

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

March 20, 1951

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, March 20, 1951 at 2 p.m. at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present, constituting all of the members of the Council:

Mayor
President
Councilmen

- Mr. Robert H. George
- Mr. Haig M. Boyajohn
- Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.
- Mr. Burt Hengeveld
- Mr. Bennett R. Paulsen
Mr. Edward F. Guenther

Also present were:

Attorney
Deputy Town Clerk

- Mr. Francis M. Miller
- Mr. Paul S. Smith

Several residents of the Town attended the meeting as visitors.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Haig M. Boyajohn, who acted as Chairman of the meeting.

The President called upon the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Paul S. Smith, who served as Secretary of the meeting, for the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 1951 and the minutes of the special meeting held March 6, 1951. These minutes were read and when no objections or corrections were offered, were ordered approved by the President of the Town Council, Mr. Haig M. Boyajohn.

The Deputy Town Clerk thereupon presented his Cash Report for the month of February 1951. This Cash Report, upon motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Councilman Burt Hengeveld, and unanimously carried, was approved and ordered attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

The Deputy Town Clerk thereupon read a letter addressed to the Council by a resident of the Town, Mr. Martin L. Pulcher, with regard to the increase in taxes in the Town from 1939 to 1950, in which Mr. Pulcher asked for the comments of the Council on this situation.

President Boyajohn referred this letter to a Committee consisting of the Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Paul S. Smith, and Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, for answer.

Council President, Mr. Haig M. Boyajohn, thereupon called for the reports of the Commissioners, as follows:

1. Commissioner of Finance, Bennett R. Paulsen reporting: Commissioner Paulsen reported that he and the Mayor had made arrangements to hire a girl to work on the books for one day a month at \$15.00 per day and that she could be available for such additional days as might be needed. Commissioner Paulsen explained that this girl is at present employed by the Town of Surfside for five days a week and consequently has only Saturday available.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Council unanimously approved the action of Commissioner Paulsen and Mayor George.

2. Commissioner of Police and Fire Department, Edward F. Guenther reporting: At the direction of President Boyajohn, the Secretary read a letter addressed to Commissioner Bennett R. Paulsen as Director of Laws and Finance, by Commissioner Guenther with regard to insurance rates in the Town.

On motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Councilman Burt Hengeveld, and unanimously carried, President Boyajohn appointed a committee consisting of

Councilmen - Bennett R. Paulsen
- Edward F. Guenther
Resident - G. A. Mayon

to report at the next meeting on this matter.

At the direction of President Boyajohn, the Secretary read a letter from Commissioner Guenther addressed to Commissioner Burt Hengeveld as Commissioner of Health, with regard to waste receptacles, stating that it was the opinion of the Police Department that the General Contractor should provide waste receptacles on new construction sites. A committee was appointed by President Boyajohn consisting of

Councilmen - Burt Hengeveld
Bennett R. Paulsen
Haig M. Boyajohn

to report on this matter at the next meeting.

Council President Boyajohn then directed the Secretary to read a letter from Police Commissioner Guenther addressed to Commissioner Haig M. Boyajohn as Director of Streets, Sewers and Lighting, with reference to street lighting conditions in the Town. The Secretary also read a report of the Street Lighting Committee with regard to certain recommendations of the Florida Power & Light Company for improving the street lighting in Golden Beach.

President Boyajohn asked for comments on the street lighting situation of residents of the Town who were present at the meeting. Several residents commented on the matter and a general discussion was held. President Boyajohn then suggested that the matter be given further study by consulting engineers and appointed a committee consisting of

Councilmen - Edward F. Guenther
George H. Draper, Jr.
Halg M. Boyajohn

to report on this matter at the next meeting of Council.

3. Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, Burt Hengeveld, reporting: Commissioner Hengeveld

reported on beach conditions in general and the progress and cost of the beach cleaning. A general discussion of the beach cleaning problem ensued but no action was taken by the Council. President Boyajohn stated that he would report more fully on this matter at the next meeting of the Council.

Commissioner Hengeveld then reported on conditions in the Town with regard to rat infestation and referred to an article in a recent issue of the Readers' Digest with regard to a rat exterminator which is being successfully used in other places. Commissioner Hengeveld recommended the purchase and use of this exterminator by the Town Manager in curbing rat infestation. A general discussion ensued and the President appointed a committee consisting of

Councilmen Edward F. Guenther and
Burt Hengeveld

to act on this matter. Several residents entered the discussion, and upon motion by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, and unanimously carried, the Committee appointed was authorized to spend up to \$200.00 in obtaining the exterminator.

4. Commissioner of Streets and Lighting, Halg M. Boyajohn reporting: Commissioner Boyajohn called upon the Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, who presented an emergency Ordinance No. 44, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, AND REGULATING THE ERECTION OF WALLS AND BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH."

