

Memorandum

Date: April 27, 2011
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: Ken Schenck, Town Manager
Re: Town Update – May, 2011

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

Coconut Lane Drainage-

Bids were received on April 19th at 11:00 AM. There were 7 bidders. Bids ranged from \$389,688 to \$676,282. Engenuity is reviewing the bids and confirming references. When the review is complete we'll make a recommendation to the Commission.

Old Ocean Blvd. Dune.-

The Garden Club Dune Committee has completed their plantings on the dune. They've completed an excellent project and improved the dune.

Old Ocean Ave-

I'm met with the residents on Old Ocean Blvd. to develop a plan to remove the Scavola and replant the area with native vegetation. We want to have a plan that will eliminate the Scavola and maintain the privacy that's been provided by the Scavola for the last 20 years. The resident at 5518 just wants grass planted in place of the Scavola. The other two want to address the privacy issue. We're finalizing the landscape plan and the cost. We all agree that we don't want to do anything until we start to get some rain.

Energy Grants-

We have received a notice to proceed from the County for the \$50,000 grant for energy improvements on Town Hall and Ocean Ave. The energy survey was approved by the Commission for \$6,519. There was a transposition of numbers before it reached us. The cost should have been \$6,915. I request Commission approval of this change. This cost is 100% reimbursable in the County grant.

The State has finally approved the grant. We have been allocated \$116,500 to help homeowners retrofit for energy savings. We will work with FPL and will provide rebates to the residents for energy saving improvements. The details for the rebates are being developed.

Entrance Signs

Three of the signs have been installed. We've submitted a permit to FDOT to get a variance to install the fourth sign at the south end of Town. They haven't approved the variance yet.

Capri Apts.

The plans to remove the present laundry discharge have been submitted to the Health Dept. Comments have been received and answered. The property is in two parcels and they have just completed a unity of title which was the last remaining problem. They're waiting for final approval from the Health Dept. to start the construction. The Health Dept. has told them they will close the laundry if it isn't completed soon.

Ethics Commission

A committee made up of representatives of the County and the League of Cities is presently developing the ordinances and needed documents to implement the Ethics Commission voted on by the residents in the last election. All of the municipalities passed the referendum. However, as the saying goes the devil is in the details. A major concern, at present, is the funding for Ms. Sheryl Steckler, the Inspector General and her staff. The IG's office was supposed to be funded by a 1/4% of the municipal and county contracts. The contracts that would be subject to this fee were not defined. This, however, appears to be changing. There are discussions ongoing that the funding may be based on a community's budget rather than the contract percentage. There is uncertainty about what parts of the budget would be included as well as how large a staff she will have. Based on preliminary numbers our cost will be about \$3,750.

At present it appears that the Executive Director for the Ethics Commission, Mr. Alan Johnson, will be funded by the County.

The final ordinances have been completed by the committee and submitted to the County for adoption. They are supposed to be on the May 3rd agenda. There are still several items in the ordinances the League is trying to change.

The Executive Director of the Ethics Commission, Mr. Alan Johnson, will be providing mandatory training to all of the municipalities as to the ethics dos and don'ts. This will include the Commission, Board members and staff. We received a letter from him requesting we set a date for the training. The training is about 60 to 90 minutes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Code Enforcement-----May 3, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

Commission Meeting -----June 6, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Code Enforcement-----June 7, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

cc: Chris Yannuzzi, Police Chief

Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk
Town Employees