



**VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN
REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 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 Supervisor Brian Green, Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan, Finance Director Michael Florio, Village Clerk LaRhonda McBride, and Administrative Assistant Renae Cherry.

INVOCATION: Pastor Pitts

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 Autism Awareness Month

Village Clerk McBride presented the proclamation in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

Jean Wright and Julie Roberts accepted the proclamation.

2. Proclamation for Water Conservation Month

Village Clerk McBride presented the proclamation in honor of Water Conservation Month.

Public Works & Utilities Director Patrick Nolan accepted the proclamation.

3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Introductions

Parks & Recreation Supervisor Brian Green introduced Board Chair Rosendo Pacheco.

Chair Pacheco spoke regarding the ways in which sports programs would help unite the community. He introduced Advisory Board Member Susan Gibbs Thomas.

Board Member Gibbs Thomas outlined the future efforts of the Advisory Board and introduced Vice Chair Christopher Corey and Advisory Board Member Carolyn Diane Parker. She encouraged members of the community to have open communication with the Board.

Mayor Dipaolo invited the Advisory Board to attend the Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

4. Public Works & Utilities Update Presentation from Joint Meeting on March 7, 2025

Public Works & Utilities Director Nolan gave an update on current and upcoming public works projects, including projects to improve roadways and drainage as well as the water plant and water mains, and to build a deep injection well.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kiana Kelly, Coordinator with the Children's Services Council's Martin Reads program, spoke regarding summer learning loss among students.

Council Member Onsager asked what strategies are effective for combatting summer learning loss.

Ms. Kelly explained that although there are structured programs through the Boys & Girls Club, the YMCA, and the public library, some children are unaware of or lack access to those programs. She stated that Martin Reads hopes to raise awareness, including through volunteerism, by pairing adult volunteers with children in vulnerable populations to read together.

COMMENTS BY VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Onsager had no comments.

Vice Mayor Perez requested that Staff draft a proclamation in honor of Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in May.

Mayor Dipaolo stated he would hold his comments until the end.

Council Member Waters Brown announced that there would be country music and food vendors at the marina on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Williams Palmer thanked everyone in attendance for supporting the Council and the Village.

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.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 13, 2025
6. Authorization to Participate in and Co-Sponsor the 2025 Independence Day Fireworks Show in Cooperation with the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

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

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

8. Change Order – 12” Watermain Looping of West Farm Road and SR 710 - Bowman Project #010605-01-016

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

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

9. Determine if the Village Is Interested in Making an Offer on the Parcel Located on the Corner of SW 153rd Street and SW Madison Avenue

Village Manager Kryzda provided an overview of the item and recommended the lower appraisal of \$1,900.00.

Mayor Dipaolo proposed that the Village also buy the property behind Village Hall and requested an appraisal for that property.

Discussion ensued regarding the projected cost, process, and timeline of the proposed appraisals.

Motion was made to direct the Village Manager to proceed with appraisals on both the parcel located at the corner of SW 153rd Street and SW Madison Avenue, and the parcel located behind Village Hall, by Council Member Waters Brown. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Onsager and approved unanimously.

10. Consideration of a Special Election to Propose a Referendum to Provide an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program

Village Manager Kryzda and Village Attorney Vose provided an overview of the item.

Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications needed for businesses to be eligible for tax exemptions, what kinds of properties would be eligible for tax exemptions, the percentage of exemptions and how percentages are determined, and how tax exemptions would help attract businesses to Indiantown.

Motion was made to approve the referendum by Council Member Onsager. Motion was duly seconded by Council Member Williams Palmer and approved unanimously.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Dipaolo advised that he had traveled to Tallahassee with Village Manager Kryzda to meet with Senator Gayle Harrell, Representative John Snyder, and Representative Toby Overdorf regarding key legislative issues. He stated that they had lobbied against doing away with property taxes, sovereign immunity, a utility services cap, community redevelopment, and raising local business taxes, and lobbied for protecting local decision-making. They also met with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding funding.

Village Manager Kryzda stated that the Village had been awarded another \$5 million through the Department of Environmental Protection for wastewater projects.

Vice Mayor Perez announced that the next Family Market would be held on March 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in Big Mound Park, and the next Food Drive would be held on April 10, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in Booker Park. Additionally, she advised that registration is now open for Indiantown High School's 2025-2026 school year. She offered to provide a tour of the school to any interested parents.

Parks & Recreation Supervisor Brian Green advised that the boxing ring was projected to be completed by Monday, March 31, 2025. Boxing sessions will be held on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and interested children can register via a QR code on flyers from the Parks Department.

Mayor Dipaolo proposed naming the boxing ring and gym after Mr. Garcia from the Garcia Group, a donor and boxing enthusiast. He stated that the other donors would also be acknowledged in other ways, but requested a banner specifically acknowledging Mr. Garcia, who was the primary contributor.

Consensus was reached to name the gym after Mr. Garcia.

Village Manager Kryzda reminded all of the Strategic Planning Session on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., which would be open to the public.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 10, 2025

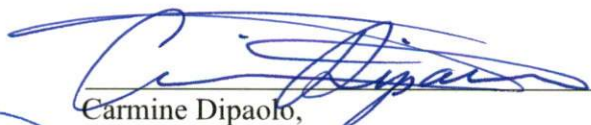
ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN, FLORIDA



LaRhonda McBride
Village Clerk



Carmine Dipaolo,
Mayor

April 24, 2025
Date

