

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE
MINUTES REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 14, 2023
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 10:30AM

- Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Ostrand led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call – Present Mayor Karen M. Ostrand, President Kenneth De Angeles, Council Members Kevin Docherty, Liz Reese, Sandy Keblbeck-Kelley Absent: Vice-President Bill Arnold and Council Member Gina Kent
- Staff Present –Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil, Kim Stanton, Town Clerk; and Administrative Assistant, Shannon Roger

2. Approval of Minutes – Council Member Docherty, seconded by Council Member Reese, made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2023.

President De Angeles asked the public for comments there were none.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Reese, Docherty, Kelley; No: None; Motion Passed – 4-0

Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Docherty, made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2023, Budget Workshop and Setting of the Tentative Millage Rate meeting.

President De Angeles asked the public for comments, there were none.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Reese, Docherty, Kelley; No: None; Motion Passed – 4-0

3. Proclamation – Declaring “Hunger Action Month” in Ocean Breeze Florida – Mayor Ostrand read the Proclamation into the record. She then introduced Alexandra Lord and Andreas Evgeniou of the Treasure Coast Food Bank. Ms. Lord gave a presentation about the Food Bank, donations, and volunteerism.

President De Angeles asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation.

Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Kelley, made a motion to approve the Proclamation.

President De Angeles asked for comments from the public. There were none.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Reese, Kelley, Docherty; No: None; Motion Passed – 4-0

4. Comments from the public on topics not on the Agenda – There were none.

5. Comments from The Council on topics not on the Agenda – There were none.

6. Comments from Town Management Consultant Terry O’Neil – There were none.

7. Comments from Mayor Ostrand – Request for Council direction regarding potential Charter Amendment to establish district representation.

Mayor Ostrand addressed the Council regarding establishing districts in the Town of Ocean Breeze. She then asked Town Management Consultant Terry O'Neil to discuss the issue in more detail.

Mr. O'Neil stated that the issue of districting was brought up at the last meeting, which was a Budget Workshop meeting, and it was decided that it should be added to the agenda of the next Regular Town Council Meeting. He continued that the Mayor was seeking guidance from the Council on whether the Town would like to spend staff time and resources researching the idea. He added that he had his own opinions on districting a Town this size given, that at the present time, there was equal representation on the Town Council. He then stated that the Mayor would like direction from the Council on how to proceed.

President De Angeles stated that unless there had been numerous requests to address the issue of districting, it would be money ill spent. President De Angeles then asked if any other Council Member would like to consider districting.

Council Member Kelley stated that she agreed with President De Angeles, and she went on to say that she didn't understand the motivation behind districting, as the Town was small, and the Council had the Town's best interest at heart.

Council Member Docherty stated that he also agreed with President De Angeles and that the Town was well represented; and it would be money ill spent.

Mayor Ostrand asked if a vote was necessary.

Mr. O'Neil stated that since no action was taken, a vote was not necessary.

Mayor Ostrand stated that she recently attended the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference and shared some highlights.

President De Angeles thanked Mayor Ostrand on behalf of the Council for the time she had devoted to the Town.

President De Angeles asked Sergeant Joe Angelico with the Martin County Sheriff's Office to speak to the Council regarding the extra patrols.

Officer Angelico stated that there had been some juvenile activity in the area. He added that it was ubiquitous around Martin County and, unfortunately, not unusual for this time of year. He went on to say that the volume of incidents was consistent with what was occurring county wide. He added that trespass warnings had been issued at Ocean Breeze Plaza.

President De Angeles asked if the change in patrol times had been effective. Officer Angelico stated that while those patrols times were in place, no crimes were reported.

President De Angeles asked if there were also regular patrols performed by the Martin County Sheriff's Department that were not part of the additional patrols paid for by the Town.

Officer Angelico confirmed that there are regular patrols that cover the area.

Discussion ensued regarding juveniles loitering in and around Ocean Breeze Plaza.

Discussion ensued regarding additional patrols and trespassing in Seawalk.

8. Announcements – Meetings to be held at the Ocean Breeze Resort Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze.

- Regular Town Council Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023 at 10:30AM
- Proposed Budget and Tentative Millage Rate Hearing, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00PM
- Final Budget Hearing and Millage Rate Hearing, Wednesday, September, 20, 2023 at 6:00PM

9. Adjourn – President De Angeles asked for a motion to adjourn.

Council Member Docherty, seconded by Council Member Reese, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17AM.

Respectfully Submitted
Kim Stanton, Town Clerk
Minutes approved: September 11, 2023