

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

January 17th, 1956

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, January 17th, 1956 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present, constituting all of the Members of the Council.

Mayor	-Mr. Robert H. George
Council President	-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
Councilmen	-Mr. Edward F. Guenther
	-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
	-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
	-Mr. Ralph E. Hough

Also Present: Town Attorney	-Mr. Francis M. Miller
Building Inspector	-Mr. Clarence E. Vecharelli

The Meeting was called to order by The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, who acted as Chairman of the Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called upon the Secretary who presented to each Member of the Council, copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Special Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, December 20th, 1955, and upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, it was agreed that the reading of these Minutes be waived and accepted as is.

The Secretary presented the cash report of the General Fund and the Cash Analysis of the other funds of the Town Of Golden Beach for the Month of December, 1955. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking suggested that the remaining balances in the securities accounts be used to recall some of the outstanding bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness. The Commissioner of Law and Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that when all the work is completed and the balances ascertained in these accounts, action would be taken on this matter. Upon motion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, these cash reports were approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that it had been called to his attention that a certain individual who had erected several homes in the Town of Golden Beach for speculative purposes was forming a Corporation with some Associates to be known as "The Golden Beach Builders Inc.". He further pointed out that this Company which has a small office in the Golden Gate Motel, was making arrangements to purchase several lots on the waterway in the Town Of Golden Beach on which speculative houses would be erected and though he had persuaded this Individual who agreed not to use the name of "Golden Beach" in the title of his Company, he would like to know if some action could not be taken to prevent other Companies or persons from using the name of "Golden Beach" in their enterprises.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that it has been a practice of long standing for Firms to use the name of the Town in which they are located in the title of their company and nothing could be done to prevent persons from using the name of "Golden Beach" as their business name if they so desired.

The matter of allowing owners of property to secure building permits without having engaged the services of a licensed contractor was brought up for discussion by the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, who asked that the Council take some action to remedy this condition. He stated that numerous complaints have been received on the manner in which this work is being done and the difficulties that have arisen due to the fact that the laborers on the job were not skilled and did not have a competent licensed contractor to supervise their work. He further asked if the Council could not take some action to prevent speculative builders from erecting more than one house per year, as this too was becoming a problem, particularly when non-licensed contractors were involved and does create a nuisance to the Residents living in the area of the construction work. The Building Inspector, Mr. Clarence E. Vecharelli, was called on to voice his opinion on this matter and he replied that he agreed with the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, wholeheartedly in this respect, that he had brought this matter to the attention of the Council at a previous meeting. Councilman Ralph E. Hough suggested that action be taken to prevent individuals from building a home with the understanding that it is to be their residence and that when such dwelling is completed, it immediately is sold. The Members of the Council proceeded to discuss this matter in detail with regards to what was required in the Town's Building and Zoning Ordinances in the submitting of permits for construction work, whereupon the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, presented Ordinance No. 73 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17 OF ORDINANCE NO. 52 RELATING TO THE ERECTION OF BUILDINGS BY QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED CONTRACTORS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH."

This Ordinance being submitted as an emergency Ordinance, was given its first, second and third readings at this Meeting and upon the readings of this Ordinance, a roll call was taken as follows:-

Council President
Councilmen

-Mr. Burt Hengeveld - aye
-Mr. Edward F. Guenther - aye
-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking - aye
-Mr. Joseph R. Missett - aye
-Mr. Ralph E. Hough - aye

Thereupon Ordinance No. 73, which was unanimously carried, was declared adopted by the President of the Town Council, Mr. Burt Hengeveld.

A letter addressed to the Mayor and President of the Town Council, from a Property Owner, Mr. Paul M. Jeffrey, was read by the Secretary stating that there was a discrepancy in the amount of fill that was placed on his lots, 38 and 39, Block "M", Section "F" by Curcie Bros. Inc. and asked that the Members of the Council investigate this matter.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that each delivery ticket for fill placed on these lots had been checked and when no errors were found, he arranged to have Mr. Jeffrey meet with Mr. Curcie to discuss this matter, whereupon it was determined that the amount of fill charged against Mr. Jeffrey's lots was accurate. The Members of the Council, thereupon, instructed the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken to send a letter of reply to Mr. Jeffrey advising him that after investigating this matter, no discrepancy was found.

