Lockwood

(This item was postponed to the March 17, 2016 Regular Village Council Meeting agenda)

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment.

Brian Lindback expressed concern regarding the costs associated with the process to allow outdoor carving on property he owns in Village Center. Mr. Lindback suggested changes should be made to the Code.

Frank Derfler provided an update on the success of the Gigantic Nautical Flea Market.

Dave Purdo provided an update regarding the success of the Matecumbe Historical Trust's "29 Points of Interest Trolley Tours". He announced there would be a free audio-visual presentation regarding "Military History of the Keys" on March 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Island Community Church.

Fire Chief Terry Abel announced the Annual Islamorada Firefighter's Benevolent Association Barbeque would occur on March 5, 2016 from 11:00AM to 6:00PM at Fire Station 20 located at 81800 Overseas Highway in Islamorada.

**V. AGENDA: Request for Deletion / Emergency Additions**

Village Manager Maria Aguilar added discussion regarding the SAFER grant to the Village Attorney/Village Manager Communications section of the agenda.

Councilman Dennis Ward added discussion regarding the water being released from Lake Okeechobee to the Mayor/Council Communications section of the agenda.

**VI. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Janet Wood, Chair of the Achievable Housing Citizens' Advisory Committee stated that at their last meeting the committee had discussed the Monroe County Affordable Housing intergovernmental meeting that had recently occurred. Committee member Donna Wheeler stated the committee was in the process of drafting a list of parcels that would be eligible for affordable housing.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

(All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Village Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event, the item will be moved to the Main Agenda.)

- A. Minutes** **TAB 1**
  - January 14, 2016 Regular Village Council Meeting
  - January 28, 2016 Regular Village Council Meeting
  - February 3, 2016 Village Council Workshop
  
- B. Resolution Approving the First Contract Renewal of the Turf and Landscape Maintenance Department Funded Agreement, Contract No. ARX52, with the Florida Department of Transportation** **TAB 2**

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

**VIII. WASTEWATER MATTERS**

- A. Wastewater Update** **TAB 3**

This item was heard at 5:43PM.

Wastewater Program Manager Greg Tindle provided the following summary of the connection process for those properties that were connected or in the process of connecting: Lower Matecumbe Key: 20%, Upper Matecumbe Key 36%, Middle Plantation Key 56%, North Plantation Key 96%, South Plantation Key and Windley Key 60%. He stated salinity for January through February 25<sup>th</sup> was in compliance with the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Tindle stated paving of Key Honey Lane would be completed by the end of February and paving for Port Antigua was anticipated to be completed by the middle of March. He stated by the middle of March he anticipates all paving Village-wide to be complete with the exception of a few areas that had been identified. Mr. Tindle stated he expected restoration to be completed by the first or second week of March.

- B. Resolution Approving Change Order No. 12 to the Design Build and Operate (DBO) Agreement between Islamorada, Village of Islands and Reynolds Water Islamorada, LLC, Providing for Revisions to the Design Build Work**

**TAB 4**

This item was heard at 5:46 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution. Wastewater Program Manager Greg Tindle provided the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Mike Forster made a motion to approve. Councilman Dennis Ward seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

- C. Direction Regarding North Plantation Key Phase 1 Vacuum Pit Replacement**

**TAB 5**

This item was heard at 5:51 PM.

Wastewater Program Manager Greg Tindle presented the staff report regarding a request to replace 65 Phase 1 vacuum pits on North Plantation Key. Mr. Tindle explained that the pits accounted for approximately 80 percent of the wastewater service calls. Mr. Tindle stated the total cost to replace the pits was \$617,750 which equated to \$244,000 for equipment charges and \$373,750 for installation. Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding the replacement of future pits; the replacement of previous vacuum pits, Phase 2 pits being replaced as the individual pits failed and that Severn Trent would continue to provide maintenance and installation services in the Village once the wastewater construction project was complete. The majority of Council expressed agreement and gave staff direction to move forward with replacing the 65 vacuum pits.

