

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

April 19th, 1960

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida was held on Tuesday, April 19th, 1960 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
Council President
Councilmen

-Mr. Larry O. Turner
-Mr. N. B. Ornitz
-Mr. Phillip H. Cummings
-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
-Mr. F. Waldo Roth
-Mr. Edward M. Stuart

Also Present: Town Attorney

-Mr. Francis M. Miller

The following Residents attended the meeting as Visitors:-

Mr. Ralph E. Hough, Colonel Stephen W. Winfree, Mr. Ben Eikind, Mr. W. E. Kuryle, Mr. Norman Nobil, Mr. P. C. Riley, Mr. N. Gilman, Mr. Max Schlossberg, Mr. James T. Hennegan, Mrs. Frank Ernst, Mrs. Ada Holstein, Mr. A. J. Gocking, Mrs. Lillian Fairfield, Mr. Louis Abrons, Mr. Herbert E. Paul, Mr. Anthony J. Brando, Mr. Jack Manne, Mr. Louis Arnoff, Mrs. Arener, Mr. A. Segal, Mr. Peter Freund, Mr. Joseph DiPietro, Mr. & Mrs. David B. Shulman, Mr. Joseph N. Shure, Mr. George Kaplan, Mr. L. Vernarelli, Mrs. B. D. Friedman, Mr. J. Finkleman, Mr. E. Delia, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Hamburg

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

The President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that since copies of the Minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on March 15th, 1960 have been mailed and received by the Members of the Council, he would like to hear their opinion of same. No corrections or objections being offered as to the contents of these Minutes, upon motion by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, seconded by Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings and unanimously carried, the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, declared these Minutes be accepted as received and the reading of same is hereby waived.

The Secretary was called on to present the cash report of the General Fund and a Cash Analysis of the other funds of the Town Of Golden Beach for the Month of March, 1960. These reports were read by the Secretary and upon such readings, when no corrections or objections were offered, these reports, upon motion by Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings, seconded by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, were ordered approved by the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz and are attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

A Resident, Mrs. Frank Ernst, stated that since the Town has purchased a number of street light standards, the lighting in the area where her house is located is very inadequate; she would like the Council to give some consideration to this condition improved and the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz,

Mrs. Ernst that her problem would be given every consideration after the regular matters of business have been taken care of by the Council Members.

The Council President, Mr. W. B. Ornitz, stated that before hearing the reports from the various Commissioners, he would like to thank all those present for attending this provocative meeting which is of interest to all; that he would like to apprise everyone that a thorough study had been made of the current budget with regards to the preparation of the new budget which will be ready for adoption at the next regular Council Meeting held in May and from all appearances the tax millage will be reduced from the current 15.75 mills to 9 or 10 mills due to the fact that the Council had previously decided to change the dates of the Town's Fiscal Year from November 1st of each year to October 31st of the following year to October 1st, of each year thru September 30th of the following year in order to conform to the requirement as set forth by the Metropolitan Government of Dade County. Since the appropriations in the current budget provides for a 12 month period, the change of the Fiscal Year of the Town at this time will necessitate that monies for expenditures will only be needed for 11 months; plus the fact that the Mayor who is the Town Manager and the Members of the Council have worked arduously to curtail expenses, thus a surplus is now in evidence in the current budget which, no doubt, will allow a reduction in the Town's present millage rate for the coming year and that a series of meetings are going to be held by the Council Members so that a proper and adequate budget will be prepared for adoption at the next regular Council Meeting which will be most beneficial to all.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, further reported that he with the Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner have attended several meetings with regards to having a sewage system installed in the Town, that an Association known as the Sunny Isles Improvement Association is negotiating with the County to have such a system installed in this area and that after reading over their proposed plans, it was his opinion that such a system would be too costly for our Townspeople, therefore he would like to advise everyone that if they are approached, not to sign any petitions in this regard before consulting the Members of the Council. Our present septic tank system at the present time is not a serious concern as the Town is small and has a limited population, unlike the motel and hotel area just south of us, therefore other ways and means to have such a sewage system installed in our Town, are going to be considered so that the cost will be much less than that offered by this Association.

The Commissioner Of Police And Fire, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, reported that the Police Department is operating in a very efficient manner. Since people are apt to measure such efficiency in different ways, it was his opinion that security for the Town and its Residents comes first. Some people consider that escorting cars to their destinations at night should come first and he would like everyone to know that this service has not been discontinued. Others think that a rigid control of the speed of traffic on A1A or Ocean Boulevard comes first and although there is a speed limit of 40 miles on this road through the Town the Judges of the Metro Court usually allow a 10 mile leeway over this speed limit before passing sentence on violators for speeding, however this speed is being controlled as much as the law will allow. Others think that a more watchful eye should be kept on the people using the facilities at the Loggia. This past week-end a survey was made of people using these facilities and out of the 135 persons being there on Saturday and 128 on Sunday, not one was a trespasser.

