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**TOWN OF MELBOURNE VILLAGE
SPECIAL COMMISSION/BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021
6:30 PM – Town Hall/Zoom**

I. Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Niemann

II. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Mayor Niemann

III. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Niemann, Vice Mayor Calenda; Commr's Jones, Murphy, McCharles, Anderson, Ingram, Town Clerk Collen.

IV. Tentative Millage and Budget for 2022

A. Public Comment

*Opportunity was given to both in person individuals and online individuals.

* Suzan Bryant: Stated she was concerned the Town had not paid on the Dayton Bridge project. Ms. Bryant was updated the Town will resume a 11,000. Payment back into its investment fund this year.

* Richard Jones: Asked the Town to consider placing budget items under different headings. Mr. Jones was also added the need to roll back taxes more. After discussion it was reported the finance committee had recommended the current tax rate to mitigate future expenses.

* Carol Dobson: Asked the Town to consider the tax rate as being too high be compared to other areas. Ms. Dobson would like to see the Town have a workshop amongst the departments to further streamline expenses. Mayor Niemann expressed the budget was recommended to stay at its current millage rate because the Town unfortunately has to rely upon residences to support government services.

Motion by Vice Mayor Calenda to adopt the current millage rate for 2022 as 9.8103. **Commr. Anderson 2nd the motion.** After discussion it was stated whereby the Town does not like to keep the current rate it is necessary to build a reserve. **The motion passed unanimously** by all commissioners voting yes.

Motion by Vice Mayor Calenda to accept the current budget as presented with a further investigation to later talk about employee raises. **Commr. Murphy 2nd the motion.** After discussion it was advised to the clerk to make a reserve fund for building maintenance of \$20,000. As well has \$3000,00 to update office computers

to a business standard. The commission will further investigate employee pay. **The motion passed unanimously** by all commissioners voting yes. Mayor Niemann encouraged all commissioners to look at employee evaluation folder by next meeting so each are prepared to discuss raises and cost of living.

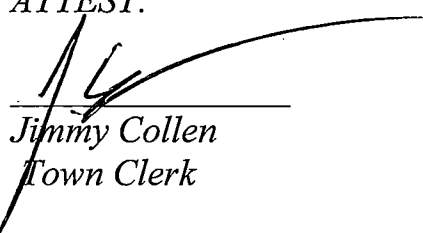
V. Adjournment by Mayor Niemann at 8:43 pm

Next Meeting will be a Public Hearing on September 16, 2021

Please note: *Minutes are not a verbatim transcript and those wishing to have a transcript may request a copy of the recorded discussion.*

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ATTEST:


Jimmy Collen
Town Clerk


Tabitha Niemann
Mayor