

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

March 21st, 1961

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, March 21st, 1961 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 the Members of the Council.

Mayor	-Mr. Nicholas Berkos
Council President	-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
Councilman	-Mr. A. Brill

	-Mr. Ralph E. Hough
	-Mr. Charles C. Koch
	-Mr. Edward M. Stuart

Also Present: Town Attorney -Mr. Francis M. Miller

Mr. George C. Draper, Jr., Mr. M. E. Kuryla, Mr. Jack Manne and Dr. D. B. Shulman, Residents, attended the meeting as Visitors.

The Meeting was called to order by the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, who acted as Chairman of this Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that all the Members of the Council have received copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on February 23rd, 1961, the Special Meeting held on February 28th, 1961 and the Recess of the Regular Meeting which was held on March 9th, 1961 and he called on the Members of the Council to voice their opinions if they wished these Minutes read, corrected or amended. Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart stated that it is noted in the Minutes of the Recessed Meeting that he voted "Nay" on the matter of an increase in salary for Police Officer George Byrum, whereas he actually voted "Aye" and he asked that such correction be made. The Secretary was instructed to make such correction and when no other comments were offered, a motion was made by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, seconded by Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough and unanimously carried that the reading of these Minutes be waived and accepted as corrected.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that all the Members of the Council have received a cash report from the Deputy Town Clerk for the Month of February, 1961 and he ask the Members of the Council if they wished to have this cash report read. Thereupon it was agreed upon motion by Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Mr. Charles C. Koch that the reading of this Cash Report be waived and accepted as is.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, further stated that all the Members of the Council have been presented with a copy of the current budget showing receipts and expenditures thru March 20th, 1961 and he called upon the Members of the Council to voice any comments that they would like to make regarding this report. The Members of the Council proceeded to review this report, wherein it was noted that no major expenditures had been made; the Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Berkes, commending the Members of the Council on their restraining of making any such expenditures since funds were not available in the current budget for such purposes and his only hope is that such restraint is kept in force until the end of this fiscal year. At the request of the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, if any of the Commissioners had decided on what proposed appropriations they will need to cover the operating costs of their departments for the new budget, it was stated that such decision has not as yet been reached.

The Commissioner of Parks & Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough, reported that although he was aware when he took office that funds appropriated for his departments had been expended, he will struggle along with what is available until the next budget appropriation goes into effect.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Mr. A. Brill, reported that he intends to struggle along with the funds available in the current budget for his departments. However, due to one of the laborers not being able to work on account of an injury received on the job, certain maintenance work of a minor nature is not being attended to and he was wondering if a man should not be engaged to do this man's work while he is disabled as prolonging such work may develop into something of a major item which would be very costly to do at a later date. The Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, reported that the employee in question is due to return to work very shortly, therefore it would be unwise to hire and train a new man for such a short period of time. Councilman Mr. A. Brill, further reported that he was advised by a maintenance crew of the Florida Power & Light Company that a thorough check of the lighting system of the Town is made every three months and that such defects as crooked poles, etc., are repaired by them at no cost to the Town. Furthermore he has prepared a schedule for work to be done this summer, when more man-power will be available as the work of collecting the Town's debris is not as heavy; the places to be improved are to be numbered and a card system will be used which will show the starting time, when completed and number of manpower hours used to do such work.

The Commissioner of Health & Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, in making his report, was confronted with a problem presented by the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, who stated that he experienced this same problem when he was Commissioner of Health & Sanitation, which is that of cleaning the beach; that he had recently received several complaints from Ocean Front Residents about this matter and he would like Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart to give this matter his first consideration as after receiving such complaints, he personally had viewed the condition of the beach and it was his opinion that the Residents in question had every reason to make such complaints. The Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, was questioned in this regard and he stated that the cleaning of the beach was delayed due to a break-down in equipment which would have been repaired at the present time. However an emergency arose in that a break occurred in the street light cable thus making it necessary that all available man-power be used to repair this break otherwise certain areas of the Town would have been without lights.

A discussion followed as to the equipment and man-power used for cleaning the beach as the Town assesses and collects from Beach-front property owners, fees in the total amount of \$1,890.00, which in the opinion of the Council, should be spent for beach cleaning purposes only. The Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum pointed out that 50% of the Maintenance Department's time is spent on the collection of the Town's debris and in his schedule of their remaining time, the maintenance crew was to clean the beach twice monthly, the debris to be picked up once each month but due to unforeseen emergencies, the schedule, this month, had to be changed. The beach cleaning equipment is being repaired and should be in operation before the end of this week at which time the beach will be cleaned. Since it could not be determined at the present time just what it does cost the Town to have the Beach properly cleaned on a regular schedule, it was decided that the Commissioner of Health & Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, make a study of this matter so that the beach will be cleaned properly at regular intervals, the cost of same to be placed against ocean front properties. The Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Berkos, recommended that a separate budget be prepared for beach cleaning expenditures, so that a fair assessment could be determined, which recommendation had the full approval of the Members of the Council.

