

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

November 16, 1948

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, November 16, 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 were also present:

Attorney	- Mr. Francis M. Miller
Deputy Town Clerk	- Mr. Fred G. Gamer

And also present was Mrs. Fred G. Gamer, who acted as the Deputy Town Clerk's Assistant.

Councilman G. A. Mavon and Councilman William A. Mentzer were absent from the meeting.

Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, President of the Town Council, acted as Chairman, and Mr. Fred G. Gamer, the Deputy Town Clerk, acted as the 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 May 18, 1948. These minutes were read by Mrs. Fred G. Gamer, Assistant to the Deputy Town Clerk, and, upon motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and seconded by Councilman R. H. George, were approved as read.

Mrs. Fred G. Gamer thereupon read the Deputy Town Clerk's Cash Report for the period May 1, 1948 to October 31, 1948, followed by lengthy discussion, in the course of which the Deputy Town Clerk called the attention of the meeting to the fact that the operating fund had been overdrawn for the year ended October 31, 1948 in the amount of \$5,561.30, which is accounted for principally to new equipment purchased in the amount of \$4,896.95, and suggested that in view of the new contract with the Sunny Isles Water Company, it might be desirable to re-transfer the water system fund to the operating fund in order to take care of this overdraft. No action was taken on this recommendation.

A discussion was also had of the new equipment probably needed during the coming year.

The new contract with the Water Company was then discussed at length, and Attorney Francis M. Miller stated that the new contract was prepared according to the minutes and is ready for signature by the Mayor and the President of the Town Council. It was thereupon moved by Councilman R. H. George, and seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. that the contract be approved and signed. This motion was unanimously carried.

After some discussion regarding the style of architecture of houses in the Town of Golden Beach, with the idea that no more flat roof houses be permitted, Councilman R. H. George proposed that a Committee be appointed to see the Architect. President Martin L. Pulcher thereupon appointed a Committee consisting of the Mayor, himself and Mr. Haig M. Boyajohn.

Councilman R. H. George then inquired as to the progress of the playground for the children, and the tennis court, and Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. reported that some of the children had collected some money for that purpose, and that Mr. I. A. O'Shaughnessy was appointed to use his judgment in buying the equipment; that a net was bought for the tennis court and that Superintendent Kuiken and he put in the foundation for it; that the collections were put in the Bank, and that the authorized signature is Mr. O'Shaughnessy's. Councilman R. H. George stated that one of the residents of the Town had offered to donate \$1,000.00 to the playground whenever the Town is ready for it. The Mayor reported that the children had around \$400.00. President Martin L. Pulcher thereupon appointed a Committee to look after the progress of the children's playground, consisting of Mr. B. R. Paulsen, Mr. I. A. O'Shaughnessy and Mayor Hennegan.

Attorney Francis M. Miller then brought up the question as to when the election could be held on the bond issue.

The Mayor suggested January and a discussion followed as to the importance of the new City Hall compared with the need for bridges, which are in bad shape.

There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the bridges in the Town, and it was the consensus of opinion that the bridges needed work done, and Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. thought that this could be done by working one bridge at a time.

Superintendent Kuiken reported that a resident wanted to put up a rock wall in place of the type of seawalls as prescribed by resolution of the Town Council.

The Mayor thereupon stated, "We should hear the man, and if somebody wants to build a seawall, and it will stand up, and will do the job, and will cost him less, then I don't think we should force him to buy the kind of seawall we want him to buy."

Contractor Stephens, who had entered the meeting previously, then gave an explanation as to the kind of seawall he intends to build and has been instructed to build for Mr. Durling, a resident of the Town of Golden Beach. After a discussion pro and con, the Deputy Town Clerk reminded the Council that letters had been sent out to all owners of waterfront properties, specifying the types of seawalls required.

Attorney Francis M. Miller was then requested to draft a resolution to cover this particular instance, and he dictated the following:

"RESOLVED, that inasmuch as this applicant (Durling) has a rock wall on either side of him and wishes to build a satisfactory type of rock wall to connect with his adjoining property owners, permission is given for him to do so, and

That this shall not be construed to be a variance with regulations but only for the purpose of permitting applicant to construct the style of seawall now adjoining his property".

It was moved by Councilman R. H. George, and seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., and unanimously carried, that the above resolution be approved and adopted.

Discussion then followed regarding the amounts to be charged for permits to build seawalls. Contractor Stephens made this suggestion, from his knowledge of building seawalls in other parts of Dade County:

\$5.00 for the first \$1,000.00  
\$2.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 of cost

The Mayor then asked the following question - "When an owner starts a building and does not finish it, what about the permit issued?"

