

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

February 21, 1950

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The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach was called for Tuesday, February 21, 1950 at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Upon roll call, the following members were found to be present, constituting a quorum of the Council:

Mayor	
Councilmen	
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	- Dr. Willard Van Camp
	- Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.
	- Mr. G. A. Mavon
	- Mr. Bennett R. Paulsen

Also present were:

Attorney	
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	- Mr. Francis M. Miller

and Mr. Paul S. Smith acting as Secretary in place of the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Fred G. Gamer, who was absent due to illness.

Thirteen residents of the Town attended the meeting as visitors.

The President of the Town Council, Mr. R. H. George, and Councilman Ward A. Scranton were absent from the meeting because they were out of Town.

Mr. George H. Draper, Jr. acted as Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Paul S. Smith acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., thereupon called upon the Secretary of the meeting for the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 1950. These minutes were read. A correction was noted in the minutes on the report of the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken - this correction on being that the Sunny Isles Water Co. had not yet started to erect the water tank to increase water pressure. With this correction, and no further corrections or objections appearing, the minutes were ordered approved by the Chairman, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.

The Chairman, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., thereupon called upon the Secretary of the meeting for the reading of the minutes of a Special Meeting held on January 21, 1950. These minutes were read, and when no objections or corrections were offered, were ordered approved by the Chairman, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.

The Secretary thereupon presented the Cash Report of the Deputy Town Clerk for the month of January, 1950. This Cash Report, upon motion by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, and unanimously carried, were approved and ordered attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council then proceeded to the consideration of several resignations prior to taking up any old business which might be pending.

Upon motion by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, and unanimously carried, consideration of the resignation of President R. H. George, which was tendered at the Special Meeting of the Town Council held January 21, 1950, was deferred until the next regular meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., then presented a letter of resignation from Councilmen Ward A. Scranton. This letter was read by the Secretary, and upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mavon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, and unanimously carried, consideration of this resignation was deferred until the next regular meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., then presented a letter of resignation from Mrs. Florence A. Scranton as Town Clerk. This letter was read by the Secretary, and upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mavon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, and unanimously carried, the resignation of Mrs. Florence A. Scranton as Town Clerk was accepted with regret.

The Mayor, Dr. Willard Van Camp, thereupon submitted for the Council's approval the appointment of Mrs. R. H. Kuiken as Town Clerk to succeed Mrs. Florence A. Scranton.

Upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mavon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, and unanimously carried, this appointment was approved.

The Town Council thereupon proceeded to the consideration of old business.

The question of Mrs. Kuiken carrying on some, or all of the records of the Town of Golden Beach was deferred until the March 1950 meeting.

Action on the approval or disapproval of Mrs. Baker's plans was then discussed. On motion by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, and unanimously carried, action on this matter was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mavon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, the Deputy Town Clerk was authorized to write a letter to the Florida Power & Light Company specifying the location of certain new street lights, and the increased candle power of certain existing street lights as recommended by the Committee, appointed and authorized by the Council for this purpose at their December 1949 meeting.

The acquisition of a fire hose was discussed, but since it was felt that the Town has ample protection from the Hollywood Fire Department, it was decided that no purchase was necessary.

The Committee appointed to check into prices on a second police car reported that in their opinion no new police car was needed at this time. Thereupon, on motion made by Councilman G. A. Mayon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, the matter was dropped.

The Police Commissioner, Mr. G. A. Mayon, then reported on police salaries, stating that his investigation revealed that other municipalities nearby were paying policemen more than the Town of Golden Beach was paying their policemen. He suggested that an increase of \$10.00 per month be given each policeman. It was then moved by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, seconded by Councilman G. A. Mayon, and unanimously carried, to increase the police salaries from \$200.00 per month each to \$210.00 per month each, starting March 1, 1950.

The Town Manager, who had been instructed at the last meeting of the Town Council to check into other wages, recommended no increases at this time. This recommendation was approved by the Council.

The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, reported on certain redrafted resolutions which he had prepared. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, reported on a possible method of repairing certain bridges in the Town. He stated that he had obtained prices for materials and labor which would enable one bridge to be repaired at a cost of approximately \$2,400.00. Also, that another bridge could be repaired at a very small cost by using lumber which would be salvaged from the repair of the first bridge.

