

TOWN OF MELBOURNE VILLAGE

MINUTES

Special Commission Meeting

Thursday August 18, 2022

6:30 PM, Hester Wagner Community House

I. Call to Order 6:45 by Mayor Niemann

II. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Niemann

III. Roll Call Present: Commissioners Anderson, Ingram, Jones, Murphy, Vice Mayor Calenda and Mayor Niemann. Absent: None

IV. Deputy Clerk Discussion

- **MOTION** by Vice Mayor Calenda, 2nd by Commissioner Jones to “Accept the reinstatement of Deputy Clerk Kelley with the understanding that the new-hire probation period is restarted”
Motion passed unanimously.

V. Selling of the Decommissioned Police Cars (2010 Crown Victoria and 2012 Fusion)

- Commissioner Jones reported on his research various outlets for selling of the cars, including Residents, Auctions, and Dealers.
 - Not a good idea to sell to residents, as we cannot guarantee the vehicles condition.
 - Auction house proposal would give no guarantee of final price. The vehicles could be sold at less than market value and the Town’s portion/payment would be a percent of the total.
 - Dealer bids from two reputable dealers, for \$10,000 and \$10,200.
- **MOTION** by Commissioner Ingram, 2nd by Commissioner Jones to “go with the proposal from Royal Automotive and sell the vehicles for \$10,200.”
Roll call vote: Commissioners Anderson-yes; Ingram- yes; Jones- yes; Murphy- yes; vice Mayor Calenda- yes and Mayor Niemann- yes. **Motion passed.**

VI. Appoint Temporary Town Clerk for Qualification & Processing of Election Paperwork

- Resident Heidi Salmon will agree to volunteer to certify candidate election paperwork. She is certified as a Town Clerk, is familiar with the process, and has not participated in signing of any candidate’s nominating petition form.

- **MOTION** by Vice Mayor Calenda and 2nd by Commissioner Anderson to “Appoint Heidi Salmon as Acting Town Clerk for the limited purpose of certifying and processing the election packets.”

Motion passed.

VII. Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Service Agreement

- Attorney Richardson addressed that the Town is looking into entering an Interlocal Agreement with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for the provision of comprehensive law enforcement. If agreed upon, the BCSO will abide by state laws, the Town's code of ordinances, and provide patrols and traffic enforcement.
- BCSO will provide a minimum of two dedicated deputies assigned to Melbourne Village, at least one of them on patrol within the jurisdictional boundaries for 12 hrs. daily. For the remainder of the day, deputies will respond to calls for reactive service, make occasional patrols and otherwise provide service to the Town in a manner consistent with the level of service that the BCSO has been providing to Melbourne Village for approximately the last four years when covering shifts for the MVPD.
- The Town would still receive mutual aid from Melbourne and West Melbourne.
- The contract, priced at \$250,000 per FY through Sept 30, 2024 would go into effect when signed. Cost to the Town will be pro-rated until our new Fiscal year begins on October 1.
- There is an option to increase to 24/7 “dedicated” coverage with an additional deputy at \$96,500 annually.
- Town has an option to renegotiate the contract annually or receive an automatic 4% increase.
- Contract includes a 90-day notice of termination for both parties, leaving an option should the Town choose to reinstitute its Police Department.
- Attorney Richardson will work with the Sheriff's attorney on additional legal details as the transition progresses.
- Vice Mayor Calenda assured the attendees that this is a stopgap solution to cover the loss of our police department and that the Commission will continue to work on options throughout the next year.
- Attorney Richardson stated that the Commission was looking at options prior to this departure. Now the town will be able to experience BCSO coverage as we move forward.

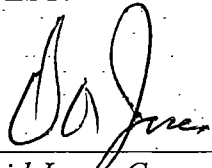
- Attorney Richardson said that Brevard County Undersheriff, Douglas Waller and Attorney Laura Moody have been exceptionally helpful with this transition on such short notice and deserve thanks.
- **MOTION** by Vice Mayor Calenda and 2nd by Commissioner Anderson to “approve entering into an Interlocal Agreement with the Brevard County Sheriffs Office and authorize the mayor to execute the contract.”
Motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment 7:41 pm

Next Regular Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday August 23 at 6:30

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:



David Jones, Commissioner



Tabitha Niemann, Mayor