

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE  
MINUTES FINAL BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE HEARING  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 5:01 p.m.  
Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room  
700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, FL

1. **Call to Order** – President De Angeles called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
  - Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Ostrand led the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Roll Call – Mayor Karen M. Ostrand, President Kenneth De Angeles, Vice-President Richard Gerold, Council Members Kevin Docherty, Terry Locatis and David Wagner; Absent: Council Member Bill Arnold
  - Staff Present – Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil; Town Financial Consultant, Holly Vath, Town Clerk, Pam Orr; and Bookkeeper/Clerical Assistant, Maria Pierce
  
2. **Proposed Millage for Fiscal Year 2021/2022** – Holly Vath reviewed the changes from the Tentative Budget and Millage Rate Hearing. She explained the meaning of rolled-back and the proposed millage rate and its bearing on the fund balance.

Ms. Vath asked for questions from the Council.

There were none.

President De Angeles asked for public comments.

Ms. Vath took questions from the public regarding new construction revenue, future tax assessments for the Seawalk community, last year’s reduction in the millage rate, Town investments and the Martin County Property Appraiser’s authority.

President De Angeles asked for comments from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding lowering the millage rate to 1.00.

Council Member Gerold made a Motion to lower the millage rate to 1.00. Motion died for lack of a second.

President De Angeles asked for further comments from the Council.

There were none.

Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 317-2021.

Discussion ensued regarding the reserve balance.

Town Clerk, Pam Orr, read Resolution No. 317-2021 into the record: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, MARTIN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 317-2021.

Roll Call: Yes: Wagner, De Angeles, Locatis, Docherty; No: Gerold; Motion Passed - 4 – 1

**3. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022** – Ms. Vath gave an overview of the budget stating that the total budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year was \$329,755.00. She stated that there were no changes from the last hearing.

Discussion ensued regarding Town elections, term-limits, etc.

President De Angeles asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the ad valorem tax decrease, state revenue sharing increases, expiration of the fire rescue interlocal agreement, other code compliance increases, feasibility study analysis costs and trash management for Seawalk.

Mayor Ostrand spoke about the importance of conducting a feasibility study for a Town Hall to bring the community together and the proposed location.

Deidre Henry, Ocean Breeze Resort, spoke about the importance of such a study.

Council Member Locatis, seconded by Vice-President Gerold, made a Motion to remove \$5,000 from the budget for the feasibility study.

Roll Call: Yes: Docherty, Locatis, Wagner, De Angeles, Gerold; No: None; Motion Passed - 5 – 0

Ms. Vath stated that if the \$5,000.00 were removed from the budget, the budget would change to \$324,755.00.

Town Clerk, Pam Orr, read Resolution No. 318-2021 into the record: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Docherty, made a Motion to adopt Resolution No. 318-2021.

Roll Call: Yes: Gerold, De Angeles, Docherty, Locatis, Wagner; No: None; Motion Passed - 5 – 0

Mr. O’Neil explained that even though the line item for a feasibility study for a Town Hall had been removed from the budget, the Town’s Comprehensive Plan had a provision that required such an obligation. He stated that unless directed otherwise, Staff would, unless agreed upon by the Council, be conducting such a study.

**4. Announcements** – President De Angeles announced the Regular Town Council Meeting, Monday, October 11, 2021 at 10:30 am to be held at Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze, Florida.

**5. Adjourn** – Council Member Wagner, seconded by Council Member Locatis, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 pm

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Gerold, Docherty, Locatis, Wagner; No: None; Motion Passed - 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Orr

Town Clerk

Minutes approved: December 13, 2021