The patrolmen have been instructed to check this area once every half hour during their patrols of duty and are keeping records of all unauthorized persons who are found at the Loggia. Some consider that the personality of a patrolman is a main asset and since this is an important item, the Police Chief is screening all the members of the force to determine their good and bad points; that group and personal meetings are to be held in this regard and that everything is going to be done to have a Police Department, the efficiency of which will meet everyone's satisfaction. A Resident, Mrs. Frank Ernst, reported on the recent robbery of various mechanical tools from her garage; that it occurred on a night that her husband was out of town and that the only items that were found missing were of a nature that only mechanics could make use of. In view of the fact that she recently had a pool installed on her premises, the Commissioner of Police, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stewart, advised Mrs. Ernst that she request the Officials of the Company that installed her pool to have the employees that worked on her premises investigated in this regard as from all appearances one of them could have committed this crime as they could make use of the missing equipment. He further described the routine of the Police while they are on patrol, stating that at times, even though two cars are on duty, it does become necessary for them to be in the same section of town at the same time. Mrs. Ernst further stated that if the street lighting were improved in the area where her house is located she would feel more secure and the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, advised Mrs. Ernst that additional street light standards are going to be installed in this area which will be most adequate.

The Commissioner of Health And Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reported that an article appeared in a Vera Beach Newspaper stating that the Police Department of their Town had the power to abolish all advertising signs and that this matter was upheld in all the Courts and with this in mind he was wondering if our Police Department could not act in a similar manner. He thereupon called on the Members of the Council and the visiting audience to voice their feelings in this regard. A Resident, Mr. James T. Hennegan, stated that even though his house has a "For Sale" sign on display he was in favor of abolishing all signs, that the Realtors are the greatest offenders as they have very little scruples as to the feelings of the townspeople in their display of signs. Mr. Riley, a Resident, suggest that a control be placed on the size, type and person when a sign is allowed to be displayed. A general discussion followed with the visiting audience participating, the majority being in favor of abolishing all signs, Dr. Shulman, a Resident, further suggesting that a sign could be placed at the entrances to the Town advising all those who wish to get information about the properties that are for sale or rent in the Town, to apply at the Town Hall. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, thanked all those for their suggestions and comments and recommended that a further study of this matter be made by the Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner and Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, before the Council takes any action on this matter which recommendation was fully approved.

Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that the problem of undesirables renting homes in Golden Beach, being of a delicate nature as it has a tendency to invade on one's privacy, and since the Council had decided to send a bulletin to the owners of all homes in the Town, a letter to this effect had been prepared which he would like to have the Council's opinion of same. He thereupon read this letter and upon this reading all the members of the Council agreed that such letter be sent, copy of which is attached to these Minutes, the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz commenting Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett on the fine wording of same.

Councilmen Mr. Joseph R. Missett, further reported that an inquiry had been made as to an Ordinance of the Town which governs the docking and use of houseboats within the limits of the Town. He thereupon read Ordinance No. 88 and stated that the contents of this Ordinance will be enforced if the occasion arises.

The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Councilmen Mr. Phillip H. Cummings reported that the financial condition of the Town is very good that ample funds are on hand to meet all the expenses of the Town.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth reported that more plans are to be received on the improvements to be made on the parkway on Ocean Boulevard, that negotiations have been made with Clark Bros. a landscaping firm, to do the work of improving the parkway at the north and south ends of Town and one of the Islands on this parkway and if this work is satisfactory, this firm will be given additional work. No expenditures have been made to date, except for labor, and from all appearances there will be ample funds from the bond issue and current budget appropriation which will not only cover the cost of the improvements to be made on the parkway on Ocean Boulevard but will also allow for improving the appearance of the Loggia and the other parks throughout the Town.

The Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner, reported that an addition to the present sprinkler system of the Town is to be made so that it will take care of the plantings at the entrance to the Strand and that the plans for improvements to the Town Hall are now in the hands of contractors for bids on this work.

The Planning Board Commission was called on by the President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, to give its report and since Mrs. Kathleen Hackney, Co-chairman was not able to be present at this meeting, the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, who is also Co-chairman of this Board, was called on to take the floor. The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner read the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Board Commission held on March 25th, 1960, the following items being discussed at this meeting:-


1. that the architect selected for remodeling the Town Hall be approached as to the possibilities of making the upstairs apartment into a meeting or club room.
2. Pool not to be installed at the Loggia at this time.
3. Mr. Abrons suggested that our Building Ordinances be more rigid, that the side-line set-back restrictions be increased to 15 or 20 feet instead of the present 10 feet. The Mayor, Mr. Turner, suggested that "hardship" cases be reviewed and when variances are granted the work should be watched very closely so that no one will suffer. If tennis courts are installed the Mayor, Mr. Turner, suggested that they be constructed like those across from the Americana Hotel.
5. A "putting Green" and "Shuffleboard" were discussed but no action taken.
6. Mr. Shure stated, for protection purposes, the Town should have its own private entrance
7. Mr. Jack Manne, stated that all homes should be kept in attractive appearances and that something should be done to prevent residents from using their homes for purposes of business, such as having their employees make use of them.

