

Memorandum

Date: July 31, 2008
To: Mayor & Commissioners
From: D. Bill Mathis, Acting Town Manager
Re: Town Update – August, 2008

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

New Town Hall –Prior to the plane crash on July 22, 2008, the building project was proceeding toward a tentative occupancy date of August 15, 2008. All of the interior walls had a coat of primer paint and tile work had been completed in the locker & bath rooms. The ceiling tile grid work was completed for all rooms except the Commission Chambers/Community Room. Exterior work included the installation of several light poles in the parking lot, the completion of the pond itself (with additional plumbing & filter work to continue), and the grading for pouring of the concrete slabs for the A/C units & certain sidewalks.

Following the crash, work on all areas of the building was back to normal the next day. The only room that suffered damage was the Library. As of this writing, there are no less than three (3) structural engineers preparing reports on the repair needs and associated cost. The parties are: Dave Carmo or Carmo Engineering (the engineer of record on the project), Paul Barbieri of Slider Engineering Group (hired by the Town for an independent opinion), and Sam Morales of Belfor Property Restoration (hired by the Town's insurance carrier). All of these parties have made visits to inspect the site and have been provided and/or taken photographs of the damage. Their reports are due during the week of August 4, 2008.

Despite the incident, work in all areas other than the Library continues. We are seeking the opinion of the engineers, the building officials, and our insurance company to determine if a temporary Certificate of Occupancy can be issued while the repair work is in progress.

The investigation into the cause of the accident continues; as well as the effort to determine who the legitimate owner of the plane was and whether or not the plane was insured. Inv. Yannuzzi is working with representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board. The only information that can be shared at this time is that the pilot was released from Delray Medical Center on Thursday, July 24, 2008 and is recovering at his home in Boca Raton.

We would like to take this opportunity to commend the members of the Boynton Beach Fire/Rescue Department for their prompt and professional response. In addition, We wish to thank the officers and staff of the Boynton Beach Police Department for their tremendous assistance at the scene.

COCONUT LANE DRAINAGE - Staff is putting this project on hold until the Commission decides whether or not to proceed with this project this FY.

HARBOR DRIVE SOUTH - The project is complete except for the valves. We worked with the manufacturer to get the proper design and size for the valves. The valves have been ordered.

OCEAN AVE. LANDSCAPE In following up on the Landscape plans from FDOT, I contacted a Ms Catherine Snyder in the archives of FDOT. She indicated to me that FDOT did **not** have any landscape plans for Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge. She stated the plans that were sent to us (landscape plans for ocean Ave in Lantana) were the only ones for Ocean Avenue. Her Telephone # is 1-954-777-4517. The # of the project in Ocean Ridge is FM# 403 606-1. She is going to research some more and let the Town Manager know.

The permit request from FDOT has been withdrawn. The garden club met with the landscape architect to get ideas for Ocean Ave.

ISLAND DRIVE BRIDGE-

The project is under design by Bridge Design Associates, Inc. We have received the initial plans. The Residents have submitted several up grades to Bridge Design and they are being incorporated into the Design plans.

OLD OCEAN BLVD.-

All of the properties south of Corrine St. have complied with our 6 foot clearance zone. The properties north of Corrine will comply as a part of their underground utility project. All of the corner properties are in compliance with the 25 foot clearance requirements. The Town is preparing a letter to send to the property owners regarding the East side of Old Ocean. The Town has received complaints about the grass, weeds ect, Encroaching onto Old Ocean.

INLET CAY DRAINAGE- The work by DBF Construction was considered “substantially complete” by our engineers on July 25, 2008. A walk thru was done on July 29th a punch list was given to DBF for completion. Final payment will be made when the punch list is completed.

HURRICANE INFORMATION: - The Police Department has sent letters reminding Residents to trim all vegetation and trees that are located near or under power lines or other service lines that are suspended above the ground on poles. The Residents for the most part are complying. There have been a few code violations issued.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Public hearing for adoption of Tentative Budget—September 15th @ 5:01 p.m. with Commission meeting to Immediately follow.

Public hearing for adoption of Final Budget FY 2008 / 2009 ---September 24th.

Code Enforcement-----August 5th-----8:30 A.M. (if needed)

Planning & Zoning-----to be determined-----

cc: Edward Hillery, Police Chief
Karen Hancsak, Town Clerk
Town Employees