The Commissioner of Police & Fire, Councilman Mr. Charles C. Koch, reported that there has been one fire and two accidents in the Town, one accident causing approximately \$400.00 damage to Town property; the car responsible for this damage is impounded awaiting the outcome of action to be taken either by an insurance company or the owner of the car as to the payment for this damage.

The Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Berkos, was commended by the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, for his fine efforts in having safety precautions installed on the Town's public streets and in this regard the Secretary was called upon to read a report from the Mayor which is as follows:-

"March 20th, 1961

Members Of The Town Council
Town Of Golden Beach, Florida

Gentlemen:

Persuant to the discussion of the Council at our last Council Meeting, our Town Manager, Mr. Charles Crum arranged for a conference with Donald L. Smith, Division Head, Department Of Transportation And Traffic of Metropolitan Dade County. We had the conference on Wednesday, March 15, 1961, and we asked for a "Stop and "Go" Sign on ALA and the Strand, or as an alternative, a "Stop" Sign.

The Metro Representative stated that their policy now is to remove all "Stop" and "Go" lights in this general area. They intend to remove all such lights where traffic is less than 250 vehicles crossing per hour. However, if we felt our traffic count justified a "Stop" and "Go" light, they would be willing to conduct such a count.

Of course we were aware of the fact that our count was far below the minimum requirement so our discussion turned to other means of assistance for our Citizens at the ALA intersection. It was finally agreed that:-

1. They would paint a yellow line at the approaches to the Strand along ALA which prohibits automobiles changing lanes near this intersection.
2. They would paint our pedestrian walks with diamond shape marks like all pedestrian walks are painted throughout the County.
3. They would place signs at the approaches into the Strand notifying automobiles that they must yield the right of way to pedestrians.
4. They would paint the area where one stops or turns going into the Strand, forward enough so that a person could walk or turn with no obstruction to their view.
5. They would divide the center way on all our streets leading into ALA so that people approaching or turning into the side street would stay on their side of the road.

I am sure this is not the ultimate solution but it will be an improvement over what it has been in the past. We intend to continue to seek additional aid from both Metro and the State.

Yours very truly,

Nicholas Berkos
M a y o r

Upon the reading of this letter, a Resident, Dr. D. B. Shulman, stated that having a pedestrian walk and yellow lines painted and caution signs installed on ALA at the entrance to the Loggia and on the side streets of the Town is very good indeed but it was his opinion that these safety precautions were not adequate enough particularly on ALA at the entrance to the Loggia, as motorists are apt not to see the signs or the lines and he was wondering if a "Blinker" light could not be obtained to be installed there. The Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Berkos, stated that this matter was brought up in the discussion with the Metro Representative who advised them that traffic lights are installed on a statistical basis and although one may not agree with their statistics, it is what they base their decisions on such matters. However further attempts will be made from all possible sources to improve the traffic conditions on ALA for the welfare of our Citizens. Dr. Shulman further pointed out that in dividing the center way on all streets leading into ALA, such a dividing line was placed right in front of the driveway leading into his garage, thus making it impossible for him to back his car out of his garage without crossing over this line, which is a traffic violation and the Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Berkos, advised Dr. Shulman that it was his opinion that a summons would not be issued to him for such offense. Dr. Shulman further inquired why Residents were not notified of this meeting and the Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Berkos stated that the people in Town were well aware that all Regular Council Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each Month at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall; it is a public meeting, everyone is welcome; also certain expense is involved in the mailing of such notices and since no money is available in the current budget appropriations for such expenditure, no notices were mailed. Dr. Shulman pointed out that people forget about the third Tuesday of each month being a Council Meeting Day, that the Residents should be advised by some means that would be of no expense to the Town; this being such a wonderful Council

Meeting, the Residents should know about it. Suggestions were offered from the floor as to ways and means of notifying Residents of Council Meetings and the Mayor, Mr. Nicholas Berkos, stated that it was his opinion that since the Members of the Council were elected to office by the people of the Town, to fulfill certain duties and assume responsibilities, which the Council Members will do to the best of their abilities, and if they fail to do this, they should be removed from office, and if their duties are performed to everyone's satisfaction, no voice of appreciation, loud applause or other means of commendation is expected.

The Commissioner Of Police And Fire, Councilman Mr. Charles C. Koch, stated that he wished to assure Dr. D. B. Shulman, Resident, that he will not be arrested for crossing the yellow line that is painted in front of his driveway, when he backs his car out of his garage.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this meeting, upon motion by Councilman Mr. Ralph F. Hough, seconded by Councilman Mr. Charles C. Koch, the meeting adjourned.

