

Memorandum

Date: **December 29, 2014**
To: **Mayor & Commissioners**
From: **Ken Schenck, Town Manager**
Re: **Town Update, January, 2015**

I am providing you with brief updates on some of the Town's continuing projects and events.

Police Chief Leaving Town's Employ

Over the past few weeks there has developed a contentious situation between the Police Chief and one of the Commissioners. This has escalated so that it is creating problems in the daily duties. Unfortunately I don't see the conflict ending and I'm not sure where it's headed. It is not a good situation for the workplace. Another conflict is the tension between the Officers and the Chief. This makes for uneasiness with the Officers, which trickles down to their work ethic and interaction with the residents. Both of these situations need to be corrected. It seems the only way to correct both issues is to replace the Police Chief as he is heavily involved with both issues. Therefore, I gave Chief Yannuzzi the option of retiring or being terminated. He chose not to retire. His last day of employment will be January 16, 2015. I believe this move is in the best interest of the Town. Please call me if you have any questions.

Eleuthera Drive Drainage Improvements

The Eleuthera Drive drainage improvements are almost complete. We've run into several problems in the cul-de-sac with utility lines being higher than they're supposed to be which held up the construction until we could get them moved. This created an additional expense. The road has been raised and repaved. Matching the road with the driveways and lawns required more fill and work than anticipated and will also require some additional expense.

Spanish River Drive

We are reviewing several drainage problems on Spanish River Drive where water is ponding. We also discovered a broken stormdrain pipe that needs to be replaced. We're analyzing the best way to eliminate these problems.

FEMA Flood Maps

We've met with FEMA and are still reviewing their maps.

Old Ocean Blvd. Right of Way

The signed documents have been recorded at the County and sent to the property owners. They have refunded the Town the expenses.

Town Hall Utility and Access Easement

Mr. Swaim is still working with the regulatory agencies.

PBA Contract Negotiations

A mediator has been selected. A meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15th at 9AM in the Commission Chambers

LPR Cameras

The presentation on the cameras by the Lighthouse Point Police Department was made on Tuesday December 16th at 6PM. There were approximately 10 to 15 residents there and an about 10 police officers from other communities. It was an excellent presentation and showed the benefits that Lighthouse Point has seen in crime prevention. As we're possibly looking at Delray Beach to house the equipment for all of the communities we're waiting for their new City Manager to come in January to determine his interest in the system and working with the other communities.

FDOT Bridge Inspections

Every few years FDOT contracts for safety inspections of the bridges in the State. They recently completed inspections of the Inlet Cay and Sabal Island Bridges. The Island Drive Bridge is too new to include at this time. The inspections point out potential structural problems. Both bridges are in good condition. However, both are 17 years old and have minor deterioration of the steel and concrete. Although it's minor this type of aging just continues to get worse. It's best to do the repairs before they get serious and expensive. I've sent copies of the reports to Bridge Design Assoc. Inc. to get an evaluation of the needs and costs. They'll also be looking at the associated seawalls where we are having some erosion problems. We'll be getting with them in January to see what we have to do to correct any present or future problems. I have the reports if you would like to see them. They are 30 and 37 pages long.

Woolbright Detention Pond

The pond is about 10 years old and in need of some maintenance to keep it operating as designed. Aquagenix maintains the vegetation in the pond. I've asked them to look at the pond and give us recommendations as to what we need to do to correct any ponding problems that exist. They will be giving us a proposal in January.

Sand Transfer Station

A question came up about the volume of sand being transferred to Ocean Ridge from Manalapan. The County oversees the station and its operation. They have monthly figures denoting the volume of sand transferred. The sand enters a pit and is pumped from there to Ocean Ridge. There is no way to enhance or delete the volume available as whatever is in the pit is pumped. The volumes vary depending on the erosion and sand flow south along Manalapan. A table showing the volumes pumped since 2010 is attached.

Calendar of Events

Commission Meeting----- February 2, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Code Enforcement Meeting-----February 3, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

Cc: Chris Yannuzzi, Police Chief
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk
Employees