

**MONTVERDE TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 11, 2023**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Joe Wynkoop, Mayor  
Allan Hartle, Vice Mayor  
Jim Ley, Councilmember  
Billy Bates, Councilmember**

**STAFF PRESENT**

**Paul Larino, Town Manager  
Anita Geraci-Carver, Town Attorney  
Sean Parks, Town Planner  
Sandra Johnson, Town Clerk**

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONIES**

**Audience Attendance 27**

**PRESENTATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Acknowledgement of Resignation by Judy Smith effective April 1, 2023, and consideration of appointment of new council member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term of office.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting held March 14, 2023. Councilmember Ley moved to approve. Vice Mayor Hartle seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Minutes of the Town Council Workshop held March 21, 2023. Vice Mayor Hartle moved to approve. Councilmember Bates seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

**CITIZENS QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

Michael Whidden, 17635 Broad St read an article about Haines City being fine for releasing grey water from their sewer system. Fine was \$150,000, just something to think about that could come up.

Harper Hughes, Eagle Scouts 786, American flag retirement box. Once filled it will have a retirement ceremony needs permission to start the box. The metal one is better outside; wooden one is better inside town hall. Approval for the box. unanimous

Banks Helfrich on Sams Lake Road in Clermont. Information about trails being considered in the State.

Katie Dodd, Troop 786 – thank you for all your donations. Any future donations are greatly accepted. Boy scout dinner we would donate \$5000 to the dinner. Did not get the donation locally. Mayor would look at whether we can donate.

## **DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Town Manager Larino's Report.**

Spurt of crime, graffiti, stolen mowing equipment, car broken into in Franklin Pond

Homeless moving around town.

Talking to State rep about a \$3,000,000 grant for trail connections, working with Sean Parks

Easter Scramble was a great success.

The new speed limit signs up

Sprinklers are working on town properties.

Community building is being painted – interior and exterior. The leveling in next two weeks

Four weeks out for Stecher roof repair.

We are going to receive a settlement for the cost of the new roof at the post office.

AEDs in Town Hall are operational.

We are working on getting the council packets posted online but we are having issues with the ADA requirements.

Anita working weekends to meet deadlines.

Willow Ridge Phase II has 101 active permits.

60 homes at Lake Apopka Sound

We are going to increase the FHP budget.

Mayor would like to see Lake County Sheriff's off duty deputies to be hired for weekend work when FHP isn't here.

Councilmember Ley is ok with that. Vice Mayor Hartle would like to look at it. Councilmember Bates would like Paul to try FHP first for weekend work.

### **Town Attorney Geraci-Carver Report.**

Hills of Montverde settlement update

**Town Planner Parks Report.**

Processed a number of zoning clearance many at Willow Ridge. Working on upcoming code changes.

**Lake County Commission Report.**

The impact fees did not pass at the commission.

Ridgewood paving is coming soon.

JPA is moving forward.

**Committee Reports None**

**Town Council Reports.**

Councilmember Bates none

Councilmember Ley thought the Easter Egg Scramble was great.

Speeding has reduced by 5 miles per hour since we started taking calming measures, reducing speeders by 30%, it is working.

Vice Mayor Hartle, Staff did a great job on the Easter Egg hunt. The separation of ages worked well.

Everyone seems to enjoy the bounce houses.

**Mayor Wynkoop Report.**

Town Attorney Geraci-Carver gave an update on the Osgood property. Council approved the change ½ acre lots for the future land use designation and it has been sent to Tallahassee.

Town Manager Larino hopes to have that back to the Council in one of the May meetings.

The two homes that were a problem with, is there any change on that we can address.

ISBA update by Town Manager Larino update the Council about the extension.

Mayor Wynkoop stated that he would suggest that we look at a 5-year extension, instead of a 30-year extension.

