

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES

Lee County Sheriff Community Meeting Room, Lehigh Acres, FL
Minutes from Monday, April 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Anglickis at 6:38 p.m.

INVOCATION,: DeWitt Green **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Rick Anglickis

ATTENDANCE: Rick Anglickis, Charles Edwards, Ron Gogoi, DeWitt Green George Kloers, Frank Mann, Theresa Park, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Diane Turrill, Tyler Woodby

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Joan Cunningham, Orville Hall, Mohamed Yasin, Bill Martin

A QUORUM was established with 10 members present

GUEST SPEAKER: Frank Mann said the Community Council speaks for all of Lehigh Acres and has been in existence since 1968. Mr. Mann presented Rick Anglickis with the Citizen of the Year Award for outstanding service in representing Lehigh Acres. Rick Anglickis, Charles Edwards and Diane Turrill sworn in as Board Members by Mr. Mann.

Mr. Mann also commented on the Lehigh Sign (nickel) explaining the landscaped area is maintained by the Kiwanis and was built by the Community Redevelopment Committee. It rusted out and Mr. Mann went to the DOT to have it rewelded and rebuilt. No group, organization, person or club owns the sign. Charles Edwards reported he sent a check to pay for the Trade Mark and Copy Right to be owned by the Community Council.. The Rick Anglickis reported the wood was rotting and will be replaced, solar lighting similar to that at Hope Hospice is being considered.

Frank Mann was proud to announce road improvements in Lehigh Acres stating several are now being resurfaced.

Bob Saul will give Charles Edwards the four (4) years of minutes he has so Charles can put them on the web site. Diane Turrill will give Charles the minutes since being recording secretary. Linda Saul made a motion to retain the minutes for seven (7) years Charles Edwards seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

SECRETARIES REPORT: A motion was made by Tyler Woodby, seconded by Bob Saul to approve the minutes as written, passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Charles Edwards and 2nd by Linda Saul to approve the treasurer's report as presented, passed unanimously.

MPO – Ron Gogoi reported on the progress the Metropolitan Planning Organization is making and explained the Strategic Intermodal System, which he has worked on for several years. His work involves the Intermodal Highway Connectors. The goal is to connect highways in the most effective way to move people and goods with the least amount of delays.

Homestead Road is being expanded to a four-lane road, which will be expandable to six lanes. It will have a median separating two 12 foot lanes in each direction, five foot sidewalk on the north side of the road and a 10 foot multi-use path on the south side of the street.

PUBLIC NOTICES: The Citizen charges \$48.00 to publish a Public Notice for Public Hearings. In the past the Community Council held Public Hearings free of charge. Charles Edwards made a motion to charge \$50.00 to defray this cost. The motion was seconded by Linda Saul and passed unanimously.

INCORPORATION: Theresa Parks reported only 3 people attended the last Incorporation Town Hall. Rick Anglickis will write the resolution on behalf of the Council to determine cityhood for everyone on the Council to sign.

Theresa announced this will be her last meeting. She and her family are moving out of Lehigh Acres. Tyler Woodby made a motion to accept her termination and Linda Saul seconded it. Everyone agreed it is with sadness that her termination be accepted and she will be missed by all.

STREET LIGHTING: Theresa Parks reported the committee is physically going out to investigate areas needing light poles. Bob Saul reported LCEC has \$1.3 to increase lighting in Lehigh Acres. FPL has not set approved funds for increased lighting.

The walking bridge at Williams Avenue off Lee Blvd is deteriorating. Ron Gogoi will check with Lee County to find out who is responsible for maintaining the bridge. DeWitt Green will provide Ron Gogoi with the exact location of the bridge off Grant Circle and Connecticut across the Able Canal.

Charles Edwards made a motion to accept Will Bronson's reinstatement as a member, the motion was seconded by Tyler Woodby and passed unanimously.

ABLE CANAL: This is a Lee County project, the County Commission will have input on it and some Federal funding will be asked for. There are two proposals at this time to determine which side of the canal the path should be built on. There will be a public information hearing on May 3rd.

The group that merged with the Community Council failed to turn over its financial information. Bob Saul has received 3 emails from Tami Baker about the funds. The bank closed the account due to inactivity and the county made them discontinue the organization so the County Commissioners would receive information from one group in Lehigh Acres rather than two.

It was agreed by all that all Community Council meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Turrill
Recording Secretary