



# TOWN OF MELBOURNE VILLAGE

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## Special Commission Meeting

### MINUTES

Wednesday November 8, 2023

6:30 PM, Town Hall

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Ditty
- III. Roll Call: Present were Commissioners Anderson, Foster, Ingram, Jones, Muzzone, Vice Mayor Calenda, and Mayor Ditty.
- IV. Old Business:
  - a) Police Inventory: Mayor Ditty stated Heather Roberts, Town Clerk, did an extensive review of past accounting records to determine how the police inventory was acquired. After her review, it is unclear if the inventory on hand was paid for by grants or donations. Therefore, it is not in the Town's best interest to sell the inventory. John Cary, Town Attorney, noted if we profited from a sale, it could violate past grants and donation agreements which could affect future grants. The Commission discussed turning over all items on Exhibit A (attached) to the Brevard Receipts listed only weapons, which had a total used value of \$22,500, but that Exhibit A, which includes tasers, radios, and radar equipment, now has a total used value of \$30,787. She suggested donating the items to another municipality that could use them, or selling the weapons and items that we could in fact account for before giving the rest away.

Vice Mayor Calenda made a **MOTION** to approve the transfer of items listed on Exhibit A, to BCSO. Commissioner Anderson seconded **MOTION**. A roll call was made, all were in favor, except Commissioner Foster. **MOTION** was passed from majority vote.
  - b) Vision and Dental Benefits: After review of the past minutes, it was noted a proper motion was not on the table at the prior meeting and therefore the motion and roll call was repeated.

Vice Mayor Calenda made a **MOTION** to approve the Town pay for vision and dental benefits for full time employees retroactive to October 1, 2023. Commissioner Foster seconded **MOTION**. A roll call vote was done, all commissioners voted yes. **MOTION** was passed.

V. New Business:

a) Dayton Road sidewalks:

Mayor Ditty stated the sidewalks on Dayton Boulevard from Jeannie Drive to South are cracked, lifting, and in bad shape. Heather Roberts, Town Clerk, stated that the city of Satellite Beach is currently doing similar repairs on their sidewalks, so she is going to email them and see if we can get some insight from them, and possibly piggyback with them if the contractor is willing. Commissioner Jones stated whatever contractor we go with, we need to be sure the concrete is done correctly and with proper reinforcement. Commissioner Anderson stated that some people park on the sidewalks and therefore they must be able to support more than just people. Both Mayor Ditty and the Commissioners all agreed that this is a serious and potentially dangerous matter and that this will be dealt with quickly.

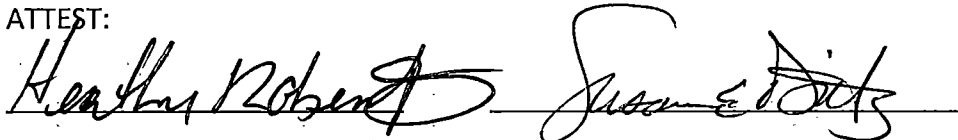
b) Alternative groundskeeping:

Mayor Ditty mentioned that although we are currently looking to fill both public works superintendent and maintenance positions, we may need to look for another alternative temporarily. The Town will be looking into finding a groundskeeping company that would be able to do the upkeep for the mowing, weed eating, etc. until the public works positions are filled. Mayor Ditty is reviewing applications for both positions and will continue to do so until both positions are filled.

VI. Adjourn: 7:16 PM

*If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record and transcript of the If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record and transcript of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim record and transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based and will be acceptable in a court of law (FS286.0105). Such person must provide a method for recording and transcribing the proceedings verbatim as the Town does not provide such a record or transcript. In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations for this meeting shall, within a reasonable time prior to the meeting contact the Office of the Town Clerk (321) 723-8300.*

ATTEST:

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is for Heather Roberts, and the signature on the right is for Susan Ditty. Both signatures are written over a horizontal line.

Heather Roberts, Town Clerk

Susan Ditty, Mayor