

MINUTES OF MEETING

ST JOHNS COUNTY CIVIC ASSOCIATION ROUNDTABLE MEETING; Dec 10, 2018 TIME; 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve Bob Olsen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasure Reports Balance of \$376.18 with 12 paid members

President Lofgren introduced the guest speaker County Administrator Michael Wanchick.

Michael discussed the recent event in the Sheriff's office where the chief financial officer was accused of mispending monies from the Sheriff's fund. He stated that they had not had any similar problems in the County Administrators office because all of their financial transactions were handled by the Clerk of Court's office.

Michael indicated he had several items he wanted to talk about:

Hurricane Restoration – the county is continuing to restore damage from both hurricanes Mathew and Irma. Request for reimbursement from FEMA have all been submitted and the county has received \$ 26 million of the \$74 million submitted. St Johns County was the county most impacted by Hurricane Matthew in the state.

Beach Replenishment – He stated that the county did not have any answer for the erosion at Summer Haven. Ponte Vedra Beach is moving toward replenishment with a MTSU being established to pay the matching funds. The Vilano-South Ponte Vedra Beach replenishment is dependent on the county approving an increase in the bed tax which seems problematic.

Town of Hastings – The county took over the Town of Hastings in February. The county is currently upgrading infrastructure in the town and is going to demolish an old building there.

Community Disengagement- Michael said he feels there is a great need for the community to become more involved in issues the county faces. He reviewed the county accomplishments in the past several years and the high ratings enjoyed by the county. He said that due to the increased growth there is a need for additional funds to maintain the quality of life we enjoy here. There was considerable discussion about the rapid rate of growth and new construction and the impact it is having on the environment.

Michael stated that he feels the county will be in good shape in five years from now but not in the best shape it could be.

He stated that the county is currently in negotiations to sell unused land at the county golf course and to use the funds to re-do the course with 18 holes.

The county is currently building a new fire staton on U S 1 in the South . This station

will replace two old stations in that area.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Olsen for Dennis Froio

Secretary