

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, May 16, 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 and on motion made by Mr. Martin Pulcher and seconded by Mr. James F. Noble, 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 April 30, 1944 was in the amount of \$14,457.53, that tax collections to April 30, 1944 were 93.43% of the 1943 tax roll and that the amount of \$1,302.37 remained uncollected at that time.

On motion of Mr. Martin Pulcher, seconded by Mr. James F. Noble, the cash report of the Deputy Town Clerk as of April 30, 1944 was unanimously approved and ordered attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

The Town's Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, thereupon informed the Council that he had had inquiry as to whether the Town of Golden Beach desired to sell any tax certificates. It was the unanimous opinion of the Council that no tax certificates should be sold, but that some method should be adopted to collect the money due the Town on these tax certificates and to put the property covered thereby back on the tax roll.

Thereupon, upon motion made by Councilman Martin Pulcher, and seconded by Councilman George H. Draper, Jr., the following resolution

was unanimously adopted:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, that the Deputy Town Clerk be and he is hereby directed to turn over to the Town's Attorney all delinquent tax certificates held by the Town and that the Town's Attorney be and he is hereby directed to institute foreclosure proceedings on said certificates according to the laws of the State of Florida; that said suit shall not be instituted, however, until after the delinquent taxes for the year 1943 have been sold according to law."

Upon the call of the roll, each of the Council members voted "Aye" on the above resolution.

The Deputy Town Clerk thereupon presented the Audit Report covering the year ended October 31, 1943 and explained from the Audit Report that disbursements exceeded receipts for that year in the amount of \$116.96, that the excess of disbursements over receipts was principally caused by the fact that the 1942 tax certificates purchased by the Town in the amount of \$1,013.08 exceeded redemptions of prior years certificates by \$557.51; that police equipment was purchased in the amount of \$109.48 and other equipment in the amount of \$448.09. When taking into consideration only the revenue receipts, which the Audit Report shows were in the amount of \$20,358.29, and the total expenses, which, according to the Audit Report, were in the amount of \$19,235.36, it is clearly evident that receipts were over \$1,000.00 in excess of expenses. Several copies of the Audit Report were then passed out to the members of the Council for their perusal. After the members of the Council had looked over the Audit Report it was decided that one copy of the Audit Report was to be left in the hands of Mr. Richard K. Lackey, the Mayor, one copy in the hands of Mr. W. L. Gilmore, the President of the Town Council, and that one copy should be kept in the Deputy Town Clerk's office as an official record.

At the last Council meeting, the Deputy Town Clerk was requested to prepare a comparison of the actual expenditures with the amount budgeted and in accordance with this request, such report was presented to the Council. After thorough discussion of this budget report, a copy of it was ordered attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

The Mayor, Mr. Richard K. Lackey, thereupon discussed the water bill received from the Sunny Isles Water Company for the quarter ended February 1, 1944, and the Deputy Town Clerk was requested to communicate with the Water Company and to seek an adjustment of this bill since it seems to be a way out of line with the amount of water the Town could reasonably be expected to have consumed during this quarter and not at all comparable to water bills rendered for previous quarters.

The Mayor thereupon recommended that the master meter be read daily by the Police Department sometime during the night when there is very little water consumption by individual residents, and that a record be kept of such readings in order to determine whether there might be a leak or leaks in the line.

Upon motion by Mr. Martin Pulcher and seconded by Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., it was resolved that the Police Department is requested to check the master meter at 2 o'clock in the morning and again at 5 o'clock in the morning every night for 30 days and to keep a record of such readings.

Councilmen Martin Pulcher and George H. Draper, Jr. thereupon reported on their investigation of the Town's lighting and recommended that 13 additional lights be installed at the locations shown on the schedule submitted by them.

In the course of the general discussion which followed this recommendation, the opinion was expressed by Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., that if the pines and other shrubbery were cut to uniform height so as not to obstruct the lights, the general lighting of the Town would be considerably improved. The Council was in agreement with this recommendation by Mr. Draper.

