

TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE  
MINUTES REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, October 9, 2023, 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Representative John Snyder led the Pledge of Allegiance
  - Roll Call – Present: Mayor Karen M. Ostrand, President Kenneth De Angeles, Council Members Kevin Docherty, Sandy Kelley, Gina Kent and Liz Reese
  - Staff Present –Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil; Town Financial Consultant, Holly Vath; Town Clerk, Kim Stanton; and Permit Processor, Pam Orr

2. **Approval of Minutes** – President De Angeles announced that the following minutes were in the process of being prepared:

- Regular Town Council Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023
- Proposed Budget and Tentative Millage Rate Hearing, Wednesday, September 13, 2023
- Final Budget and Millage Rate Hearing, Wednesday, September 20, 2023

3. **Presentation by Representative John Snyder, Florida District 86, Florida House of Representatives, regarding legislative activities** – President De Angeles introduced Representative John Snyder.

Representative Snyder gave a legislative recap regarding term limits, the upcoming legislative session, influx of new residents to the State of Florida, public safety, law enforcement incentives, food safety, costs of prescription drugs, property insurance, comprehensive tort reform, state budget and unclaimed property. He took questions and comments from the Council regarding property insurance, the mental health crisis and the police departments.

Mayor Ostrand introduced Ruth Pietruszewski, Martin County Tax Collector.

Ruth Pietruszewski spoke about the Tax Collector’s office, budget and surplus.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 342-2023 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK, OCTOBER 16-22, 2023, AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION AND CORRESPONDING ACTIVITIES** – Mayor Ostrand read the resolution into the record. She explained the Resolution and invited everyone to take a pen and bumper sticker; and to also enjoy the refreshments.

President De Angeles asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 342-2023.

Council Member Docherty, seconded by Council Member Kent, made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 342-2024.

President De Angeles asked for public comment.

There were none.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Docherty, Kelley, Kent, Reese; No: None; Motion Passed

**5. Resolution No. 343-2023 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN BREEZE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT #4 TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,450 TO RECOGNIZE ADDITIONAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** – Holly Vath, Financial Consultant introduced Resolution No. 343-2023. She explained the details of the Resolution.

President De Angeles asked the Town Clerk to read Resolution No. 343-2023 into the record.

Kim Stanton, Town Clerk, read the title of Resolution No. 343-2023 into the record.

President De Angeles asked for a Motion to approve Resolution No. 343-2023.

Ms. Vath and Mr. O’Neil took questions from the Council.

Council Member Kelley asked for the item to be tabled until the next Town Council Meeting to gather additional information pertaining to the public safety item.

Ms. Vath explained that the Auditor General of the State of Florida required a balanced budget by November 30, 2023.

Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Reese, made a Motion to table Resolution No. 343-2023 until the next regular meeting.

President De Angeles asked for public comment.

Lynn Rush, Ocean Breeze Resort, asked Council Member Kelley about her Motion.

Council Member Kelley asked for a line-item detail for Code Compliance – Legal.

Ms. Vath stated that Kim Stanton would provide Council Member Kelley with a transaction register.

Council Member Kelley answered “yes.”

Roll Call Vote – Yes: Kent, Reese, Kelley, De Angeles, Docherty; No: None; Motion Passed - 5 - 0

Council Member Docherty spoke about the importance of Home Rule as it related to the Town.

**6. Update on status of November 7, 2023 Town Council Election** – Kim Stanton, Town Clerk, provided an update on the status of the election. She stated that due to the withdrawal of three candidates, Kevin Docherty, Michael Heller and Mathew Squires would be sworn into office on December 11, 2023.

**7. Comments from the public on topics not on the agenda** – President De Angeles asked for comments from the public on topics not on the Agenda.

There were none.

**8. Comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda** – President De Angeles asked for comments from the Council on topics not on the Agenda.

Council Member Docherty stated that Mayor Ostrand would have comments regarding a letter that the residents of the Ocean Breeze Resort received.

**9. Comments from Town Management Consultant, Terry O’Neil –** There were none.

**10. Comments from Mayor Ostrand –** Mayor Ostrand spoke about the invitation to the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities luncheon held on October 18, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. hosted by the City of Stuart. She asked the Town Council to let her know who would be in attendance.

Council Member Docherty stated that the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities Board meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Ostrand discussed the address change for the office at Ocean Breeze Resort, state legislators, Jensen Beach and the Town of Ocean Breeze, the budget amendment, and Martin County Sheriff’s Department patrols within the Town.

Discussion ensued regarding the Martin County Sheriff’s Department patrols within the Town.

Mayor Ostrand thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to listen to Representative Snyder; and she recognized Sheriff William Snyder.

Mayor Ostrand discussed the Florida League of Cities legislative meetings and the topics of law enforcement, recruitment and retention, short-term rentals, and cyber security.

**11. Announcements –** Regular Town Council Meeting, held Monday, November 13, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Ocean Breeze Clubhouse, Pineapple Bay Room, 700 NE Seabreeze Way, Ocean Breeze

**12. Adjourn –** Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Kent, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

All in Favor: Yes: De Angeles, Docherty, Kelley, Kent, Reese; No: None; Motion Passed – 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kim Stanton*  
Town Clerk

Minutes approved: November 13, 2023