

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES
Lee County Sheriff Community Meeting Room, Lehigh Acres, FL
Minutes from March 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mohamed Yasin at 6:08 p.m.

INVOCATION: DeWitt Green, **Pledge of Allegiance:** Bill Martin

ATTENDANCE: Will Bronson, Charles Edwards, DeWitt Green, Bill Martin, Theresa Park, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Diane Turrill, Tyler Woodby, Mohamed Yasin

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Rick Anglickis, Joan Cunningham, Orville Hall, George Kloers

A QUORUM was established with 10 members present.

AGENDA: Charles Edwards asked to add Tina Ecklad from Troyer Brothers to the Agenda. . A motion made by Charles Edwards to approve the Agenda with the addition of Troyer Brothers and Tyler Woodby seconded the motioned. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charles Edwards reported he has paid the Annual Report Filing Fee for the Community Council and will pay the same for Incorporate Lehigh, Inc.

GUEST SPEAKER: Tina Ecklad representing Troyer Brothers and the limestone mining issue. Ms. Ecklad reported that Limestone is very much in demand in Florida and is used in the building industry, roads, bridges and much more. The existing mines will real build out in the next 20 years and a 1,289 acre deficit in mine acres will exist by 2040. The Troyer mine is 781 acres. The application process to open a mine is long. They will not be able to sell materials from the mine until 2020 if all goes well. Completion of the site improvement is estimated for 2025. There will only be one ingress and egress for the entire project from State Road 82. The mine will employ 36 people.

Blasting limestone is very difficult and is regulated by the State regarding the vibration and location. The vibration will only last 3.5 seconds. State Road 82 will be completed prior to Troyer Brother requiring the use of trucks. 1,016 acres will be preserved as open space

Will Bronson asked about if radon would be an issue, Ms. Ecklad did not know but will find out.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. In Joan's absence DeWitt reported on the Incorporate Lehigh booth at the Spring Festival. Turn out was low due in part to the rain.

Mohamed reported that Governance and Boundary topics would be discussed at the April 17th Town Hall to be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheriffs Community Meeting Room. Theresa Parks and Tyler reported there is interest from the Victory Christian Center toward incorporation.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Mohamed reported there will be an ARB Board meeting on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the LAMSID building and encouraged those that could attend should

make it a point to attend. He also reported a RACETRAC Gas Station was being constructed at the corner of Lee Blvd and Gunnery. Street Lighting: LCEC has a list of 1,900 lights in Lehigh. Theresa Parks reported Lehigh is behind in street lighting.

NEW BUSINESS: Tyler made a motion to reinstate term limits for the Executive Board and made a motion to amend the By-Laws. Tyler was advised the Executive Board already has term limits. Bob Saul reported everyone on the Council has the opportunity to run for a position of the Executive Board.

Tyler asked that the chicken issue be revisited. Instead of going through the Community Council a change needs to be made to the Deed of Restrictions. Tyler would like to form a committee to change the Deed of Restrictions and if anyone was interested in being on this committee they should see Tyler.

Mohamed reported that LAMSID was handling Disaster Preparedness and has talked to various agencies within the County. Will Bronson suggested emergencies and disasters should encourage more people to grow food.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Dave Rubuck reported the rain during the week of the Spring Festival hurt the turnout significantly. Little League and Soccer are underway.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Yepram Dervahanian spoke about gun control and the schools. The school board is looking into how to improve the safety of children. Mr. Dervahanian is against any kind of gun control.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL: Linda Saul suggested everyone make a donation to the Council through the Friends of the Council program as the Council is in need of money.

DeWitt Green suggest the meeting minutes and the treasurer's reports be preserved for 7 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.