



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2025
6:00 PM**

**15516 SW Osceola Street, Suite C
Indiantown, FL 34956**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: LaRhonda McBride, Village Clerk

PRESENT: Mayor Carmine Dipaolo, Vice Mayor Angelina Perez, Council Member Vernestine Williams Palmer, Council Member Phyllis Waters Brown, and Council Member Karen Onsager.
Staff: Village Manager Taryn Kryzda, Village Attorney Wade C. Vose, Parks & Recreation Director Deborah Resos, Parks & Recreation Supervisor Brian Green, Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan, Finance Director Michael Florio, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, and Administrative Assistant Renae Cherry.

INVOCATION: Anthony Zweiner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Dipaolo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, PULLED ITEMS OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS: None

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation for Katie Steele

Village Clerk McBride presented the proclamation in honor of Katie Steele.

2. Black History Month Proclamation

Village Clerk McBride presented the proclamation in honor of Black History Month.

3. Proclamation for Future Farmers of America Week

Village Clerk McBride presented the proclamation in honor of Future Farmers of America Week.

Girl Scout Katie Steele spoke regarding her community basketball project.

Madison Wahler, Jackie Rawls, and Mckenzie Martinez accepted the proclamation in honor of Future Farmers of America week.

Phalysa Mungin, Childcare Services Director at the YMCA, accepted the proclamation in honor of Black History Month

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gloria Alridge Jennings suggested that schools could get involved in Black History Month by preparing songs or skits to be performed at the Village Council Meeting.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Onsager stated that she is happy to see young people excelling and getting involved in scouting and Future Farmers of America. She congratulated the proclamation recipients and encouraged them to continue their involvement. She stated that Black History Month has been celebrated in school since February 1 and that it has been an honor to learn about Black history.

Vice Mayor Perez wished all a good evening and thanked everyone for joining. She directed Village Manager Kryzda to contact the Sheriff's Department to request an accurate report of arrests and deportations of undocumented immigrants in the Village.

Village Manager Kryzda agreed to look into it.

Council Member Williams Palmer thanked all for attending.

Council Member Waters Brown thanked all who participated in the annual community clean-up and stated that they had picked up 26,000 tons of trash. She invited all to the marina on Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. where there would be country western music and food vendors. She announced that the Housing Solutions Council would host a workshop for potential home buyers on February 20, 2025, with Spanish interpreters present.

Mayor Dipaolo had no comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE MANAGER:

Village Manager Kryzda had no comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Council Member Onsager. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Waters Brown and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by Council Member Onsager. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Waters Brown and approved unanimously.

4. Addition of Utility Billing Clerk Position
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 23, 2025

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. Select a Performance Evaluation Form to Utilize for the Annual Review of the Village Manager's Performance

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Onsager presented a recommendation for evaluation protocol.

Mayor Dipaolo stated that the proposed protocol is too involved.

Discussion ensued regarding how involved the evaluation process should be and how often evaluation should occur.

Motion was made to accept the one-page evaluation form that mirrors the forms used by the City of Stuart, with edits, and to add another page for narrative evaluation by Council Member Waters Brown. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Onsager and approved unanimously.

7. Appointment to the Business Development Board to Represent the Village

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Motion was made to nominate David Powers to the Business Development Board by Mayor Dipaolo. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Onsager and approved unanimously.

8. Approval of Payments to Cyber Electric of Central FL, Inc., for Emergency Repairs to the Water Plant, Wastewater Plant, and Lift Stations.

Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan provided an overview of the item.

Motion was made to approve payments to Cyber Electric of Central FL, Inc., by Council Member Onsager. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

9. Approval of the repair of an Aurora Splitcase High Service Pump in the Amount of \$23,752.28 provided by PSI Technologies, Inc.

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan provided an overview of the item.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of increasing the size of the pumps and changing their locations to maximize their efficacy and extend their longevity, whether the pumps are under warranty, and potential sources of funding.

Motion was made to approve the repair of the Aurora Splitcase High Service Pump in the amount of \$23,752.28 by Council Member Waters Brown. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

10. **RESOLUTION NO. 001-2025**: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, READOPTING THE DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN PERSONNEL REGULATIONS, AND AUTHORIZING UPDATES; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Attorney Vose provided an overview of the item.

Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 001-2025 by Council Member Onsager. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Waters Brown and approved unanimously.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

11. **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025**: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA, REVISING AND RESTATING THE VILLAGE

OF INDIANTOWN PERSONNEL REGULATIONS, RETITLED AS THE VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY MANUAL; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, NON-CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance No. 02-2025 on second reading by Council Member Onsager. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

12. Discussion for Naming the New Building

Village Manager Kryzda and Parks & Recreation Director Deborah Resos provided an overview of the item.

Council Member Onsager suggested naming the building the Community Activity Center.

Council Member Waters Brown asked what the projected cost of renaming the building would be.

Parks & Recreation Director Resos stated that it would probably cost approximately \$5,000.00, which would come out of the Parks and Recreation budget.

Council Member Waters Brown opposed spending that amount to rename the building.

Council Member Onsager concurred with Council Member Waters Brown. She suggested instead purchasing a plaque with the new building name on it.

Council Member Williams Palmer asked whether the rooms in the building would be rented out.

Parks & Recreation Director Resos stated that she would like to rent out rooms in the building but would need to learn more about the space before making a decision.

Vice Mayor Perez suggested soliciting input from the community for the name of the building. She stated that she liked Council Member Onsager's idea to

purchase a plaque.

Mayor Dipaolo stated that if the building were named the Indiantown Community Center, the Village would only need to purchase lettering for “community”, as the other words are already on the façade.

Linda Nycum suggested a simple name, such as the Indiantown Annex, and recommended a simple wooden sign.

Vice Mayor Perez recommended posting on social media to solicit suggestions from the community.

Parks & Recreation Director Resos stated that she would put the survey on the Village’s website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice Mayor Perez announced that the next Mobile Food Drive would take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in Timer Powers Park, and that the Indiantown Education Coalition luncheon would be held at Indiantown Middle School on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. She announced that registration is open for Indiantown High School’s 2025-2026 school year.

Mayor Dipaolo encouraged residents to attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s upcoming meeting regarding its long-range transportation plan on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Lahti Library.

Council Member Waters Brown reminded everyone to attend the Housing Solutions Council workshop on February 20, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Attendees should RSVP to (772) 266-9327.

Council Member Williams Palmer requested that flyers for these events be printed in Creole as well as English and Spanish.

Village Clerk McBride advised that the Village does print Creole flyers for its own events, but that the two events in question were organized by the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Housing Solutions Council.

Mayor Dipaolo spoke regarding the importance of attending the Housing Solution Council’s workshop.

Council Member Onsager advised residents with credit issues to meet with a lender to discuss their options. She stated that it may take three to six months to see their credit scores update.

Finance Director Florio provided an update on the utility billing system, stating that the online portal is open and that residents are free to register. He advised that residents could receive

assistance enrolling in automatic payments on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This information will be made available on social media.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 27, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:


LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA


Carmine Dipaolo,
Mayor

2.27.2025
Date