## **IX. ORDINANCES**

- A. First Reading: Ordinance Amending and Renaming Chapter 22 “Fair Housing” of the Village Code of Ordinances as Chapter 22 “Housing”; Creating Chapter 22, Article I “In General” and Article II “Fair Housing” and Establishing Sections 22-12 through 22-60 Therein; Creating Article III “First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program” and Establishing Sections 22-61 through 22-70**

**TAB 6**

This item was heard at 6:01 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the ordinance and stated it was first reading. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding: the development of a “graded system” to score applicants in favor of assisting those that live within the boundaries of the Village; the recipient “giving back” to the Village ten (10) percent of the loan value when they sold their home; types of deed restrictions, and the purchase of a market rate house to be deed restricted for ten years. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari confirmed Council direction to modify the ordinance to include allowing the purchase of market rate homes that would include a deed restriction for the life of the loan; modification to the loan repayment to provide for forgiveness of ten percent of the loan each year of ownership and ten percent repayment at the time of resale after ten years or more of ownership; and establishing a priority system for applicants based on (1) they work in the Village, (2) they live in the Village and (3) they live within Monroe County between the seven mile bridge and Ocean Reef.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

**B. Second Reading: Ordinance Establishing Civil Penalties for the Possession of Cannabis (Marijuana) for Amounts Under 20 Grams**

**TAB 7**

This item was heard at 6:25 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the ordinance and presented the staff report recommending approval.

Councilman Dennis Ward inquired as to what would occur if the violator did not pay the fine. Village Attorney Roget Bryan explained that if the violator did not pay the fine a code enforcement hearing would occur and a lien could be placed against any real property owned by the violator. He stated the lien would be recorded with the Monroe County Clerk of the Court. Mr. Bryan stated on the 61<sup>st</sup> day of recording it would be eligible for foreclosure.

Councilman Dennis Ward made a motion to approve. Councilman Chris Sante seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

**X. QUASI-JUDICIAL**

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the quasi-judicial statement and requested that anyone not having been sworn in raise their hand. Village Clerk Kelly Toth swore in the witnesses.

**A. Variance Application (VAR-16-01) by Islamorada, Village of Islands**

**TAB 8**

This item was heard at 6:28 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and asked the Council to disclose any ex-parte communications. Mayor Deb Gillis, Councilman Chris Sante, Councilman Dennis Ward and Vice Mayor Jim Mooney disclosed that they had had no ex-parte communications. Councilman Mike Forster disclosed he had spoken with Susan Sprunt. Environmental Resources Manager Susan Sprunt presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those in favor. Joe Bertolami and Charlotte Ambrogio spoke in favor of the item.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those opposed. No one spoke in opposition to the item.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding the possibility of future driveway locations.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve. Councilman Mike Forster made a motion to approve. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

**B. Application for Major Conditional Use (MJ-16-02) by Ocean Gardens and Gifts, LLC**

**TAB 9**

This item was heard at 6:38 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the resolution and asked the Council to disclose any ex-parte communications. Councilman Chris Sante, Councilman Dennis Ward, Vice Mayor Jim Mooney and Mayor Deb Gillis disclosed that they had had no ex-parte communications. Councilman Mike Forster disclosed he had spoken with Lou Sena, Phil Sena and Brett Ekbloom. Planner Patrick Doty presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis invited the applicant to speak. The applicant did not speak.  
Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those in favor; there were none.  
Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those opposed; there were none.

Councilman Mike Forster made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney seconded the motion.  
Council voted and the motion passed 5-0.

**C. First Reading: Future Land Use Map Amendment (FLRZ-16-01) Application for Property      TAB 10**  
    Located at 100 Sapodilla Drive, Approximately MM 74.8

This item was heard at 6:43 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the ordinance and asked the Council to disclose any ex-parte communications. Councilman Chris Sante disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton. Councilman Mike Forster disclosed he had spoken with Thorndike Williams, Victor Ballestas, Derek Rodberg, Don Horton, Brett Ekbloom, and Jim Grainger. Mayor Deb Gillis disclosed she had spoken with Don Horton, Victor Ballestas and the property owner. Councilman Dennis Ward disclosed he had no ex-parte communications. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton, Victor Ballestas and Derek Rodberg. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated several email had been received by the Village regarding the FLUM/Zoning amendments that would be part of the official record. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis invited the applicant to speak.

