

Incoming Mayor Ditty Remarks, 29Nov22 Regular Commission Meeting

I first want to thank Tabitha for her service. She and her family made many sacrifices to serve the town and residents.

Tabitha was exactly the right person we needed to lead the town through a difficult and chaotic period and the town is in a much better place. Due to her leadership, we are moving forward with a clearer vision, improved processes and fully staffed with dedicated employees.

I thank Tabitha personally for shouldering that burden, and hopefully, making my tenure as Mayor much less complex.

I ask for your patience as I acclimate to my role as Mayor, especially when it comes to procedural items during these meetings. I'm sure I will stutter and fumble as I find my way.

I'd like to also welcome our 2 new commissioners, Bridget Foster and Norton Muzzone, to the table. They are joining what I know is a talented hard-working commission willing to serve you, the residents, and always have the best interest of the Town foremost in their decision-making process. I have complete confidence that we will work well together and engage in thoughtful discussions - and be able to keep me in check when I get too enthusiastic.

In closing, I am honored to serve as Mayor of the Town of Melbourne Village. I've lived here for many years and understand the perspective of residents. Throughout these next 2 years I want to improve communication and engagement of the residents.

As we've all heard many times, it takes a village - so let's keep the conversation going.