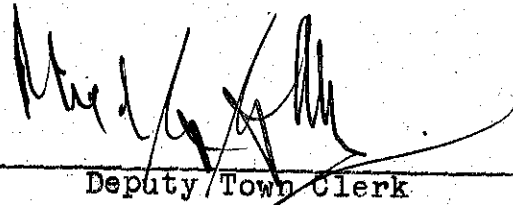
And Attorney Francis M. Miller answered it - "Generally, after six months, the Building Permit is forfeited."

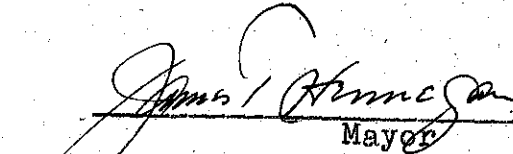
The Deputy Town Clerk then called the attention of the Council to one particular case in which both the Mayor and the Deputy Town Clerk had agreed to refund the Building Permit money and the cleanup bond whenever the new owner, who had acquired the property, posted the money for a new Building Permit and deposited the cleanup bond. The Town Council did not object to this action by the Mayor and the Deputy Town Clerk, since it had been taken before the Town Council had taken any action on this question, and during the period of time when the Town Council did not have a quorum to hold meetings.

Superintendent Kuiken then inquired as to what action is to be taken when any resident of the Town of Golden Beach wishes to build groins. Attorney Francis M. Miller answered that anyone wishing to

do this must obtain a permit from the War Department.

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

  
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Deputy Town Clerk

  
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Mayor

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - MAY 1, 1948 TO OCTOBER 31, 1948

Balance -			
In The First National Bank of Miami -			
May 1, 1948			\$21,741.00
<u>Receipts - May 1, 1948 to</u>			
<u>October 31, 1948 -</u>			
<u>Budgeted Receipts:</u>			
1947 Taxes Collected		\$ 1,185.75	
<u>Other:</u>			
Income Tax Withheld		\$ 228.35	
Court Fines		1,771.75	
Tax Sales Certificates Redeemed:			
For 1935 Taxes	\$ 15.69		
1936	15.69		
1937	18.80		
1938	18.80		
1939	18.53		
1940	19.50		
1941	19.53		
1942	20.37		
1943	20.32		
1944	20.31		
1945	39.80		
1946	66.34		
1947	41.88		
Total	\$335.56		
Interest Thereon \$147.94			
Penalties			
(On 1947 Taxes) 4.14	152.08	487.64	
Building Permits		205.00	
Cleanup Bond Deposits		200.00	
Receipts from Southern			
Bell Telephone and			
Telegraph Company		7.21	
			2,899.95
			\$ 4,085.70
Less: Disbursements		19,659.18	15,573.48
Balance of Cash to be accounted for			\$ 6,167.52

Cash accounted for:

In The First National Bank of Miami -		
October 31, 1948:		
General Operating Fund		\$ 4,547.61
Permanent Improvement Fund		3,268.13
Water System Fund (1946 and 1947 Hydrant		

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS

MAY 1, 1948 TO OCTOBER 31, 1948

Architect's Fees		\$ 30.00
Auditing		200.00
Building Inspection Fees Expense		165.00
Gas and Oil		1,105.07
Landscaping Upkeep:		
Salaries and Wages	\$4,986.80	
Other	<u>1,382.15</u>	6,368.95
Legal		150.00
Lighting		532.15
Miscellaneous		108.75
New Municipal Building (Plans)		600.00
Other Equipment		999.38
Police Equipment		637.71
Police Radio Service		240.00
Police Services		3,678.83
Postage		24.00
Printing and Stationery		121.79
Publication Charges		36.90
Repairs and Maintenance:		
Beach Rest Rooms	\$ 38.87	
Bridges	456.75	
Police Equipment	379.31	
Other Equipment	809.07	
Electrical Lines	583.49	
Streets	1.13	
Town Hall and Jail	271.82	
Water System	<u>1.50</u>	2,541.94
Refunds - Cleanup Bonds		400.00
Signs		92.54
Telephone and Telegraph		10.59
Town Clerk		799.98
Water		582.95
Withholding Taxes to Collector		<u>232.65</u>
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$19,659.18</u>

Percent to  
Total

Total 1947 Tax Roll	\$30,741.74	100.00%
Less: Taxes Collected to June 30, 1948	<u>29,672.16</u>	<u>96.52</u>
	<u>\$ 1,069.58</u>	<u>3.48%</u>