Charles Siemon, Attorney with the Gray Robinson Law Firm, explained his client wished to use available TDRs for future development. He explained that there was no site plan before the Council as his client needed to first obtain the right to use the TDRs. Mr. Siemon stated the property was categorized as Native Residential (NR), but on the existing conditions map it was categorized as developed because it had been dredged and filled in the 1950's. He stated it was the only property designated NR that was dredged and filled in the Village. Mr. Siemon stated everything his client proposed was allowable under the existing code. He explained that if his client did not use TDRs he would have to go through the BPAS process in order to build on the property. Mr. Siemon stated the guest houses and caretaker cottages were permitted on NR zoned property. Mr. Siemon stated the Port Antigua development was thirteen times denser than what his client proposed; and Sapodilla Drive was eight times denser. Mr. Siemon explained that when a development plan was submitted to the Village there would be an opportunity for the public to speak about the development when it came before the Council for consideration. He stated that there had been much concern regarding the eagles' nest on the property and proceeded to explain the federal buffer requirements for the eagle's nest. Mr. Siemon stated this was a ministerial modification to the code to allow TDRs. Mr. Siemon stated to allow TDRs to transfer to native residential would not be appropriate because most native residential land is not scarified like the parcel under consideration. He stated this was the justification for the site specific request for the zoning and comprehensive plan change.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those in favor. Cynthia Hughes, Kim Thaler, and Don Horton spoke in support of the item.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those that were neither in favor, or against the item. Larry Zettwoch and Dave Purdo expressed concern for the eagle.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those opposed. Peter Schwartz, Dotsy Peck, John Dowdell, Bill Hardy, and Jim Rhyne spoke in opposition.

Mayor Deb Gillis closed public comment.

In answer to questions posed, Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari explained that the ten residences would be eligible to apply for vacation rental licenses and would have to meet all of the requirements in order to obtain the licenses. She stated the guest houses and caretaker cottages were not eligible vacation rentals and the caretaker cottages would be deed restricted affordable housing.

Councilman Chris Sante confirmed that by making this development change it would allow the applicant to use privately obtained TDRs. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari confirmed that the change would allow the use of the TDRs. Councilman Sante confirmed that if the applicant wished to build without the zoning change he could do so, but would be required to go through the BPAS process instead of using TDRs.

Councilman Mike Forster explained that the TDRs that were being discussed were from the Lower Matecumbe area. He explained that in his conversations with Victor Ballestas the density being proposed by was much less than what could be built on the property. Councilman Forster stated he had only received four emails from residents that were against the item. He spoke in support of the project and informed the public they would be able to speak in the future regarding any proposed development.

Councilman Dennis Ward stated he shared some of the concerns of the homeowners.

Councilman Jim Mooney explained that the property under consideration was a man-made scarified piece of land; that the TDR ordinance was created for this purpose; and spoke in support of the zoning change.

Mayor Deb Gillis spoke in support of the item and stated this was a good use of TDRs. She stated the TDRs could legally be used for residential buildings.

Councilman Mike Forster made a motion to approve. Councilman Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Dennis Ward voting in opposition.

**D. First Reading: Zoning Map Amendment (FLRZ-16-01) Application for Property Located at 100 Sapodilla Drive, Approximately MM 74.8 TAB 11**

This item was heard at 7:31 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the ordinance and asked the Council to disclose any ex-parte communications. Councilman Chris Sante disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton. Councilman Mike Forster disclosed he had spoken with Thorndike Williams, Victor Ballestas, Derek Rodberg, Don Horton, Brett Ekbloom, and Jim Grainger. Mayor Deb Gillis disclosed she had spoken with Don Horton, Victor Ballestas and the property owner. Councilman Dennis Ward disclosed he had had not ex-parte communications. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton, Victor Ballestas and Derek Rodberg. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis invited the applicant to speak; the applicant did not speak.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those in favor and to those opposed; seeing none, public comment was closed.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve; Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilman Dennis Ward voting in opposition.

