



**Members Present:**

Marge Herzog, Vice-Mayor  
Dave Autrey, Council Member  
Dennis C. Lipp, Council Member  
Dr. J. William Louda, Council Member

**Members Absent:**

Dave Browning, Mayor

**Others Attending:**

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum, Interim Town Manager (NCS)  
Matthew Lippman, Interim Town Clerk (NCS)  
Michelle Kantor, Interim Assistant Town Clerk (NCS)  
David Tolces, Esq., Town Attorney  
Members of the Public

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**1. – 4. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**

Vice-Mayor Herzog called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. She then requested the roll call by Town Clerk Lippman. Town Clerk Lippman noted that Mayor Browning was absent. Upon completion of the roll, Vice-Mayor Herzog requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

**Councilman Louda MOTIONED to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Councilman Autrey and the MOTION passed unanimously 4-0.**

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-028 (1st reading at Public Hearing)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL MILLAGE FOR THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO THE BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 - 2009, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 200, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Tolces conducted the reading of Resolution 2008-028.

Vice-Mayor Herzog asked for comments from the Public.

There were none.

**Councilman Louda MOTIONED to approve Resolution 2008-028, SECONDED by Councilman Autrey and the MOTION passed unanimously 4-0.**

Town Attorney Tolces explained by Statute I am required to announce-the percent by which the proposed millage rate exceeds the roll back rate is actually 12.28% less than the roll back rate.

Town Clerk Lippman noted we are 12 percentage points below the maximum allowed millage rate from last year.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 2008-029 (1st reading at Public Hearing)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; DETERMINING AND FIXING THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Town Attorney Tolces conducted the reading of Resolution 2008-029.

**Councilman Autrey MOTIONED to approve Resolution 2008-028, SECONDED by Councilman Louda and discussion was then opened:**

Councilman Louda said we had some overages and some underages on the proposed. He said the Comprehensive Plan is coming in a little bit more. He said it looks good as long as the numbers balance at the end. He said and I said coming in, if you can't afford it-don't buy it.

Councilman Autrey said my observation is if we do hold this fiscal budget, given what we have in reserves currently and what will come out of this budget, going into the 2008-2009 timeframe, there should be close to \$750,000 in reserves. He said with that said I think we should look ahead at having a conversation about establishing what a sufficient reserve is because we have some expenditures right now that are non recurring. I would like to have discussion about an Ordinance about having a specific target amount and capping it so future Councils would have some restraints in front of them given what our vision was when we incorporated to have taxes low and not to be risky. He said I have said this before when we discussed reserves, and one of the comments I got from the Town Manager and the County is as much as you can get away with. He said I think we are pretty healthy as long as we can keep to this Budget. He said I throw this out there so as we move forward we can see what we can do.

Town Manager Dr. Rosenbaum said I think you are correct and I think we should do a 6 month Budget Workshop as part of a Regular meeting. He said we will have an idea of what kind of out of pockets we will have to come up with. He said I think we have a pretty good idea of where we are going today.

Town Clerk Lippman said every municipality really does financial reporting differently. He said some do it on a Consent Agenda and some do it as an Agenda Item. He said my goal is to provide you with information on a monthly basis. He said I would like to operate month to month and evaluate monthly.

Councilman Autrey commented I think Matthew did a terrific job in putting this together and I appreciate you are sensitive to expenses and I appreciate it.

Councilman Lipp said I concur with Councilman Autrey's and Town Manager Dr. Rosenbaum's comments that we need to look at it again in 6 months. He said one of the things we talked about last night was upping the road patrol to have more control over speed and looking at the contingency I would like to see us once a month have a full week of road patrol. He said that would reduce our reserve by that same amount which is 11.53% so take it out of that and stick it in there. He said also on education and training this October there is another IEMO which is the advanced course at a cost of \$245.00 per Council Member. He then asked the Council who was planning on attending the course.

Councilman Autrey said for me it would depend on what happens in October with storms.

Councilman Lipp said the course is offered October 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Town Clerk Lippman said in the calculations here right now, I did build in a little bit of extra leeway to have some enforcement but if you are looking to do the once a week with two officers it would be more.

Councilman Autrey said it is about \$25,000.

Town Attorney Tolces said bring the total professional services up to \$25,200.

Councilman Autrey said I agree I think we need to do that and one of the other issues is our Okeechobee Boulevard Ordinance for Day Laborers and whether we really want to try and seriously enforce that or not.

Councilman Lipp said the issue came up on the road coach that stops on Okeechobee and everyone peels off to get breakfast.

Town Attorney Tolces said that may be something for Code Enforcement to look at or possibly PBSO.

Town Clerk Lippman said PBC checks the licensing and if they are not permitted they ticket them.

Vice-Mayor Herzog said I believe they did go to the Buena Fe also.

Town Clerk Lippman said I have a contact at the County who I call with any permit questions. He said we need to get back with the education and training and I need some direction.

Councilman Louda asked about the course being offered.

Councilman Autrey said the one Councilman Lipp is talking about.

Councilman Lipp said I funded my own last year and don't have any problem doing that on my own again but I wanted to see how the Council felt about that.

Councilman Autrey asked did we make that a requirement.

Vice-Mayor Herzog responded, yes we did make that a requirement for the first one.

Councilman Louda said I have no objection at all of paying for a course that helps a Council Member be a better Council Member.

Vice-Mayor Herzog asked what do we want him to raise the education and training too.

Town Clerk Lippman asked you want me to adjust for each of you to take one more course this year and take it out of the contingency.

Town Attorney Tolces said IEMO is the acronym for Institute of Elected Municipal Officials.

**Town Clerk Lippman said we have 2 general consensuses here. He said we are going to adjust the other professional services line item to include the extra law enforcement, and as far as education and training, adjust the contingency by the amount it will cost for each of you to take a course during the next Budget year (2008-2009).**

Councilman Louda said I would like to get 2 deputy weeks per month but use the first go around as some sort of data. He said maybe we can make a better impact having 1 deputy for 2 weeks.

Councilman Autrey said another way to approach it is for PBSO to tell us a formula that works best for them.

Councilman Lipp said we should probably leave the initial number in there and add another \$25,000 to it.

**Councilman Louda AMENDED his original MOTION to approve the tentative budget with the 2 revisions discussed.**

Vice-Mayor Herzog asked if there were comments from the Public.

There were none.

**The MOTION passed unanimously 4-0.**

#### **8. Public Comments**

There were no comments.

#### **9. Town Clerk Comments**

There were no comments.

#### **10. Town Attorney Comments**

Town Attorney Tolces stated for the record, the final hearing on the Town Budget is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 6:45pm here at the LGWCD headquarters at 101 W D Road.

#### **11. Council Member Comments**

Councilman Lipp said it's been a good meeting.

Councilman Autrey thanked Staff and said I look forward to the CST increasing.

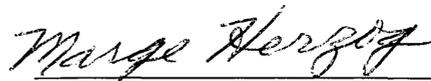
Town Clerk Lippman said we are working on that.

Councilman Louda thanked Staff for doing a wonderful job.

**12. Adjournment**

**Councilman Louda MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Councilman Autrey and the Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

There being no further discussion and no additional public comment the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



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Vice-Mayor Herzog

**ATTEST:**



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Matthew Lippman, Town Clerk

10-7-08

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Date Approved