



**TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

Meeting audio available in Town Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Danowski called meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Danowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vice Mayor Danowski led a prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Shorr (absent), Vice Mayor Laura Danowski, Councilmembers Margaret Herzog, Phillis Maniglia, and Marianne Miles, Town Manager James Titcomb, Town Attorney Elizabeth Lenihan (remotely) and Town Clerk Lakisha Burch.

Councilmember Maniglia asked is the Town Attorney required at this meeting. Town Manager Titcomb responded that it has been a requirement by Town Council. He also stated that she was on the Zoom link but got disconnected. Councilmember Maniglia asked should the meeting proceed without the Town Attorney since it is the policy of the Town Council to have the Town Attorney present. Town Manager Titcomb responded she is not required to be present for public comment but for legal matters.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Motion was made by Councilmember Herzog seconded by Councilmember Miles to approve agenda as is it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no comment from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-06** to adhere to canvassing board in the Section 7(5) of the Town Charter in the Town's Code.

Town Clerk Burch made reference to the word needs to be adhere and not amend.

On November 16, 2021, the Town Council approved Resolution 2021-64 appointing Town Clerk, Lakisha Burch, Town Resident William Ford, and Town Resident Jo Siciliano, to serve as the Town's Canvassing Board. On Thursday, February 17, 2022, Jo Siciliano resigned from the canvassing board which leaves a vacancy on the board. The Town Council needs to fill the vacancy on the Canvassing Board for the March 8, 2022, Town Election. Town staff recommended that Town Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-06, appointing a new member to the Canvassing Board.

Motion was made by Councilmember Miles seconded by Councilmember Herzog to formally open the item for discussion; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

There were public comments made by Don Widing and Neil O'Neil.

Vice Mayor Danowski explained the reason for the special meeting and stated she would like for a staff member to serve on the Canvassing Board.

Councilmember Maniglia asked how does this work with staff regarding their wages. Town Manager Titcomb responded. Councilmember Maniglia also asked who names are in the running besides Town staff. Town Clerk Burch responded. There was discussion among Town Council and staff. Town Clerk Burch explained the upcoming schedule in which the Canvassing Board will have to attend.

Councilmember Miles stated that she doesn't feel this will be an issue for staff to be out to get this done. It is not an everyday occurrence.

Vice Mayor Danowski reviewed the schedule. There were continued discussion by Town Council and staff. Councilmember Miles asked how you would know if the resident were not campaigning for a candidate. Town Clerk Burch responded that you would not, it is based on an honor system.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to have Mr. Neil O'Neil to seat on the Canvassing Board of the March 7th election; it was voted as follows: Ayes: Councilmembers Herzog and Maniglia. Nays: Vice Mayor Danowski and Councilmembers Miles. Motion failed 2-2.

Motion was made by Councilmember Maniglia seconded by Councilmember Herzog to have Kenthia White, be the additional member to serve on the Canvassing Board; it was voted as follows: Aye: Vice Mayor Danowski, Councilmembers Herzog, Maniglia, and Miles. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Phillis Maniglia (Seat 1)

- Spoke about people volunteering and cost.

Laura Danowski (Seat 2)

- Glad we are getting some in time training and thanked Mr. O'Neil.

Marianne Miles (Seat 3)

- Thanked Town Clerk and Kenthia White for serving on the Canvas Board.

Marge Herzog (Seat 5)

No comment

TOWN STAFF COMMENTS

Town Manager

- Gave reminders of him being out of the office.
- Gave copy of lawsuit in which the Town is involved.
- Gave update regarding another case involving the Town.

Town Attorney

- Apologize for the technical difficulties of getting on the meeting.

Town Clerk

- Thanked Town Council for their decision.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

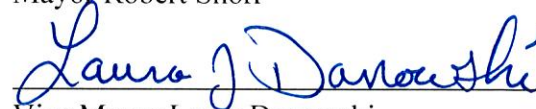


Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk

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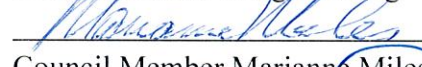
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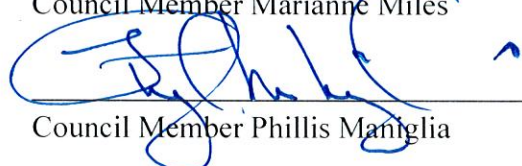
Vice Mayor Laura Danowski



Councilmember Marge Herzog



Council Member Marianne Miles



Council Member Phillis Maniglia