The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, reported that the throwing of trash and other debris on the public streets and parkways in the Town Of Golden Beach by the travelling public was becoming a nuisance to the Residents and the Management of the Town and in order to correct this condition, he suggested that an advertisement be placed in the local newspapers offering a reward of \$25.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons guilty of this violation. The cost of such advertisement was then discussed, and it was decided upon motion by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther that the Secretary secure prices and if the cost was not excessive, such advertisement is to be placed in the local newspapers.

The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, reported that a robbery had occurred to a residence on Ocean Boulevard and called on the Town Manager and Chief Of Police, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, who reported that this house was broken into in the early afternoon when all the occupants were away from the house and upon investigation by insurance agents and other investigating officers from Miami and Miami Beach, it was determined that this robbery was committed by a well known jewel thief who had been seen in this vicinity and whose specialty is taking only valuable jewels, leaving other items of value on the premises. Approximately \$15,000 in jewels were taken from this residence and that similar robberies had occurred in nearby Towns. He further stated that the Golden Beach Police Department received full cooperation from the investigating officers and insurance agents in tracking down this criminal and that a state-wide search is out for his arrest.

The matter of installing heaters in the Police Cars was brought up for discussion by the Commissioner of Police and Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking. The Chief Of Police and Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken voiced a protest stating that cars get overheated when a heating element is installed and is in use in a car causing the occupants to become drowsy, therefore it was his opinion that such an installation would be a detriment to the operation of the Police Department, thereupon no action by the Council was taken on this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting, upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, the meeting adjourned.



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Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 31, 1956

Cash Balance January 1, 1956 - GENERAL FUND
In the Miami Beach First National Bank \$ 45,512.85

Budget Receipts
 1955 Taxes Collected \$ 2,850.32
 Less Discount Allowed 69.97 2,780.35

Other Receipts
 Building Permits \$ 300.00
 Road Damage Bond Deposits 300.00
 Clean-Up Bond Deposits 150.00
 Income Taxes Withheld 184.80
 Social Security Taxes Collected 56.30
 Miscellaneous Income:-
 Receipts From Pay Telephone 14.80 \$ 1,005.90

TOTAL \$ 49,299.10

Cash Disbursements
 Budget Disbursements \$ 6,277.17
 Non-Budget Disbursements 1,910.95 \$ 8,188.12

Cash Balance January 31st, 1956
 On Hand in the Miami Beach First National Bank \$ 41,110.98

Percent to
Total

Total 1955 Tax Roll \$80,791.34 100.00%
 Taxes Collected thru January 31st, 1956 75,252.58 93.15%
 Unpaid Taxes at January 31st, 1956 \$ 5,538.76 6.85%

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND
 Deposits thru January 31st, 1956
 In The American National Bank \$ 4,069.22

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1956

<u>Budget Disbursements</u>		
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages		\$ 1,187.90
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense		189.00
<u>Police Services</u>		
Salaries		925.00
Radio Service		80.00
Police Equipment - Repairs		658.95
<u>Equipment Other</u>		
Repairs		6.80
<u>Repairs And Maintenance</u>		
Beach		15.17
Public Buildings		175.99
Streets		499.53
Audit		650.00
Gasoline And Oil		105.99
Insurance		112.38
Legal Fees		255.00
Lighting		411.45
Office Supplies		.94
Social Security		174.75
Telephone Service		37.30
Town Clerk's Office		310.00
Town Manager's Salary		462.00
Water		19.02
Total Budget Disbursements		\$ 6,277.17
<u>Non-Budget Disbursements</u>		
Inspection Fees	\$148.32	
Refund: Clean Up Bond Deposits	350.00	
Road Damage Bond Deposits	700.00	
Quarterly Return: Employees'		
Withholding Taxes	560.70	
Social Security Collected	151.93	
		\$ 1,910.95
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 8,188.12