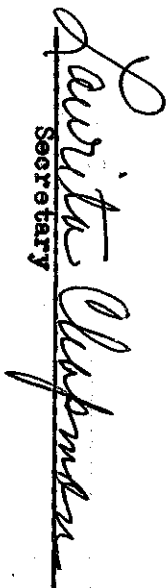
The Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner, further reported that at this Board Meeting, Mr. Jack Manne brought up the matter of having an attendant on duty each day at the Loggia, who could not only be a life-guard but patrol the area as well so that the Residents of the Town would not have to suffer any inconveniences from dogs romping over the place and strangers who invade this area.

Mr. Jack Manne, A Resident, stated that he would like to enforce this suggestion which he had brought up at previous meetings, that for the protection of the Residents a full time life-guard should be on duty at the Loggia and that sufficient life-saving equipment should be made available for his use. A general discussion followed with the visiting audience participating, the majority agreeing that a life guard should be placed at the Loggia. A Resident, Mrs. Frank Ernst, inquired if a club house could not be made available for the Residents wherein social parties could be held as the Town has no social life whatsoever and a Resident, Mr. Ralph E. Hough, stated that not only should a life guard be stationed at the Loggia but cabanas should also be made available for use by the Residents who desire them. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz stated that the Architect who drew the plans for the improvements to the Town Hall has also made a sketch of improvements to the Loggia and in this sketch provisions have been made for a club house with snack-bar and cabanas on the beach and also for a pool. This sketch was passed around throughout the audience and all thought it was very good but the question arose as to the cost and financing of same. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that since this is just a preliminary sketch, that if the people want this or something similar the economics can be worked out. A Resident, Mr. J. N. Shure, inquired if arrangements could not be made so that the Town could have only one entrance preferably at the Center of Town and that a guard could be on duty so that undesirables could not enter. The question arose if the Town had the legal right to act in such manner and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, reported that before giving any legal advise on this matter, a study of same would have to be made. Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that the charter of the Town allows for such action and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller explained that the Charter's definition of the closing of streets means that a barricade can be placed in instances such as paving of streets, not closed permanently, however, since Metro now has jurisdiction over all moving vehicles in the County, this matter will be looked up and a report on it will be given. A Resident, Dr. Shulman, stated that three years ago a life-guard was supposed to be placed at the Loggia and he would certainly like to have such person engaged for this work. All the audience agreeing that a life guard should be engaged for the safety and welfare of the Residents of the Town, a motion was made by Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings, which was seconded by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett and upon a voiced vote by roll call unanimously carried that the Town Manager and Mr. Larry O. Turner is hereby authorized to engage the services of a life guard and purchase all the necessary life-saving equipment that will be needed in this regard.

A Resident, Mr. Elmer Hamburg, inquired as to having the waterway patrolled as houses can be robbed by persons entering the Town by boat and the Council President Mr. N. B. Ornitz, advised Mr. Hamburg that this matter has been discussed and will be given additional consideration. A Resident, Dr. D. B. Shulman suggested that a careful patrol of the north end of Town be considered, since the Diplomat and other Hotels are expecting a huge summer tourist trade, which more than likely will result in undesirables invading our Town from this end.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting, upon motion by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings, the meeting adjourned.


MAYOR


SECRETARY

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY
FLORIDA

April 20th, 1960

The Residents
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Resident:

As many of you may be aware, there have been several instances recently where homes have been rented in our community through real estate agents to tenants who have proven to be less than desirable and who have, through adverse publicity, and otherwise, given out unfavorable opinions of the character of our community.

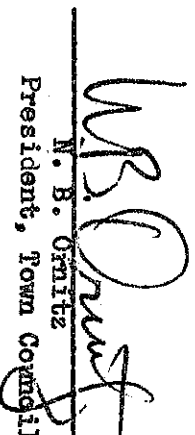
Recently one of our residents was awakened in the middle of the night by a noise and saw a man climbing in the second floor window of the house next door. Immediate police action developed the fact that the supposed intruder was actually the person who had rented the house and had lost his key. Incidentally this same house was severely damaged by these tenants, the owner reporting that it cost more to restore it than the rent paid.

For your own and your neighbor's protection and peace of mind, it is suggested that you insist that your real estate agent take at least elementary business-like precautions as to the investigation of the character of the tenants who are to become residents of our community, secondly, that you require a bond for damage or disappearance of your household goods left in the residence and third, that you notify the Town Manager or Chief Of Police immediately that your residence is to be occupied by someone else, by whom, and the commencement and termination dates of the tenancy.