Richard Berkos
MAYOR

Louise Chapman
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1961

Cash Balance, March 1st, 1961			
In the Bank Of Hollywood	- - - - -		
Investments:-			
Bank Of Hollywood, Deposit Note dated			
Dec. 22nd, 1960, Maturing June 22nd, 1961	- - - - -		
			<u>\$15,000.00</u>
			<u>\$20,711.25</u>

<u>Budget Receipts</u>			
1960 Taxes Collected:-			
Real Estate		\$2,529.12	
Lot Cleaning		340.00	
Garbage Collection		420.00	
Beach Cleaning		60.00	
Total	- - - - -		\$3,349.12
Rent For Apartment	- - - - -		100.00
Rent For Post Office	- - - - -		125.00
Franchise - Florida Power & Light Co	- - - - -		3,409.15
Miscellaneous Receipts			
Bank Of Hollywood - Deposit Note			
dated 9/27/60, matured 3/27/61		\$35,000.00	
Income (Interest) on Deposit Note		525.00	
Franchise - Peoples Gas Co.		13.35	
Court Fines		357.00	
Total Budget Receipts	- - - - -		<u>\$35,895.33</u>
			<u>\$12,878.62</u>
			<u>\$63,589.87</u>

<u>Non-Budget Receipts</u>			
Bank Of Hollywood - Note of Loan			
dated 2/28/61, payable 3/27/61		\$7,000.00	
Building Permits		100.00	
Clean-Up Bond Deposit		50.00	
Road Damage Bond Deposit		100.00	
Total	- - - - -		<u>\$7,250.00</u>

Funds Collected From Employees For The Following:-

Group Insurance		\$329.30	
Income Taxes		292.40	
Social Security		155.32	
Total	- - - - -		<u>\$777.02</u>

TOTAL CASH	- - - - -		\$71,616.89
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
Budget Disbursements		\$14,438.88	
Non-Budget Disbursements		7,076.25	
Total Disbursements	- - - - -		<u>\$21,515.13</u>

Cash Balance, March 31st, 1961			
In The Bank Of Hollywood	- - - - -		
			<u>\$50,101.76</u>

Taxes 1960 Tax Roll		\$67,687.21	
Taxes Collected thru March 31st, 1961		\$66,482.46	
Unpaid Taxes at March 31st, 1961		<u>\$1,204.75</u>	
			<u>PERCENT TO TOTAL</u>
			100.00%
			98.22%
			<u>1.78%</u>

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA
 ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1961

Budget Disbursements
 Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries And Wages ----- \$ 2,004.45
 Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense ----- 13.50

Police Services
 Salaries ----- \$ 2,321.62
 Equipment Repairs ----- 168.39
 Radio Service ----- 56.12

Equipment - Other
 Repairs ----- 87.00

Garbage Collection -----
 Electricity And Gas ----- 61.60
 Insurance ----- 324.20
 Legal And Audit ----- 256.70
 Miscellaneous Office Expense ----- 255.00
 Office Supplies ----- 124.95
 Telephone Service ----- 15.42
 Town Clerk's Office ----- 59.58
 Town Manager's Salary ----- 325.00
 Water ----- 525.00
 ----- 40.35

Debt Service:
 Municipal Improvement Bonds Maturing 3/1/61 ----- \$ 6,000.00
 Interest Due 3/1/61 on Municipal Improvement Bonds ----- \$ 1,800.00

Total Budget Disbursements ----- \$14,438.88

Non-Budget Disbursements

Bank Of Hollywood Note (Loan) Payable 3/27/61 \$7,000.00
 Interest on Note Payable 26.25
 Refund: Builder's Clean-up Bond Deposit 50.00

Total Non-Budget Disbursements ----- \$ 7,076.25

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ----- \$21,515.13

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH, 1961

Cash Balance, March 1st, 1961 -	Municipal Improvement Lien Certificate of Indebtedness Fund	
In The Peoples National Bank		\$ 756.03
Cash Receipts		
<u>Liens Collected thru March 31st, 1961</u>		\$ 756.14
Total Cash -		<u>\$1512.17</u>
Cash Disbursements		None
<u>Cash Balance, March 31st, 1961</u>		<u>\$1,512.17</u>
Cash Balance, March 1st, 1961 -	Municipal Improvement Lien Sea Wall Bond Fund	
In The Peoples National Bank		\$ 944.48
Cash Receipts		
<u>Liens Collected thru March 31st, 1961</u>		942.68
Total Cash -		<u>\$1,887.16</u>
Cash Disbursements		None
<u>Cash Balance, March 31st, 1961</u>		<u>\$1,887.16</u>

ANALYSIS OF INDEBTEDNESS

Municipal Improvement Certificates of Indebtedness	
Outstanding as of March 31st, 1961	\$30,000.00
Municipal Improvement Sea Wall Bonds	
Outstanding as of March 31st, 1961	7,400.00
Municipal Improvement Bonds Outstanding as of March 31st, 1961	<u>84,000.00</u>
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS AS OF MARCH 31st, 1961	<u>\$121,400.00</u>
Municipal Improvement Lien Certificates Of Indebtedness	
Outstanding as of March 31st, 1961	\$ 7,000.00
Municipal Improvement Lien Sea Wall Bonds	
Outstanding as of March 31st, 1961	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Total Lien Securities Outstanding as of March 31st, 1961	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>
Lien Bills Collectible as of March 31st, 1961	<u><u>\$13,242.55</u></u>