

**FLAGLER TRUMP REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY
GENERAL MEMBER MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, 05/25/2023
TIME: 12:03 P.M.**

Board Attendees: Mike McElroy, President (not present); David Valinski, Vice-President; Celeste Johnson, Treasurer; Renee Wickowski, Secretary; Loretta Soulli, Events Chair; Ed Danko, Public Relations Media Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Richard Zimamm

PRAYER LED BY: Marie Sommers

Welcome by the President: Mike was out of town so David Valinski filled in for Mike. All new visitors introduced themselves and were welcomed by all attendees. Elected public officials present: Ed Danko, Vice Mayor; and Sharon Demers, State committee woman of the REC.

Minutes of Prior Meeting: No mention of the minutes due to time restriction. The prior minutes are posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Deposits of \$103.00 for membership fees and 50/50 and misc sales. Expenses/debits of \$320.00 for three months hall rental, name tags & Trump photo to be raffled. Balance as of 04/28/2023 is \$3,622.07; Celeste Johnson, Treasurer.

Trump Report: Joe Kubasky provided the Trump Report.

Guest Speaker: The guest speaker was Steven Pyle and he spoke on how to understand election integrity. He recommended forming groups by using the "Roberts Rules of Order".

President's Remarks: None

David Valinski, Vice-President: David spoke about Nick Klufus missing REC meetings and mentioned that he was voted out at their last meeting, but said he will try and come back to be reinstated. David encouraged everyone who has friends in the REC to attend to vote him out.

Ed Danko, Public Relations Media Chair: Ed spoke about some of the issues the city council is addressing and voting on such as the 75% increase to storm water fees. A 6% increase on electric bills and a 10% increase to the water bills. He reminded everyone to remember those who voted for the increase. (Nick Klufus, Theresa Pontieri and David Alfin).

Ed also informed everyone that the city is now asking the tax payers for \$12 million dollars to fix our roads. He explained how years back they adopted a 6 mile a month where they would repair six miles of road a month and when Holland and Klufus were elected that stopped.

Ed spoke about extending/adding a 6 cent sales tax on electric vehicles to also contribute to paying for our roads, just as we pay at the pump. No free rides for EVs . He encouraged members to come to the city council meetings each week to express their opposition of the 75% increased tax to our utilities. (The dates of the city council meetings are the first Tuesdays of every month. The first Tuesday of the week they are held at 6pm and the following two Tuesdays of the month they are held at 9 a.m. at city hall.)

NEW BUSINESS: The FRA has five new chapters coming within the next week. There will be a convention Oct 15-16th and information can be found at FRA.com.. The teenage republican convention will be held on June 17th with General Michael Flynn as a guest.

Old Business: None.

Next General Meeting:

To be held on Monday, June 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW, Palm Coast, FL.

Reminder: Bring a friend to our next meeting. Also, the membership fee to join the FTRA is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Wickowski, Secretary