

TOWN OF MELBOURNE VILLAGE

MINUTES

Special Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

7:00 PM, Town Office

I. Call to Order 7:08 – Mayor Neimann

II. Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Neimann

III. Roll Call – Commissioners Anderson, Ditty, Ingram, Jones, Murphy, and Mayor Niemann. Excused – Vice Mayor Calenda. Attorney Richardson also present.

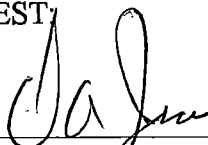
IV. Discussion regarding proposed disciplinary action of Chief Loos

- Written Reprimand of July 26, 2022 recommends disciplinary action for Chief Loos' behavior at the public meeting of July 20, 2022.
- Written Reprimand of August 2, 2022 serves as written reprimand for the record, No disciplinary action requested at this time.
- Attorney Richardson clarified that the Town Charter gives the Mayor general authority over employees but requires advice and consent of the Commission to impose disciplinary action.
- Mayor Niemann addressed the reprimand and disciplinary action to be imposed.
- Chief Loos spoke on his behalf and stated that he would accept disciplinary action but felt 5 days suspension excessive.
- In Public Comment, resident Teri Maxner commended the commission for their continued professionalism.
- **MOTION** by Commissioner Ditty and seconded by Commissioner Anderson “to accept the Mayors recommendation of 5 days suspension without pay, but reduce probation from six to three months.” **Roll call vote:** Anderson-Yes; Ditty-Yes; Ingram- Yes; Jones-Yes; Murphy-Yes; Mayor Niemann- Yes. **Motion Passed.**
- Mayor Niemann will work with Chief Loos to determine dates of his suspension.
- Next meeting August 11 at 6:30 pm

V. Adjournment 7:40 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 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 Town Office (321) 723-8300.

ATTEST:



David Jones, Commissioner



Tabitha Niemann, Mayor