**E. Second Reading: Future Land Use Map Amendment (FLRZ-14-02) Application for Property Located at Approximately MM 85.5 Overseas Highway TAB 12**

This item was head at 7:34 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the ordinance and asked the Council to disclose any ex-parte communications. Councilman Chris Sante disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton, Jim Bellizzi and Andy Tobin. Councilman Mike Forster disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton. Mayor Deb Gillis disclosed she had spoken with Don Horton. Councilman Dennis Ward stated he had spoken with Andy Tobin. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney stated he had spoken with Don Horton and Jim Bellizzi. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis invited the applicant to speak.

Frank Greenman, attorney for the applicant, stated that since first reading, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) had proposed a site specific text amendment to restrict and limit what could be done on the property to which the applicant agreed. Mr. Greenman spoke against the portion of the amendment that was written as “as might be amended” and proceeded to explain his objection. He spoke in support of the Council approving the FLUM amendment.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those in favor. Don Horton and Dave Purdo spoke in favor of the item.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those opposed. Andy Tobin spoke in opposition to the item.

Don Horton, Agent for the Applicant, explained the prior zoning was a Mixed Use zoning and provided a brief explanation of how the building permits were issued at that time. The applicant, Jim Bellizzi, stated the idea of filling in the wetlands was not before the Council for consideration. He requested the Council approve the item before them whereby correcting an error in mapping. Attorney for the applicant Frank Greenman explained Village staff had thoroughly investigated the zoning and that filling the red flag wetlands was not before the Council for consideration and requested the Council approve the item before them.

Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari explained that a site specific text amendment limits the development potential. She stated the Land Development Regulations, in this case, would control the allowable uses on the property. Ms. Cioffari explained that with site specific text amendments applicants generally had an idea of what they wanted to develop and in order to effect the change through the FLUM they made a concession that they are willing to somewhat limit the development. Ms. Cioffari explained that the only limitation created by the proposed site specific text amendments was a limit on the number of allowable market rate dwelling units. Village Attorney Roget Bryan provided a brief explanation of sub area policies within the comprehensive plan.

Mayor Deb Gillis confirmed that anything that was currently allowed in the FLUM could be built even if the Council changed it in the future. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated that was correct.

Andy Tobin spoke against rezoning the red flag wetlands.

Vice Mayor Jim Mooney read the FDEP response to the rezoning and stated the Council was not currently considering what may or may not be developed in the future.

Councilman Mike Forster stated that if Andy Tobin’s concerns were true DEO would not approve the change. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated DEO had raised concerns about the wetland area and requested a KEYWEP study be conducted. She stated staff’s position was that the applicant had walking and boating access to the property; but there was concern regarding the wetlands. She explained that according to the KEYWEP study development could not occur on the red flagged areas. Village Attorney Roget Bryan stated the item would be rendered to DEO again for approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis expressed concern regarding the red flag wetlands. She asked if the property could be split to allow for two FLUM categories. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated that a property could be bifurcated to allow for two FLUM categories.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve the item with the site specific policy identified as Exhibit "B-Staff". Councilman Mike Forster seconded the motion. Council voted all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

**F. Second Reading: Official Zoning Map Amendment (FLRZ-14-02) Application for Property Located at Approximately MM 85.5 Overseas Highway **TAB 13****

This item was head at 8:25 PM.

Village Attorney Roget Bryan read the title of the ordinance and asked the Council to disclose any ex-parte communications. Councilman Chris Sante disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton, Jim Bellizzi and Andy Tobin. Councilman Mike Forster disclosed he had spoken with Don Horton. Mayor Deb Gillis disclosed she had spoken with Don Horton. Councilman Dennis Ward stated he had spoken with Andy Tobin. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney stated he had spoken with Don Horton and Jim Bellizzi. Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari presented the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Deb Gillis invited the applicant to speak. Don Horton, Agent for the applicant, stated DEO representative Rebecca Jetton walked the site because she had additional questions about the KEYWEP. Frank Greenman, Attorney for the applicant, stated a photo had been entered into the evidence to show the prior uses on the property.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those in favor; no one spoke.

Mayor Deb Gillis opened public comment to those opposed. Andy Tobin spoke in opposition.

Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari stated there were currently no recognized uses on the property. Mayor Deb Gillis inquired as to how the red flagged areas would be protected. Ms. Cioffari stated development was prohibited.