Thereupon Mr. Martin Pulcher moved, which motion was seconded by Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., that 13 additional lights, in the locations as shown by the schedule submitted, be installed on November 1st, 1944, the beginning of the new fiscal year. The motion, upon being put to a vote, was unanimously carried and the Deputy Town Clerk was instructed to contact the Florida Power and Light Company and make arrangements for such additional lights, and to attach to these minutes copy of the schedule prepared by Mr. Pulcher and Mr. Draper showing the location of the 13 additional lights to be installed.

The Deputy Town Clerk thereupon presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year November 1, 1944 to October 31, 1945, which was thoroughly discussed by the Council and, by agreement with the Mayor and the Deputy Town Clerk who presented the proposed budget, revised in some respects and was finally unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Martin Pulcher, seconded by Mr. James F. Noble, in the following form:

BUDGET	-	YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 1944 TO OCTOBER 31, 1945
Upkeep of the parkways, water lines, etc. including gardener's salary and workmen's pay		\$ 6,400.00 ✓
Police Radio Service		300.00 ✓
Water Consumption		1,000.00 ✓
Repair of Bridges		300.00 ✓
Repair of Streets		500.00 ✓
Police Service		4,200.00 ✓
Lighting		1,250.00 ✓
Upkeep of Police Equipment, including Replacements		1,200.00 ✓
Upkeep of Trucks, Tractor, Mowers, etc. including replacements		1,200.00 ✓
Gas and Oil		700.00 ✓
Telephone		100.00 ✓
Insurance		300.00 ✓
Repairs to Electric Lines		400.00 ✓
Printing, Postage & Publication Charges		150.00 ✓
Legal Expenses		600.00 ✓
Town Clerk		1,000.00 ✓
Audit		200.00 ✓
Contingencies		36.14 ✓
	Total	<u>\$19,836.14</u>

The Deputy Tax Assessor thereupon presented the assessment roll for the year 1944, showing net valuation of taxable property in the amount of \$715,840.00, which was approved by the Town Council and requested that the millage for said roll be fixed.

Upon motion made by Councilman Martin Pulcher and seconded by Councilman James F. Noble, and unanimously adopted, the millage for the year 1944 tax roll was fixed at 21 mills, and the Deputy Tax Collector was authorized and instructed to again allow the following discounts for prompt payment of 1944 taxes:

During November 1944	-	4%
During December 1944	-	3%
During January 1945	-	2%
During February 1945	-	1%

Upon motion made by Mr. Martin Pulcher, seconded by Mr. James F. Noble and unanimously carried, the Deputy Tax Collector was authorized to advertise the delinquent 1943 Town of Golden Beach taxes in The Miami Beach Times for four (4) consecutive issues, on June 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1944, said tax sale to be held on the 3rd of July 1944.

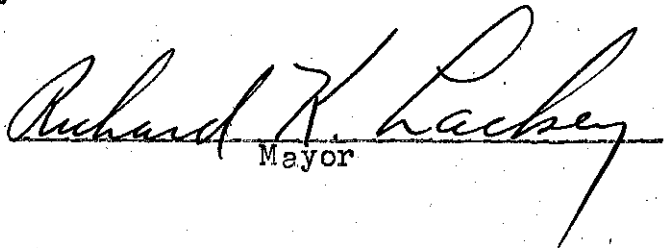
Upon motion by Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Mr. Martin Pulcher and unanimously carried, the Deputy Town Clerk was authorized to advertise in The Miami Beach Times the meeting of the Board of Equalization, said Board to meet for three (3) consecutive days beginning with July 10, 1944, said meeting to be advertised in The Miami Beach Times issues of June 16, 23 and 30, 1944.

Councilman Martin Pulcher thereupon reported on the situation regarding street signs in the Town and expressed his opinion that 22 sign posts should be erected and that if the Council should adopt the erection of these street signs, he would undertake to make the sign boards and to paint them and that taking this into consideration the total cost to the Town would be \$65.00.