After discussion, Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. was authorized to investigate further and report at the next meeting.

Councilman G. A. Mayon requested authority to write to the Florida Rating Association and the Town of Hollywood, Florida, setting forth the fire protection now being provided in the Town of Golden Beach in order that better insurance rates might be obtained on properties in the Town. The Council granted him this authority.

The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, reported on his efforts to obtain a Post Office for the Town of Golden Beach. He stated that some progress is being made, and that he is continuing his efforts.

The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, reported at length on problems which had arisen in connection with the bulkheading of properties as required by the resolution of the Town Council adopted at their meeting on May 10, 1949. He read to the Council the charter provisions governing the powers of the Town Council, but stated that a recent decision of the Florida Supreme Court appeared to indicate that the Council did not have sufficient authority to proceed with this bulkheading. He further stated that the Town's Charter required amending to clarify this point, which could be done only by applying to the Florida State Legislature at their next session in 1951.

It was the opinion of the Council, in view of this report, that it would not be proper to proceed with the construction of bulkheads at this time, but that the Town's Attorney should continue to take steps

necessary to bring about the amendments to the Charter of the Town.

Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. thereupon called to the attention of the Council that there was an urgent need of bulkheading, that erosion was constantly eating away the unprotected properties facing the Intra-coastal Waterway, and that some immediate action should be taken in this connection.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Councilman G. A. Mavon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, and unanimously carried, that the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, be authorized to select some one-section fronting on the Intra-coastal Waterway, contact the property owners in that section, if possible, obtain their approval, to be evidenced by their signatures to a formal letter which will be prepared by the Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, and then proceed to have the necessary bulkheading done in that section.

The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, discussed the proposed plan of the City of Miami to construct a sewage plant, which would pour sewage into the Gulf Stream. He stated that such a plan might have a bad effect upon the beach of the Town. Upon motion by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, and unanimously carried, the Town's Attorney was authorized to write a letter to the proper authorities protesting such a plan.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, requested authority to purchase a replacement lawn mower at a cost not to exceed \$450.00. Upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mavon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, and unanimously carried, he was given this authority.

Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. requested that when the Budget for next year was being prepared, consideration be given to the need for a new pickup truck and a new police car.

At the suggestion of a resident of the Town, it was moved by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, seconded by Councilman G. A. Mavon, and unanimously carried, that the Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, write the Crime Commission in the name of the Town, approving their actions in investigating and reporting on the condition of law enforcement in Dade County.

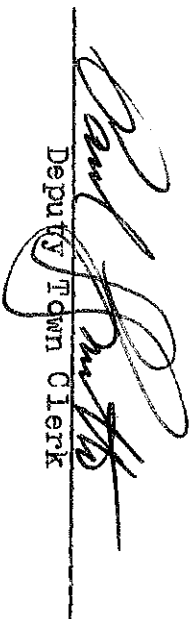
The use of a portion of the public way in the Town by a private owner and his action in grassing over and maintaining as a lawn this portion was discussed at some length. Upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mavon, seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, and unanimously carried, it was decided to accept this owner's application to make such use of a portion of the public way on sufferance only, he to be fully responsible for its maintenance. The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, was directed to write a letter to this owner informing him of the action of the Council.

The request of a resident of the Town for an investigation into the condition of garbage containers, and the possibility of requiring the use of underground receivers was referred to the Commissioner of

Health and Sanitation for report at the next regular meeting of the Town Council.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion by Councilman G. A. Mayon, and seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, the meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor

  
Deputy Town Clerk

April 6, 1950

Frances M. Miller, Esq.  
Town Attorney  
Town of Golden Beach,  
Dade County, Florida

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the undersigned has sodded and placed grass upon the dead end street located immediately south of Lot 34 Block H Section D Golden Beach. This has been done solely for the purpose of beautifying this property and any grass or other obstacle which has been placed upon said street will be removed by the undersigned upon demand.

