Mayor's Report - June 2022

We have recently begun weekly Special Commission Meetings to help alleviate some of the tasks burdening the office. These meetings create opportunities where commissioners can meet and discuss the current issues facing the Town and follow the Florida Sunshine Ethics Laws.

The office currently has two vacancies, Town Clerk/Treasurer and recently renamed Office Assistant. These jobs are posted on various job boards in hopes of finding qualified candidates that are filling to work alongside the Commission, improve processes/procedures and correct past missteps. I anticipate that it will be easier to fill the Office Assistant role than the Town Clerk/Treasurer. In the meantime, I have a request out through the CAPS program which tried to match Towns with recently retired Clerks to cover while a position is vacant. Heather Roberts, our accountant, is currently willing to handle payroll and our accounts payable/receivable in the meantime. This is not a permanent solution and it is our highest priority to find a replacement.

We are coming up on budget season which will bring workshops and opportunities for residents to share concerns. We will also be looking at the proposed millage rates for the next year. These two items work hand in hand, as our town receives the majority of its funding from residential property taxes.

The Town has a lot going on at the moment, and I want to thank the commissioners as well as the volunteers who are all stepping up and seeing us through this season.

As always, thank you for the privilege to serve.

Tabitha Niemann, Mayor