

SPECIAL TOWN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Minutes of the Special Town Commission Meeting of the Town of Ocean Ridge held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Town Hall Commission Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pugh at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Town Clerk Stevens led the roll call, which was answered by the following:

	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Tardy:</u>
Commissioner Aaskov		x	
Vice Mayor Bonfiglio	x		
Commissioner Coz	x		
Mayor Pugh	x		

Let the record show that Commissioner Aaskov is absent with notice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Termination of Lt. Wohlfiel Review by Commission & Appeal by Employee

Town Attorney Shutt explained that the Town received a request from Mr. King, the Attorney representing Lt. Wohlfiel on February 1, 2017 that we postpone this hearing based on procedural issues. He stated that while the Town has followed the procedures in place, we received a lawsuit filed by Mr. King on behalf of Lt. Wohlfiel. This is a deck action asking the court to look at our code and inform us on proper procedures to be followed. Based on those items, our insurance carrier has provided counsel for the Town, who has reviewed the Internal Affairs investigation documents, and they are recommending that the Town postpone this hearing until the deck action is resolved by the court. We do not have a date certain for postponement, as we do not know when the court will resolve the issue.

Public Comment:

Ellen Duke, 84 Island Drive South, asked what a deck action is, and Town Attorney Shutt explained that in a deck action, a party asks the judge to make a determination on whether or not the Town has followed its procedures.

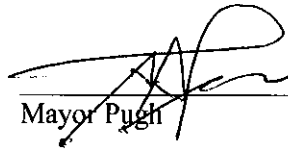
Terry Brown, Harbour Drive South, asked if Lt. Wohlfiel is still on the Town's payroll, and Town Attorney Shutt responded that he has been terminated, and is no longer a Town employee. Attorney Shutt also cautioned the Commission and Staff that since the Town has been served with a lawsuit, we need to be cautious when commenting. His advice is that while the lawsuit is in effect, we do not answer questions, and then when the lawsuit is over, then we may respond.

Vice Mayor Bonfiglio moved to postpone this appeal hearing until further notice by the Town Attorney as to whether or not we can move forward; seconded by Commissioner Coz. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

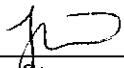
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Minutes prepared by Town Clerk Stevens, and adopted by the Town Commission on March 6, 2017.



Mayor Pugh

ATTEST:



Tracey L. Stevens, CMC, Town Clerk