



## TOWN OF HIGHLAND LAKE

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### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
6:30 PM  
The Anchor

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chase Moore at 6:39 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Chase Moore, Sam Pearson, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Randall,  
Sid Nelson, Ramzi Malek

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Scott Kon–Police Chief, Tim Moore-Building Inspector,  
Alex Smith-Attorney, Mary Ann Allen-Town Clerk

Invocation was given by Bobby Rhodes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the council

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Approval of May 9, 2023 Work Session Minutes: Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes and Sid Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of May 9, 2023 Regular Session Minutes: Carl Randall made the motion to accept the minutes and Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Building and Grounds - Carl Randall**

Carl Randall and Tim Moore went around town and made notes of items that needed work. The Building and Grounds Committee will have a meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM. There was discussion about whether or not the Town wanted to hook up a generator to The Anchor in case of power outages. It was stated that an electrician needs to come in and check to see what it would require and give an estimate. There was discussion about possible grants available and checking to see if COVID funds could be used since the money has to be used by December 2024.

**Lake Preservation Committee – Bill Rush**

No Report

**Ordinance Committee – Sid Nelson**

No Report

**Public Safety Committee –**

No Report

**Roads Committee – Sam Pearson and Josh Beck**

The handout that was given out during the Work Session was discussed

Bobby Rhodes made the motion to move ahead with the seven items presented at the top of the handout (see attachment) and Ramzi Malek seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the problem with drainage issues being caused by residents putting debris in the ditches. It was stated that a notice needs to be sent out to all residents. If the problem continues, it will then be turned over to the Police Department to handle.

**Finance Committee – Bobby Rhodes**

Bobby Rhodes went over and explained the April Financials. He is also going to schedule a meeting to talk about budget planning for the Fiscal Year 2024. He explained that some of the budget issues on the handout are actually just accounting issues such as items not being put in the correct category. This is all part of the transitioning.

**OFFICER REPORT – Chief of Police - Scott Kon**

Chief Kon reported that there were no accidents or injuries reported over the Memorial Day weekend. The pontoon boat is up and running. He talked about this being the time to start applying for grants. We need someone with grant writing skills to help write the grants. Attorney Alex Smith suggested that we may want to look into professional grant writing companies because they get paid only if the grant is awarded.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Status on Ordinance HL 14-05 verbiage on bladder boats**

Nothing new to report – No Action

**2. Discuss amendment to HL 16-02 (Zoning Ordinance Sec 2.4)**

Still being worked on – No Action

**3. Bobcat Repair**

Waiting on estimate

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**4. Gregg Hollon of Hollon Accounting Services to deliver FY 2021 Audit**

Mr. Hollon was not able to attend tonight. A meeting will be called when he is able to be here.

**5. Jef Freeman of Raymond James to provide update**

Nothing in addition to Work Session

**6. Lady Lakers request to use The Anchor August 5, 2023, to have a Breakfast as a fundraiser to purchase Christmas decorations for the Town**

Carl Randall made the motion to approve the Lady Lakers use of the Anchor on August 5, 2023, for a breakfast as a fundraiser for Christmas decorations for the Town, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Lady Lakers request permission to place a Nativity Scene on Town Property during the Christmas season**

Carl Randall made the motion to allow the Lady Lakers to place a Nativity Scene on the Town property during Christmas and Sam Pearson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Swede Reeves to have Allen's Aquatics remove lily pads from their Property**

More information is needed before a decision can be made.

**9. Ordinance Prohibition of Business Activities for which there is no "In-force" applicable business license**

More information is needed - No Action

**10. Approve committee members for the Public Safety Committee**

The names presented were John Cotton, Ramzi Malek, Karen Hawkins Murphy, Sam Pearson and reinstating John Hand.

Carl Randall made the motion to accept the names presented as committee members, and Bobby Rhodes seconded the motion. Ramzi Malek and Sam Pearson abstained. All others voted yes and motion passed.

**11. Alex Smith document for automatic draft**

Carl Randall made the motion to void the old ordinance and adopt the new one and start doing direct deposit with two electronic signatures, and Sam Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. Road Committee – See attachment**

See Road Committee Report

### **13. Other business items as determined by the Council**

#### **Date change for July meeting due to the Fourth being on the first Tuesday**

Carl Randall made the motion to move the July meeting to Tuesday, July 11, 2023, and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All voted yes and motion passed.

#### **Mike Diamond's Dock Rebuild**

Tim Moore explained Mike Diamond's plans to tear down his existing dock and to rebuild as is.

Carl Randall made the motion to approve Mike Diamond's rebuilding of his dock and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All voted yes and motion passed.

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks**

Everyone was reminded about Donna Hanby's grandson's fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

With no other items to be discussed, Carl Randall made the motion to adjourn and Sid Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Ann Allen – Town Clerk

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Chase Moore - Mayor