Commissioner Boyajohn commented on the existing situation and the need for this Ordinance as an emergency ordinance.

This Ordinance was given its first, second and third readings at this meeting, and upon motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, and unanimously carried, said Ordinance No. 44 was thereupon declared adopted.

Commissioner Boyajohn thereupon requested that Attorney Miller present and read an emergency Ordinance No. 45, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES AND BUILDING CODE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH TO SECURE SAFETY FROM FIRE, PANIC AND OVER-CROWDING, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE."

After a general discussion, this Ordinance was given its first, second and third readings. Upon motion made by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, and unanimously carried, said emergency Ordinance No. 45 was thereupon declared adopted.

5. Commissioner of Parks and Buildings, George H. Draper, Jr., reporting: Commissioner Draper reported that the charge of \$3.50 per hour made by the Town to residents and others for the use of the Bulldozer be raised to \$5.00 per hour.

Upon motion by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Councilman Bennett R. Paulsen, and unanimously carried, this recommendation was approved by the Council.

All communications and written reports read by the Secretary in connection with reports by Commissioners are attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

Councilman Hengeveld commented upon and complimented Commissioner Draper on the new benches which have been constructed by the Town and placed on the east side of Ocean Boulevard, and suggested that one or more additional such benches be constructed and placed on the west side of Ocean Boulevard in the interest of traffic safety.

President Boyajohn thereupon called for the report on Post Boxes in the Town, which report was given by a committee which he had appointed consisting of

Councilmen Burt Hengeveld and
Halg M. Boyajohn

and it was the request of this Committee that the Council write a letter to the Hollywood Postmaster requesting transfer of the boxes to the west side of the streets. President Boyajohn stated that he and the Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, will see to the writing of such letter.

President Boyajohn brought up the question as to who pays for the cost of improving the streets. A general discussion ensued in the course of which Attorney Miller stated that normal repairs to the streets are paid for by the Town and that special assessments

against owners of the lots can be levied for specific improvements. No action was taken by the Council at this meeting, Council President appointing a committee, consisting of

Councilmen Haig M. Boyajohn and
Bennett R. Paulsen,
and Attorney Francis W. Miller

to study and report further on this matter.

The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller, thereupon presented a suggested Resolution to the Council with regard to amending the Town's Charter. After discussion, it was moved by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Councilman Burt Hengeveld, and unanimously carried, that the following Resolution be adopted:

"R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, some of the property on the waterways of the Town is being badly eroded because of the lack of bulkheading, and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Golden Beach, Chapter No. 14066, Special Acts of 1929, provides for the completion by the Town of paving, bulkheading and other municipal improvements, but it has been suggested that the Charter should be amended to more specifically authorize the Town to do this work and place liens against the abutting property for the same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA:

That the members of the Legislature representing Dade County and this District be and they are hereby requested by the Town of Golden Beach to use their good efforts to pass, at the current session of the Legislature, an amendment to the Charter of the Town of Golden Beach permitting the Town to bulkhead lands within the limits of the Town and levy an assessment against said land for this public improvement.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 20th day of March, 1951.

APPROVED: HAIG M. BOYAJOH
President, Town Council

R. H. GEORGE

Mayor

Attest:

Paul S. Smith

Deputy Town Clerk"

Attorney Miller thereupon presented a suggested Resolution authorizing the execution by the Council of a quit-claim deed on certain land adjoining the Town's dock. This suggested Resolution was discussed at length by the Council, and upon motion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., and unanimously carried, this Resolution was tabled, and President Boyajohn appointed a committee consisting of

Councilmen Haig M. Boyajohn,
Bennett R. Paulsen,
Burt Hengeveld,
and Attorney Francis M. Miller

to report fully on this matter at the next meeting of Council.

A resident of the Town, Mr. James T. Hennehan, discussed the situation with regard to certain land lying just south of the Town limits. Town's Attorney, Francis M. Miller, and Town Manager, R. H. Kuiken, discussed this matter in general, stating that they felt that the Town had sufficient protection against undesirable building on this land. No action was taken by the Council.

Attorney Miller then read a suggested resolution with regard to the appointment of a Town Management Committee. It was the consensus of the Council that this suggested resolution be studied and brought up for action at the next meeting of the Council.

Council President Boyajohn thereupon called upon Mayor R. H. George for his report. The Mayor stated that he had nothing specific to bring up at this time and that the various matters which had been discussed by the Commissioners reporting covered most of the matters which he had in mind.

A taxpayer of the Town, Mrs. M. M. Renkert, thereupon addressed the Council requesting tax relief on certain lots owned by her. The Deputy Town Clerk stated that her request should be referred to the Board of Equalization for action at their next meeting. No further action was taken on this by the Council.