Very truly yours,

*Ernestine Delmore*  
Ernestine Delmore

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TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - MONTH OF JANUARY, 1950

Balance -  
 In The First National Bank of Miami - \$32,615.95  
 In January 1, 1950  
 In Transit January 1, 1950,  
 Deposited January 6, 1950 345.16 \$32,961.11

Receipts - Month of January, 1950:

Budgeted Receipts:  
 1949 Taxes Collected \$1,770.50  
 Less: Discounts Allowed 35.41 \$ 1,735.09

Other:

Income Tax Withheld	\$	73.40	
Court Fines		1,811.00	
Tax Sales Certificates Redeemed:			
For 1937 Taxes	\$18.80		
Interest Thereon	<u>19.43</u>		
Receipts from Property Owners		38.23	
for Bulldozing, etc.		13.50	
Sale of Miscellaneous Pipe		49.03	
Fittings		<u>.92</u>	
Telephone Commissions			1,986.08
	\$	3,721.17	\$ 3,721.17
Less: Disbursements			<u>3,285.04</u>
			436.13

Balance of Cash to be Accounted For

\$33,397.24

Cash Accounted For:

In The First National Bank of Miami -  
 January 31, 1950: \$26,202.52  
 General Operating Fund 159.03  
 Permanent Improvement Fund 648.61  
 Water System Fund  
 Certificate of Indebtedness  
 Service Fund 5,243.75  
 Bond Indebtedness Service 1,020.83 \$33,274.74  
 Cash in Transit January 31, 1950  
 Deposited February 3, 1950 122.50

Total Cash Accounted For \$33,397.24

Percent to  
 Total

Total 1949 Tax Roll	\$48,113.90	100.00%
Less: Taxes Collected thru January 31, 1950	<u>41,710.62</u>	86.69%
Uncollected Balance - January 31, 1950	<u>\$ 6,403.28</u>	13.31%

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CASH DISBURSEMENTS

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1950

Architect's Fee		\$	10.00
Gas and Oil			224.32
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages			737.50
Legal Services			150.00
Lighting			103.55
Miscellaneous			73.36
Police Services - Payroll			737.50
Postage			5.00
Printing and Stationery			10.15
Purchases:			
Apartment Furnishings - Municipal Building			194.74
Other Equipment			60.00
Repairs and Maintenance:			
Beach Rest Rooms, etc.	\$	33.09	
Municipal Building		96.35	
Police Equipment		107.77	
Other Equipment		51.11	
Telephone and Telegraph			288.32
Tennis Court			13.65
Town Clerk			200.00
Water			175.00
Withholding Tax to Collector of			43.90
Internal Revenue			258.05

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS

\$3,285.04



WARD A. SCRANTON  
GRAYHAVEN  
BOX 586  
MADISON, CONNECTICUT

January 27th  
1950

To the Mayor and Town Council  
of Golden Beach, Florida;

In March of 1941 I was appointed to the Town Council of Golden Beach to serve a term of two years, filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of one of the members. In 1943 I was elected for a term of four years. I did not run for reelection in 1947 but was again elected in 1949 for a two year term.

I did not anticipate, when I was a candidate last February that conditions would prevent my living in Florida this winter, but family illness has upset all plans.

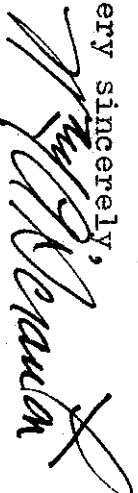
I have enjoyed the seven years I have spent on the Council, the association with the different members, and the friendships made there, and I only hope that I have been of some service to the Town during my tenure of office.

However, due to the uncertainty of my future plans, I feel that it is only right and fair to the Council and to the Town that I tender my resignation.

I assure you that I do so with a great deal of regret, but, under the conditions, I believe it is for the best interest of Golden Beach to do so. Therefore, I ask that you accept my resignation and appoint someone to fill my unexpired term.

With kindest personal regards to all of you, I am,

Very sincerely,



Ward A. Scranton.

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GRAYHAVEN  
BOX 586  
MADISON, CONNECTICUT

January 27th  
1950

To the Mayor and Town Council  
of Golden Beach, Florida.

Due to the uncertainty of future plans which may prevent my living in Golden Beach again in the near future, I believe that it is for the best interests of the Town of Golden Beach that I resign from the position of Town Clerk.

Therefore, I wish that you would accept my resignation and appoint some other resident to fill this position.

Sincerely yours,

*Florence A. Scranton*

[Mrs.] Florence A. Scranton.