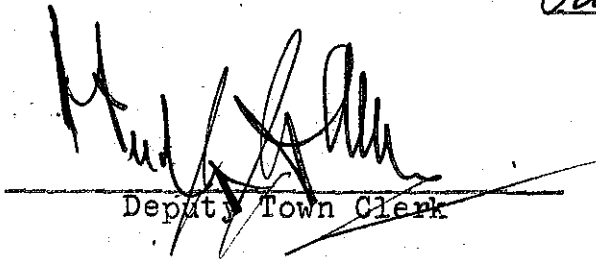
Upon motion made by Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., seconded by Mr. Ward A. Scranton, Mr. Martin Pulcher's recommendation and offer of services were unanimously accepted and the Deputy Town Clerk was authorized to pay out the sum of \$65.00 from the contingent fund for this purpose.

Mr. Ward A. Scranton thereupon reported on his experience in organizing a volunteer brigade for crab control. He reported that not very many volunteers had responded but that some work had been done which he felt was beneficial to the Town and that he had expended the amount of \$10.50 for Dixie Killer and that he had 4 lbs. left. Mr. Scranton was commended on his efforts and requested to turn over the remaining 4 lbs. to the Superintendent.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same adjourned.



Mayor



Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

MONTH OF APRIL, 1944

Balance -
 In The First National Bank April 1, 1944 \$14,424.09

Receipts for Month

1943 Taxes Collected	\$	334.80
Pay-as-you-go Tax Withheld		37.76
Court Fines		60.00

Other:

Tax Sales Certificates Redeemed:

for 1939 taxes	\$	14.33
1940 taxes		240.68
1941 taxes		112.22
1942 taxes		132.72

	\$	499.95
		131.26

Interest thereon 631.21
 Road and Bridge Tax Refund 459.62

Less: Disbursements

	\$	1,523.39
		1,489.95
		33.44

Balance of Cash to be accounted for \$14,457.53

Cash accounted for:

In The First National Bank of Miami -
 April 30, 1944

\$14,457.53

Total 1943 Tax Roll	\$19,836.14	100.00%
Less: Taxes collected to April 30, 1944	18,533.77	93.43
Uncollected Portion at April 30, 1944	\$ 1,302.37	6.57%

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

SCHEDULE OF BUDGET COMPARISON FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1944 AND UNEXPENDED PORTION OF BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1944

	<u>Amount Appropriated Six Months</u>	<u>Amount Actually Expended Six Months</u>	<u>Overexpended Underexpended</u>	<u>Add: Appropriation Second Half of Year</u>	<u>Unexpended Portion Of Year's Budget</u>
Upkeep of the Parkways, Water Lines, etc., including Gardener's Salary and Workmen's pay	\$3,420.00	\$2,813.25	\$ 606.75	\$3,420.00	\$ 4,026.75
Police Radio Service	150.00	125.00	25.00	150.00	175.00
Water Consumption	240.00	- 0 -	240.00	240.00	480.00
Repair of Bridges	250.00	7.18	242.82	250.00	492.82
Repair of Streets	250.00	6.93	243.07	250.00	493.07
Police Service	1,950.00	1,907.50	42.50	1,950.00	1,992.50
Lighting	525.00	439.95	85.05	525.00	610.05
Upkeep of Police Equipment, including Replacements	300.00	182.98	117.02	300.00	417.02
Upkeep of Trucks, Tractor, Mowers, etc., including replacements	500.00	491.19	8.81	500.00	508.81
Gas and Oil	600.00	308.62	291.38	600.00	891.38
Telephone	60.00	36.15	23.85	60.00	83.85
Insurance	150.00	282.94	132.94	150.00	17.06
Repairs to Electric Lines	250.00	112.97	137.03	250.00	387.03
Printing, Postage, Publication and Charges	75.00	26.94	48.06	75.00	123.06
Legal Expenses	300.00	150.00	150.00	300.00	450.00
Town Clerk (including Audit)	450.00	405.00	45.00	450.00	495.00
Contingencies	448.07	8.00	440.07	448.07	888.14
TOTALS	<u>\$9,918.07</u>	<u>\$7,304.60</u>	<u>\$2,613.47</u>	<u>\$9,918.07</u>	<u>\$12,531.54</u>