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR JANUARY, 1956

Cash Balance January 1st, 1956 - Municipal Improvement Certificate of Indebtedness Fund - - - - -	None
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Cash Balance - January 1st, 1956 - Municipal Improvement Sea Wall Bond Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$2,808.15
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance, January 31st, 1956 - - - - -	<u>\$2,808.15</u>

Cash Balance - January 1st, 1956 - Municipal Improvement Lien Certificate of Indebtedness Fund	\$16,409.46
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance, January 31st, 1956 - - - - -	<u>\$16,409.46</u>

Cash Balance - January 1st, 1956 - Municipal Improvement Lien Sea Wall Bond Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$11,313.90
In The Mercantile National Bank	<u>5,174.48</u>
Total Cash - - - - -	\$16,488.38
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance January 31st, 1956 - - - - -	<u>\$16,488.38</u>

January 21st, 1956

Mr. Paul M. Jeffrey
711 Quincy Avenue
Fort Pierce, Florida

Re: Lots 38 & 39, Block "M"
Section "F", Golden Beach,
Florida

Dear Mr. Jeffrey:

Your letter of January 7th, 1956 addressed to the Mayor and President of The Town Council, Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was read to the Members of the Council at the regular Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, 1956.

The Members of the Council instructed me to advise you that after thoroughly checking into the charges placed against the above described property for fill, no discrepancy was found, therefore, it was their opinion that no action be taken on this matter.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

R. H. Kuiken
Town Manager

RHK:c

711 Quincy Avenue
Fort Pierce, Fla.

January 7th, 1956

Mayor and President of
Town Council
Town of Golden Beach, Fla.

Gentlemen:

Re: Lots 38 & 39 Block M
Section F Golden Beach

I would greatly appreciate it if you would look into this matter. I will abide by your judgement and fairness, but I feel that something is wrong and needs correcting.

At the time that the ordinance was passed requiring fill to be placed on lots to bring them to street grade I went with Mr. Curcie to my lots and he estimated that 1,000 yards of fill would be necessary. He claimed that he put 1,276 yards there and when I complained at the great variation he wrote me that "we went far enough and high enough so a crane can set the wall without calling us back." A photostatic copy of his letter dated May 11, 1954 is at your office.

When I received the seawall assessment I found that it included 911 yards of additional fill. I talked to the Police Chief about it and was subsequently informed that the additional charge was an error and would be corrected. I have requested a corrected bill many times, but yesterday I was told that there was no error. I paid installments on the wall and on the fill, the latter "Under Protest."

I requested fill tickets on the adjoining lots and found that the TOTAL fill for lot 37, which is the same size as my lot 38 was 1153 yards. The TOTAL fill for lots 40 & 41, each of which is the size of my lot 39 was 1229 yards. Taking the figure of 1153 and $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount of 1229 or 630 would give a total of 1768 yards. My total ran to 2187 yards or 419 yards additional. It would be expected that lot 37, because of its more exposed location would have eroded more than my lot 38.

I do not believe that there was any significant difference in the elevation of the lots originally. I think the conflicting reports to me should be investigated. I seriously question the accuracy of the bill for the last 911 yards of fill. May I hear from you in the near future?

Very truly yours,
Carroll M. Jeffrey

Dearyan Hotel
Maine Beach

CURCIE BROS
P. O. BOX 902 or 543
Hallandale, Florida

711 Quiny Ave
Fort Pierce, Fla

Mr. P. M. Jeffery
1300 Swayway Drive
Fort Pierce Beach, Florida

Re: Lots 38 & 39, Block M

Dear Mr. Jeffery

Sorry we did not answer your letter in regards
to the over yardage on our estimate.

I would like to explain, that the additional yardage
is on the waters edge of your lots. We have been having trouble going
back to fill further out on several lots, so the seawall can be placed
after we leave a job. So to prevent going back to your lots, we went
far enough and high enough so a crane can set the wall without calling
us back.

Some of this fill can be pushed over board after the
wall is completed.

If you have the opportunity to see your lots,
you can well understand what we mean.

You stated in your first letter that you were making
plans on coming down, this is the reason for not answering your first
letter. I would like to show you on the grounds where your fill is.

Sincerely yours,

CURCIE BROTHERS,

(Singed) Theodore E. Curcie