**MARCH FINANCE REPORT**

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 4,019,091.77
Revenues	\$ 528,783.57
Expenditures	\$ 325,132.60
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 4,222,742.74</u>
Grant Clearing Account	\$4,860,317.89
Total Bank Balance	\$8,957,603.72

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM**

### **Discussion on Boat Ramp**

Town Manger Larino, said he is requesting the \$80,000 from the Lake County Water Authority, and is requesting \$130,000 from Lake County Parks, and had included this project in the stormwater grant, which I will have \$250,000 from for a total of \$460,000 for repair to the boat ramp. Our biggest problem is going to be land.

Bob Tomlinson, 16634 Magnolia Terrace, questioned the staging area.

Pam Cox, 17705 Broad Street, try and get the land from developers.

Mike Whidden, 17635 Broad Street, Abrams being one way is a problem, weren't they going to be an exit out of Osgood property. Is this 7 days a week 24 hours per day.

There was extensive discussion.

Town Manager Larino said that we could have meters at the spaces, resident stickers.

Town Manager Larino would like to know if Council has any other comments.

### **Discussion on Broadband.**

Mayor Wynkoop wants someone to check with area towns to see if they have done this.

### **Discussion on Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Town Manager Larino will have a draft budget by July but would like to know what the Council would like to see in the budget.

Mayor Wynkoop asked for this to be a discussion item at the next meeting, so Council has some time to think about it.

### **Detail review of Finance Report**

Town Manager Larino went through the budget line items with the amount spent/remaining. He answered questions from the Council.

### **Discussion of Stage**

Town Manager Larino said we had to pull this from the budget and move it to the repairs at the Community building. Need to know if they would like this in the budget next year.

Mayor Wynkoop would like to have the stage in next year's budget.

There was brief discussion.

They want it included in the budget and want to look at the timing of the project.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 2023-26** An Ordinance of the Town of Montverde, County of Lake, State of Florida, amending the rate table for irrigation water supplied by town wells not connected to town potable water system (known as Lake Apopka Sound and Willow Ridge) located in Section 26-150 in Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Montverde to adjust the number of gallons for irrigation water consumption charges for irrigation service; providing for codification and severability; and providing for an effective date. **(Second Reading)**

Town Attorney Geraci-Carver read the Ordinance by title only.

Town Manager Larino explained the reason for the change is we have been providing this to Lake Apopka Sound and the irrigation is at 0-25,000 at the first tier, we need to change that to 0-60,000 gallons for the irrigation side.

Mayor Wynkoop opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or against the Ordinance. Mayor Wynkoop closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Bates, moved to approve Ordinance 2023-26. Councilmember Ley seconded. Ordinance 2023-26 approved 4-0. (One seat is vacant on the Council)

**Resolution 2023-42** A Resolution of the Town of Montverde, County of Lake, State of Florida, adopting the town of Montverde 5-year Capital Improvement Program; providing for an effective date.

Town Attorney Geraci-Carver read the Resolution by title only.

Town Manager Larino went through the Capital Improvement Program and explained it is a budgetary tool and doesn't commit the town to anything.

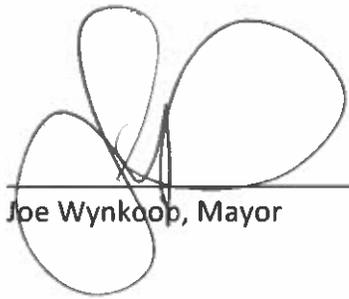
Mayor Wynkoop opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or against the Ordinance. Mayor Wynkoop closed the public hearing.

Mayor Wynkoop moved to approve Resolution 2023-42. Councilmember Bates seconded. Resolution 2023-42 approved 4-0. (One seat is vacant on the Council).

## **REMINDERS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Town Manager Larino gave an update on the next several meetings.

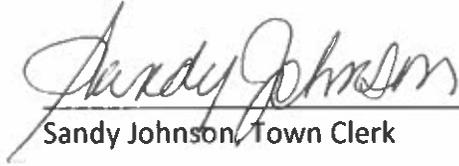
Mayor Wynkoop moved to adjourn. Councilmember Ley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm



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Joe Wynkoop, Mayor

Attest:



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Sandy Johnson, Town Clerk