Mayor George reported on certain piling placed on a lot in the Town by the owner, who had taken out a building permit which had lapsed, and commented on the difficulties in keeping the lot properly cleaned up with the piling still there. This matter was referred to the next meeting of Council for discussion.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on the audit of the Town's books for its fiscal year ending October 31, 1950, and requested the approval of the Council to employ an outside accountant to do this work. Upon motion of Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr. and unanimously carried, the Commissioner of Finance,

Bennett R. Paulsen, was authorized to take whatever action seemed desirable in this matter.

Upon motion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

W. H. George.
Mayor

Paul J. Smith
Deputy Town Clerk



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

March 20th 1951

Commissioner, Bennett R. Paulsen
Director of Laws and Finance
Golden Beach, Florida.

Dear Commissioner:

As Director of the Laws of Golden Beach the department of police would appreciate your recommendation to the town council the following:

1. Rectify, clarify and rewrite the Election Laws of Golden Beach so the police department does not in any way enter into politics both as to Registration and the Election itself, only to the extent to enforce the Laws of this town. The police should be free from all and any political pressures so it can function and act as a free agent for which a police was designed to act.

As a suggestion to this matter it would be good practice as other towns and cities have in creating a Election Commission .

As Director of Finances of Golden Beach the department of Fire wishes to point out that both our residents and town are paying a 36 cent Rate on all Fire Insurance written in Golden Beach. This Rate is a rural suburban rate #10 , #9 34¢ , #8 22¢ and #5 to #7 18¢ per \$100.

The department of Fire feel that the department of Finance have mutual interests at hand in carrying on the work so admirably started by our former Commissioner Mr. G. A. Mayon who has succeeded in having Golden Beach Re-Rated with the following provisions to wit:



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

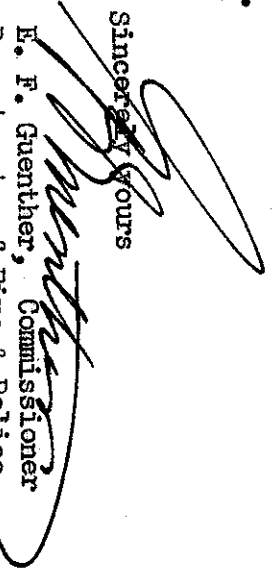
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1. To procure a letter from the City Of Hollywood signed by the proper authorities to service Golden Beach in case of a Fire. If this letter is procured and a certified copy of same is sent to Mr. Robert N. Kent, District Manager of Florida Inspection and Rating Bureau P.O. Box 1111 Miami 30 Florida our rate for Golden Beach can be reduced to #8 Sub. or 23¢ per \$100. a saving to our insurers and tax payers of 13 cents per \$100 of insurance.

As a complete inspection has been made of our Water supply, homes, yards, fields and other conditions relating to Fire and all found satisfactory except a bond fided guaranty that the City of Hollywood Fire Department will serve Golden Beach. This matter should be brought to the attention of the Council immediately for action and a committee should be appointed to see the Mayor of Hollywood. The department of Fire would appreciate if the Town Council would ask Mr. G. A. Mayon to serve on such a committee as he is the Godfather of this project.

As the Guardian of the Town of Golden Beach purse-strings the Departments of Fire & Police welcome any advice and counsel your good offices may bring forth .

Sincerely yours


E. F. Guenther, Commissioner
Departments of Fire & Police

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March 20th 1951

Commissioner, George H. Draper
Director Of Parks and Public Buildings
Golden Beach, Florida.

Dear Commissioner:

As Commissioner of Parks, the department of police would appreciate your comment and your recommendation on the following;

The police department does hereby recommend that the Pine Trees on Ocean Blvd. be reduced in height where it is safe for pedestrians walking or crossing the parkway. At present the trees hide a person until they are out in the street as on coming cars do not have vision sufficient for stopping even at 30 miles per hour.

2. Automobiles making U turns on Ocean Blvd. are hidden from oncoming traffic do to the present height of the Pine Trees.

In conclusion it is the opinion of this department that two things can be accomplished, a greater safety factor to both foot and automobile traffic and a reduction in maintenance costs to the town. I believe it was you that first advocated the reduction from 13 feet to 8 feet and as you have already illustrated what can be done to these trees as far as beauty is concerned by the Pine Tree Circle in your yard, 4 feet. It has been brought to this department's attention that our town has several vacant lots where parts of Town Ordinance No. 33 are being violated and wish your advice of same.

This department has been asked to inform the Commissioner of Parks that the New Park Benches are being greatly appreciated and wish to extend there thanks to you and the Town Council.

This department stands ready to serve yours as to all other departments.

We welcome the advice and suggestions from our senior Commissioner

Sincerely Yours

E.F. Guenther Depts. Police-Fire



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

March 20th 1951

Commissioner Burt Hengeveld
Commissioner of Health
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Commissioner:

Recpt. filed

The Department of Police would appreciate some form of (Receipts) for waste paper, cans and etc. with partially eaten food, especially on new building sites. It is the opinion of this department that the general contractor should provide such receipts for each new construction site.

