

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Town Commission

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Present: Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch, Vice Mayor Schoppe, Cmsrs. Bausch, Busha, and Luger, and Town Manager Kellogg, Chief Cerniglia

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, a motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe to approve the agenda as noted. All in favor. (5-0)

In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe and Thurlow-Lippisch

Opposed: None

2. **Comments from the public on topics not on the agenda** – None

3. **Public Hearings & Discussions:**

- a. Discussion of recent burglaries. Presentation by Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder or his Representative, and Sewall's Point Police Department Chief Eric Cerniglia – Robert Pryor from Sheriff Crowder's office addressed the chamber-filled room of residents assuring the community of their support. He indicated that Sewall's Point was one of the very last communities to be struck by this gang, and that the Police Department was doing all of the right things. He was followed by Mike Doherty (from the Sheriff's office) who gave a first-hand explanation of all of the things residents should be aware of and be proactive about. He held a question/answer period in which the community was able to express their concerns and be responded to by the Sheriff's representatives.

- b. Options for discussion: Crime Watch Program, hiring additional security, installing security cameras, TSP vehicle decal program, and other ideas - At that time Laura Passanesi, Crime Watch Liaison for Martin County/Sheriff's Office talked about establishing a Crime Watch and the do's and don't's associated with such a group. She suggested representatives from the different HOA's who might participate in the CW, attend her monthly meeting at the Sheriff's Office.

Mayor Thurlow-Lippisch brought up Leighton Security along with another company whose cost was considerably more, and suggested the Town bring in Leighton for 2-4 weeks as "an additional set of eyes." The cost would be approximately \$3500.00. It was agreed to by the commission. The installation of security cameras was touched upon, and the TSP vehicle decal program that was established several years ago, was also discussed.

- c. Comments from the Public - With over 100 people in the audience, suggestions and comments continued ranging from installing reverse "911", signage, roadblocks, the hiring of additional police, security cameras, etc.

- d. **Comments from Commissioners on topics not on the agenda** - None

4. **Adjourn** - A motion was made by Cmsr. Bausch, seconded by Vice Mayor Schoppe to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM. All in favor. (5-0)

In Favor: Bausch, Busha, Luger, Schoppe, and Thurlow-Lippisch

Opposed: No

Respectfully submitted,

Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk