

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

December 21, 1948

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, December 21, 1948, at 3 p. m. at the Town Hall, and upon roll call the following members were found to be present, constituting a quorum of the Council:

Mayor	-	Mr. James T. Hennegan
President	-	Mr. Martin L. Pulcher
Councilmen	-	Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.
	-	Mr. R. H. George

There was also present:

Attorney	-	Mr. Francis M. Miller
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and a number of visitors. Councilman G. A. Mavon and Councilman William A. Mentzer were absent from the meeting.

Mr. Fred G. Gamer, Deputy Town Clerk, was absent due to illness, he having recently been operated upon, and the Councilmen and those present extended to him their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, President of the Town Council, acted as Chairman and Francis M. Miller acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, thereupon called upon the Secretary of the meeting for the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 16, 1948. These minutes were read by the Acting Secretary and, upon motion by Councilman R. H. George and seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., were approved as read.

Mr. Francis M. Miller thereupon read the Deputy Town Clerk's Cash Report for the month of November, 1948, which report was accepted, and the recommendation of November 16th by the Deputy Town Clerk to transfer the water system fund to the Operating Fund was ordered delayed until Mr. Gamer's return.

A representative of the Florida Power & Light Company presented a new street lighting agreement which was carefully considered by the Council and considerable discussion was had concerning the changing of lights and the re-location of certain lights and poles. It was pointed out that the old base rate for street lights was \$14.50, while a new base rate is \$13.50, plus 4¢ per month per one thousand lumens per lamp, based upon the cost of oil. The Town Attorney was instructed to examine the contract and if, in proper form, to approve the same so that the agreement might be signed by the Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk.

Upon motion duly made by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by Councilman R. H. George, the motion to accept the contract was unanimously adopted.

The President of the Council, Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, then requested a report from the Playground Committee and the Architectural Committee which were appointed at the November 16th meeting. Mayor Hennegan reported that the Playground Committee had not all arrived in Golden Beach and there was no report at this time and that no architectural plans concerning flat roofs had been proposed and that at this time there was no problem concerning the erection of buildings in Golden Beach with flat roofs.

Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. then discussed in considerable detail the matter of seawalls and he stated that the contractor for the applicant Durling, mentioned in the Minutes of November 16th, had done a job that did not suit him a bit. He stated that the new wall will not be satisfactory, that the same did not connect up properly with the other walls and appeared to be poorly done. He also discussed another seawall being built in which there was a set-back of four feet, that the same was not in line with the outside edge of adjoining lots and that a careful inspection should be made of all future seawalls which may be built in the Town. He recommended that the Town Superintendent and Chief of Police make a careful inspection of all future seawall applications to assure the proper set-back, grade and construction, that he obtain proper technical seawall information and require a permit for the erection of any further seawalls and that no further rock walls be permitted.

The statement by Mr. Draper was seconded by Mr. R. H. George and upon being put to a vote was unanimously adopted as a rule of the Town for further seawall construction.

Councilman R. H. George then discussed the matter of pay raise or bonus for the Town Employees and he recommended that they be either given a raise or a bonus for this year. Councilman Martin L. Pulcher objected to the precedent that might be established for giving such bonus, that there is no provision in the budget for a pay increase, that there is a business recession imminent and it was not the time to consider this matter.

Councilman R. H. George, however, moved that the colored workers be given a bonus of \$25.00 each, the police a bonus of \$72.00 and the Chief of Police a bonus of \$100.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and upon roll call, Mr. George and Mr. Draper voted "yes" and Mr. Pulcher "no". The motion was carried.

Mayor Hennegan reported about a person's using their homes as two-family dwellings, in violation of the Occupancy Laws of the Town. He recommended that a strict supervision be kept of places which would be used in violation of our zoning and occupation rules and laws and that if there is a direct violation, some action be taken to stop it.

The matter of the erection of a new Town Hall was then discussed in considerable detail and it was decided to go ahead with the election for a bond issue of \$25,000.00. Thereupon, upon motion made by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by Councilman R. H. George, and put to a vote, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, the present building used for a Town Hall is entirely inadequate for its purpose and was formerly the town dock, and

WHEREAS, the town equipment, trucks, power mowers and tools are inadequately stored and are suffering great damage because of improper storage facilities and it would be economy for the Town to provide adequate storage facilities, a place of meeting for the Town Council and citizens and a proper place to house the Town Police and Town Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a Town Hall could be erected on Lots F & G now owned by the Town for a sum of money not to exceed \$25,000.00,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That there is hereby ordered a municipal improvement, to be erected on Lots F & G, Golden Beach, owned by the Town, consisting of a Town Hall, garage and storage facilities and quarters for the Town Police and ~~sleeping~~ accommodations for the Town Superintendent, ~~living~~

FURTHER RESOLVED: That it is estimated the cost of said improvement will not exceed the sum of \$25,000.00,

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mayor, Director of Finance and Director of Parks and Public Buildings be and they are hereby appointed a committee to carry out the provisions of this Resolution and to let any contract or contracts to that end, subject to the approval by the qualified electors of the Town authorizing the issuance of bonds of the Town for the cost of said improvement".