The above matter is causing a (Complaint) factor to the department of police and said department would appreciate the assistance and (Policy) of the Commissioner of Health in the above matter.

The department of police stands ready at all times to serve not only your department but all the other departments in our town government and is open to any suggestions from same to the betterment and advancement of our department of police.

Sincerely yours


E. F. Guenther, Commissioner

Police & Fire Departments

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March 20th 1951

Commissioner Haig M. Boyafolin
Director of Streets, Sewers and Lighting
Golden Beach, Florida.

Dear Commissioner:

The present inadequate condition of the street lighting of Golden Beach, is the concern of the department of police for the following reasons to wit:

1. The present unsafety factor of traffic for both automobiles and pedestrians at night.
2. From a Police standpoint a well lighted community becomes an extra policeman as to a guard against future B&Es (Breaking and Entering)
3. It is both unfair and hazardous to our police officers to patrol efficiently our (Parked Out) areas, not to say anything about the people that reside in these areas.

It is the contention of this department that improved modern street lighting can be had, if only in part at present without a burden on our taxpayers for the following reasons.

1. The number of units or outlets could be reduced by using the type of outlet used by the Town of Bal-Harbour and yet have 100% more light than at present. The Florida Power & Light Co. bear this fact out.

Therefore this department would appreciate the assistance and policy of the department of lighting to further the cause of better lighting for Golden Beach in recommending same to the Town Council.

The department of police stands ready at all times to serve not only your department but all the other departments in our town and we welcome any suggestions from you for our betterment.

Sincerely Yours

E.F. Guenther Departments of Fire

At a meeting of the street lighting committee of the Town of Golden Beach at 11:00 AM this date, the Florida Power & Light Company presented certain recommendations for improving the street lighting on Golden Beach. A copy of these recommendations is attached hereto.

It was decided that the following measures be taken as they provide the most economical and practical solution to the problem of providing adequate and dependable street lighting.

Consult with a consulting engineering firm or engineer and have prepared plans and specifications (and instruction supervision) for:

- (a) Location of existing cast iron standards (complete with base when possible) to a nominal distance of 6' from the edge of paving and with a spacing between

(c) Provide Relectors for interior
of existing glasswork.

(d) Abandon all concrete Standards

Note: Standards and cable on Ocean

Block are excluded from items

(a) through (d) above. Should the

cable on Ocean Blvd. fail, it
can be replaced by sections
at that time in this section,
shunting is to be turned to allow
better lighting of the pavement.

Cost

The cost of the above recommendations
is estimated at \$7,000 plus or minus.

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK * FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 31, 19 51

<u>Cash Balance March 1, 1951</u>	\$40,243.64
<u>In The Miami Beach First National Bank</u>	

<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	
<u>1950 Taxes Collected</u>	\$ 1,778.75

<u>Other Receipts</u>	
Court Fines	\$1,127.00
Tax Certificates Redeemed	190.87
Interest on Tax Certificates	30.70
Building Permits	400.00
Cleanup Bond Deposits	200.00
Receipts from Property Owners for	
Fertilizer Sales, Bulldozing, etc.	85.50
Income Taxes Withheld	123.70
	<u>2,157.77</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	
	<u>3,936.52</u>
	<u>\$44,180.16</u>

<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	
<u>Budgeted Disbursements</u>	\$10,085.75
<u>Non-Budgeted Disbursements</u>	<u>320.00</u>
	<u>10,405.75</u>

Cash Balance March 31, 1951 -	
On Hand in The Miami Beach First National Bank	\$33,774.41
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TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1951

<u>Budgeted Disbursements</u>	
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages	\$1,675.00
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense	50.18
	<u>\$ 1,725.18</u>
Police Services:	
Salaries	\$ 879.81
Radio Services	40.00
Equipment Repairs	296.17
	<u>1,215.98</u>
Other Equipment:	
Beach Equipment Purchases	\$ 575.80
Repairs	56.91
	<u>632.71</u>
Lighting	116.99
Gas and Oil	210.18
Telephone	17.45
Printing and Stationery	25.50
Publication Charges	11.40
Water	169.30
Town Clerk's Office	445.56
Miscellaneous	3.00
Retirement of Certificates of Indebtedness	5,000.00
Interest	512.50
	<u>\$10,085.75</u>
Total Budgeted Disbursements	
Non-Budgeted Disbursements	
Architect's Fees	\$ 70.00
Building Inspection Fees	150.00
Cleanup Bond Deposit Refunds	100.00
	<u>320.00</u>
Total Non-Budgeted Disbursements	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	
	<u>\$10,405.75</u>