

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

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, April 18, 1944, at 4 p.m. at the Town Hall with the following members present:

Mayor	- Mr. Richard K. Lackey
President	- Mr. W. L. Gilmore
Councilmen	- Mr. James F. Noble
	Mr. Martin Pulcher
	Mr. Ward A. Scranton
	Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.

also present were:

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. W. L. Gilmore, President of the Town Council, who called on the Deputy Town Clerk for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Upon the reading of these minutes, upon motion by Mr. Ward A. Scranton and seconded by Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., the minutes were unanimously approved.

The President of the Council thereupon requested the Deputy Town Clerk to present his cash report. This report was read and showed that Cash in The First National Bank of Miami as of March 31, 1944 was in the amount of \$14,424.09; that tax collections to March 31, 1944 were 91.75% of the 1943 tax roll and that the amount of \$1,637.17 remained uncollected at that date.

On motion of Mr. Ward A. Scranton, seconded by Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., the Deputy Town Clerk's Cash Report as of March 31, 1944 was unanimously approved and attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

Mayor Richard K. Lackey thereupon made his report to the Council and called on Mr. S. E. Jones, the Chief of Police, who reported on the activities of the Police Department during the five and one-half months since November 1, 1943. He reported that the Police Department had made 51 arrests and collected \$575.00 in fines. That new tires had been bought for the police car about two weeks ago. The Chief of Police requested that he be furnished with copies of all ordinances which the Police Department is charged to enforce. The Town's Attorney and the Deputy Town Clerk were thereupon instructed to furnish the Chief of Police with copies of all such ordinances.

The Mayor thereupon called on Mr. Williams, Superintendent, for his report. Mr. Williams reported that his main difficulty is the shortage of labor, which makes it impossible to keep the parks and streets in the Town in as good shape as he would like to keep them.

The Town Council thereupon expressed the opinion that considering general conditions, the Town is being kept as well as can possibly be done.

The Mayor thereupon reported that the tractor owned by the Town is in bad shape and that a Case tractor is available for purchase and asked authority to purchase such a tractor if in his judgment it should become necessary. Upon motion by Mr. James F. Noble, which was seconded by Mr. Martin Pulcher, the Mayor was authorized to purchase a new tractor whenever in his judgment it should become necessary at a price not to exceed \$1,200.00, with the understanding that the old tractor is to be disposed of at the best price obtainable at the same time. This motion was unanimously carried.

The Deputy Town Clerk thereupon requested the Council for instructions as to the preparation of the 1944 Tax Roll. The Town Council instructed the Deputy Town Clerk to prepare the assessment roll of the Town of Golden Beach on the same basis as had been done in the past and to continue the assessment of each house at the nominal amount of \$50.00. The Deputy Town Clerk was also instructed to incorporate again into the tax roll a charge against each house in the amount of \$15.00 for trash and garbage collection.

The Chairman of the Town Council, Mr. W. L. Gilmore, thereupon discussed at length the condition of the Town's water system and invited the members of the Town's Council to give some thought to the eventual extension and possible replacement of the water system, the question being whether this should be accomplished by a bond issue or whether this should be attempted out of current tax collections which would probably necessitate an increase in the millage.

The Mayor thereupon discussed the question of driving across the center parkway and it was recalled that at a meeting of the Town Council held on January 18, 1944 the Police Department was instructed to enforce the existing ordinance against driving across the center parkway. Mr. Gilmore thereupon suggested that additional crossings, one in each block, be provided. After considerable discussion of this question, no action was taken on the suggestion at the present time.

At this point several residents of the Town of Golden Beach presented various problems to the Town Council for consideration. The first problem presented was the question of providing transportation for school children. Mayor Lackey thereupon explained the situation in some detail, calling the attention of the residents to the fact that the School Board had provided a bus but that the residents of the Town had not taken advantage of this bus and that therefore the School Board has discontinued the operation of the bus. Mr. Lackey offered to contact the School Board again and to see what he can accomplish.

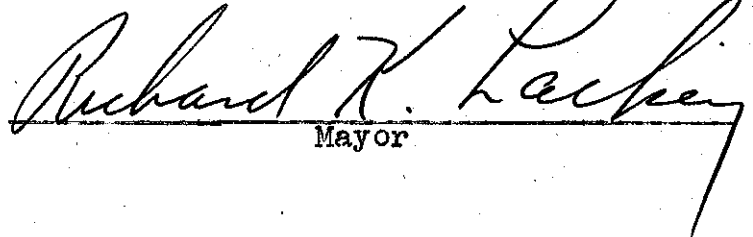
Several of the residents of the Town presented a petition for additional street lighting and it was explained to them by the Mayor that at the present time no globes can be obtained by the Florida Power and Light Company and that therefore it would be useless to install additional lighting because without globes the bulbs would go out in the first rain.

The question of the eradication of land crabs was thereupon brought up by several of the Town's residents and Councilman Ward A. Scranton offered to form a volunteer brigade of residents of the Town provided the Town would buy the poison.

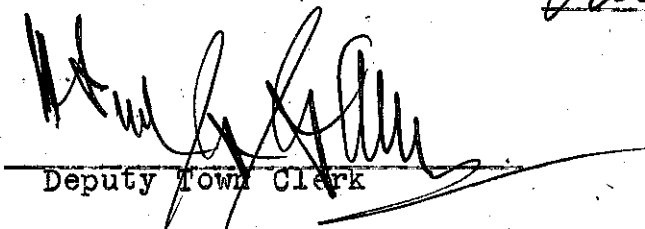
Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., moved and Mr. Martin Pulcher seconded the motion that Mr. Scranton be authorized to purchase Dixie Killer for an amount not to exceed \$25.00 and have volunteers under his direction organize a campaign to rid the Town of land crabs so far as possible.

Mr. ^{Evans} Goldstone thereupon commented on the absence of street signs in the Town. No action was taken by the Council on this at the present time.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion by Mr. Martin Pulcher, which was duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Mayor



Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

MONTH OF MARCH 1944

Balance - Cash on Hand and in
The First National Bank March 1, 1944 \$14,979.05

Receipts for Month

1943 Taxes Collected \$ 844.85
Pay-as-you-go Tax Withheld 35.80
Court Fines 25.00

\$ 905.65

Less: Disbursements

1,460.61 554.96

Balance of Cash to be accounted for

\$14,424.09

Cash accounted for:

In The First National Bank of Miami

\$14,424.09

Total 1943 Tax Roll	\$19,836.14	100.00%
Less: Taxes collected to March 31, 1944	<u>18,198.97</u>	<u>91.75</u>
Uncollected portion at March 31, 1944	<u>\$ 1,637.17</u>	<u>8.25%</u>