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney seconded the motion. Council voted and the motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Deb Gillis voting in opposition.

**XI. RESOLUTIONS**

**XII. MOTIONS**

**XIII. MAYOR / COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Discussion Regarding Abandonment of Right-of-Way at 155 Severino Drive (Bellizzi) to Accommodate Desired Wastewater Connection- Councilman Sante **TAB 14****

This item was heard at 8:40 PM.

Councilman Chris Sante explained that there were issues in various cul-de-sacs within the Village that are a result of easements and encroachments. He stated encroachment agreements were a mechanism the Village could utilize to allow property owners to continue use of a particular area. He stated he had received several calls from residents expressing concern that they would lose the portion of property they were currently using.



Village Attorney Roget Bryan explained that an encroachment agreement allowed for the use of the Village right-of-way without the Village having to give up the right-of-way. He stated this type of agreement would provide a mechanism for the Village to address various types of encroachments throughout the Village. Mr. Bryan referenced the tight turn around on Sunset Drive for emergency vehicles; and wastewater connection points.

Frank Greenman provided an explanation of the map identifying the platted portion and the paved portion.

Jim Bellizzi explained the paved portion of the road and the unpaved right-of-way portion of Severino Drive. He explained the utilities that were located at the edge of the yellow portion of the map located next to the pink platted portion of the map. Mr. Bellizzi spoke against the Village requiring a wastewater connection point for him and Mr. Smith within the pink platted portion of the map. Mr. Bellizzi requested the Council abandon the unused portion of the road. Discussion ensued among Councilman Dennis Ward and Mr. Bellizzi regarding broader implications.

Councilman Chris Sante requested, and Council agreed, to a future discussion regarding encroachment agreements. Councilman Sante suggested Mr. Bellizzi and Mr. Greenman consult with the Village Attorney regarding utilizing an encroachment agreement to resolve their concern.

**B. Discussion Regarding Drafting a Resolution Opposing the DEO Proposed Rule to Create the Vacant Lot Reduction & Hotel Unit Allocation Program – Councilman Ward** **TAB 15**

This item was heard at 8:57 PM.

Councilman Dennis Ward requested the Council be assertive and create a resolution opposing the DEO proposed rule regarding the vacant lot reduction and hotel unit allocation program. Council expressed support for drafting the resolution and encouraging other municipalities within the Keys to join in on the effort.

Councilman Dennis Ward withdrew the discussion item he had added at the beginning of the meeting regarding Lake Okeechobee.

**XIV. VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Discussion Regarding Increase to the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in Specific Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Categories** **TAB 16**

This item was heard at 9:00 PM.

Director of Planning Cheryl Cioffari explained that staff had received an Objections, Recommendations and Comments (ORC) report from DEO as a result of a recent FLUM amendment for Native Rental Properties regarding a site specific text amendment that proposed a higher FAR than what was consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Cioffari explained the ORC report stated the proposed change would be inconsistent and rather than increasing the FAR on one parcel the Village should consider increasing the FAR on a variety of parcels through amending the Comprehensive Plan to increase the FAR in the Mixed Use FLUM district. Ms. Cioffari provided examples of the positive aspects of this type of change and gave examples of other development control mechanisms that existed within the Code. Council discussion ensued regarding the current available square footage being too high; increasing the FAR .5 would allow small businesses to increase their square footage; requiring adequate parking with an increase in FAR; reducing the available square footage; and non-residential development not affecting hurricane evacuation times. Council expressed consensus to move forward with increasing the FAR by .5

and decreasing the annual commercial BPAS square footage from 15,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet.

**B. Discussion Regarding the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant**  
(This item was an agenda addition.)

This item was heard at 9:25PM.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar requested Council direction as to whether or not to apply for the SAFER grant which was offered by the US Department of Homeland Security. Ms. Aguilar explained the grant provided funds to cover salary and benefits for a two year period. Council and staff discussion ensued regarding what would happen at the end of the two year period and how the union status affected the hiring process. Council expressed consensus to proceed with the grant application process.

Village Manager Maria Aguilar introduced the new Public Works Director Andrew Engelmeier.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor Jim Mooney seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

  
Kelly S. Toth  
Village Clerk

Approved by the Village Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.