The above Resolution having been passed, a second Resolution was presented by the Town Attorney, and, upon motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by Councilman R. H. George, and put to a vote, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, the Town Council has this day passed a Resolution ordering a municipal improvement to the Town consisting of a Town Building on Lots F & G, Golden Beach, the estimated cost of said improvement, including incidental expenses is not in excess of \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to call an election for the purpose of issuing bonds for the cost of said improvement and there is no newspaper published in the Town,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That an election is hereby called for the 21st day of January, 1949, to be held in the Town of Golden Beach at which election a majority of the freeholders who are qualified electors shall determine whether or not they are in favor of the issuance of bonds of the Town of Golden Beach in the sum of \$25,000.00 for the payment of the cost of a municipal building to be erected in the Town of Golden Beach,

FURTHER RESOLVED: That of said bonds to be issued, twenty (20) shall be in denominations of \$500.00 each and fifteen (15) shall be in denominations of \$1000.00 each; that said bonds shall bear interest from date at the rate of  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  per annum, interest payable semi-annually and shall mature \$5000.00 three years after date; \$5000.00 four years after date; \$5000.00 five years after

date; \$5000.00 six years after date and \$5000.00 seven years after date,

FURTHER RESOLVED: That there is hereby ordered published, for at least thirty days, a notice of said election by publication of such notice in the Miami Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Dade County, Florida, once each week for four consecutive weeks during said period of thirty days".

The matter of appointing Inspectors and Clerk of Election and the time for holding the same was then discussed and upon motion duly made by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by Councilman R. H. George and being put to a vote, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, the Town Council has this day authorized an election to be held on the 21st day of January, 1949, for the purpose of voting upon whether or not the Town should issue its bonds in the sum of \$25,000.00 for the payment of the cost of a Municipal Building to be erected in the Town, and

WHEREAS, said election is called for the 21st day of January, 1949, to be held at the Town Hall and it will require the appointment of a Clerk and two inspectors to conduct said election,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

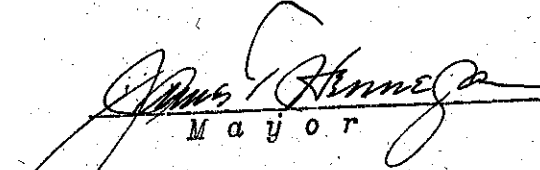
That Mrs. Madline Owens and Mrs. Laura Draper are hereby appointed Inspectors of said election, and Mrs. Florence Scranton is hereby appointed Clerk for said election,

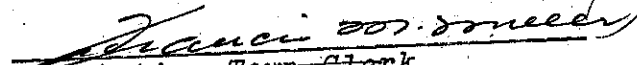
FURTHER RESOLVED: That said Inspectors and Clerk of election be and they are hereby ordered to conduct the election between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A. M. and 6:00 o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard Time".

The Town Attorney reported that the registration books should now be opened so that all freeholders should have an op-

portunity to register and that the registration of freeholders would be discontinued five days prior to the date of election in accordance with the State law. Councilman R. H. George accepted the registration books and affidavits and stated that he and the police would secure the proper registrations for the Town Clerk so that a certificate of those eligible to vote would be available to the Inspectors and Clerk of election on January 21st.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion by Councilman R. H. George and seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

  
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~~Acting Town Clerk~~  
Secretary

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1948

Balance -  
 In The First National Bank of Miami -  
 November 1, 1948 \$ 6,167.52

Receipts - Month of November 1948

Budgeted Receipts:

1948 Taxes Collected \$30,589.37  
 Less: Discounts 1,223.14 \$29,366.23

Other:

Income Tax Withheld \$ 51.60  
 Court Fines 430.00  
 Building Permits 100.00  
 Cleanup Bond Deposits 50.00 631.60

Less: Disbursements

\$29,997.83  
3,644.15 26,353.68

Balance of Cash to be Accounted For \$32,521.20

Cash Accounted For

In The First National Bank of Miami -

November 30, 1948:  
 General Operating Fund \$17,920.13  
 Permanent Improvement Fund 3,268.13  
 Water System Fund (1946 and 1947 Hydrant Rental) 7,447.00 \$28,635.26

Cash in Transit November 30, 1948  
 Deposited December 6, 1948 3,885.94

Total Cash Accounted For \$32,521.20

		<u>Percent To Total</u>
Total 1948 Tax Roll	\$41,092.09	100.00%
Less: Taxes Collected to 11-30-48	<u>30,589.37</u>	<u>74.44</u>
Uncollected Balance 11-30-48	<u>\$10,502.72</u>	<u>25.56%</u>

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1948

Building Inspection Fees Expense		\$ 90.00
Gas and Oil		308.82
Insurance		497.59
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages		777.50
Legal		150.00
Lighting		82.67
Miscellaneous		6.00
Police Equipment		19.00
Police Radio Service		35.00
Police Services		737.50
Postage		5.00
Printing and Stationery		27.75
Repairs and Maintenance:		
Police Equipment	\$387.32	
Other Equipment	88.38	
Town Hall and Jail	<u>63.04</u>	538.74
Refund - Building Permit Cancelled		100.00
Refunds - Cleanup Bonds		100.00
Telephone and Telegraph		
Less: Received from Southern Bell Telephone	\$ .60	
and Telegraph Company	<u>.92</u>	.32
Town Clerk		150.00
Water		<u>18.90</u>
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$3,644.15</u>