If these suggestions seem elementary, or an unwarranted invasion of your privacy, such is not our intention; they are made at the behest of many of you who are sincerely interested in preserving the fine character and reputation of our community.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH


M. B. Ornitz
President, Town Council

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TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1960

Cash Balance, April 1st, 1960
In the Bank Of Hollywood

- General Fund

\$24,974.00

Budget Receipts

1959 Taxes Collected:-

Real Estate	\$1,518.89	
Beach Cleaning	81.25	
Garbage Collection	105.00	
Lot Cleaning	223.80	
Total Taxes Collected		\$1,928.94
Rent For Post Office		125.00

Total Budget Receipts

\$ 2,053.94

Other Receipts

Court Fines	\$1,121.66
Franchise: Peoples Gas Co.	11.46
Permits: - "For Sale" Signs	30.00
Buildings	20.00
Yard Maintenance	1.00
Employees Group Insurance Collected	126.25
Income Taxes Withheld	272.00
Social Security Collected	135.97
Refund: Cost of Damage to Street Lights	12.75

TOTAL

\$28,759.03

Cash Disbursements

Budget Disbursements	\$ 6,242.52
Non-Budget Disbursements	1,217.81
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	

\$ 7,460.33

Cash Balance, April 30th, 1960

\$21,298.70

On Hand in the Bank Of Hollywood

Purchase of \$65,000 Treasury Bills on December 21st, 1959
Maturity Date June 16th, 1960

\$63,444.44
\$84,743.11

Actual Financial Status of the Town as of April 30th, 1960

Total 1959 Tax Roll	\$122,703.81
Taxes Collected thru April 30th, 1960	\$121,379.24
Unpaid Taxes at April 30th, 1960	\$ 1,324.57

PERCENT TO TOTAL

100.00%
98.92%
1.08%

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA
 ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1960

<u>Budget Disbursements</u>	
<u>Landscaping Upkeep</u> - Salaries And Wages	\$2,114.70
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense	14.40
<u>Police Services</u>	
Salaries	\$2,083.30
Equipment Repairs	166.85
Radio Service	60.00
<u>Equipment - Other</u>	
Repairs	192.99
<u>Repairs And Maintenance</u>	
Bridges	10.00
Garbage Collection	48.80
Insurance	268.25
Lighting	271.70
Miscellaneous Office Expense	31.85
Office Supplies	36.06
Social Security Taxes	372.27
Telephone Service	52.83
Town Clerk's Office	325.00
Water	193.52
Total Budget Disbursements	\$ 6,212.52

<u>Non-Budget Disbursements</u>	
Fees: Building Inspector	\$ 60.00
Return: Employees Withholding Taxes Collected	786.50
Employees Social Security Taxes	
Collected	371.31
Total Non-Budget Disbursements	\$ 1,217.81
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,460.33

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR THE
MONTH OF APRIL, 1960

Cash Balance, April 1st, 1960 - Municipal Improvement Lien Certificate of Indebtedness Fund	
In the Peoples National Bank	\$654.78
Cash Receipts	
Liens collected thru April 30th, 1960	30.85
Total Cash	<u>\$685.63</u>
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance, April 30th, 1960	<u>\$685.63</u>

Cash Balance - April 1st, 1960 - Municipal Improvement Lien Bond Fund Account	
In the Peoples National Bank	\$800.93
Cash Receipts	
Liens collected thru April 30th, 1960	\$163.55
Total Cash	<u>\$1,264.48</u>
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance, April 30th, 1960	<u>\$1,264.48</u>

Cash Balance, April 1st, 1960 - Municipal Improvement Bond Fund In the Bank Of Hollywood	
Cash Expenditures And Disbursements	
Fees For Architect	
Cash Balance, April 30th, 1960	312.50
Purchase of \$35,000 U. S. Treasury Bills on March 1st, 1960	<u>\$2,689.10</u>
Maturity Date, August 25, 1960	
	<u>\$34,260.04</u>

Actual Financial Status of Town Of Golden Beach Municipal Improvement Bond Fund as of April 30, 1960	
	<u>\$36,949.14</u>

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY
FLORIDA

May 12th, 1960

The Residents
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Resident:

The final meeting of the 1959-60 Session of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, 1960 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall.

The Agenda will include the following:-

1. Final approval of the 1960-61 Budget
2. Report of your Assessor as to Valuations for Tax purposes.
3. Establishment of millage and charges for various services.
4. Action in reference to Town Manager.
5. Action in reference to Life Guards and our Public Beach.
6. Reports of Mayor and Your Commissioners.

Your Council feels sure this meeting will be of great interest to you and we ask that you please attend this last meeting.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH



W. B. Orritts
President, Town Council.

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