

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
2731 Oak Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Monday, December 9, 2024

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Deborah Dutton, Jack Leson, Barbara Puffer, Dave Sandberg, Marianne Sheely and Bryan Thomas.

Excused/Absent: Michael Hauser

Staff: Finance Director Joe Onzick

Council Liaison: Scott Safford

**IV. REORGANIZATION** – Bryan Thomas was nominated as Chair and Deborah Dutton as Vice Chair

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 14, 2024

**MOTION:** Audit Committee Member Dutton moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Audit Committee Member Leson.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** – no public comment.

**VII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Finance Director's Report**

Director Onzick summarized the distributed printouts. He was analyzing the billing rates for the water system and will provide the results as soon as possible. He noted that the town received the revenue replacement grant of \$7,547,805.00 without strings attached. He referred to the handout when discussing the budget adjustment resolution to approve the revenue replacement grant on the council's December 16, 2024, agenda. Director Onzick noted they were still working on getting forgiveness from the bridge loan. He reviewed the expenses to be covered by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He indicated there was \$2 million in the emergency fund. He explained the requirements for the ARPA fund.

**MOTION:** Audit Committee Member Sandberg moved to approve the report, seconded by Audit Committee Member Puffer.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

Director Onzick discussed the emergency financial plan approved a few months ago and noted their greatest risk was hurricanes. He commented that the town attorney was proactive in terms of adding contractual language in contracts to protect the town.

**Updated Preliminary Unaudited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024 – no info.  
Financial Statements for Period Ending October 31, 2024 – no info.**

### VIII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Chair Thomas noted that it looked like the town had been reimbursed approximately \$21 million by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and FDEM (Florida Department of Emergency Management).

No items from other members.

### IX. NEXT MEETING – January 13, 2025

The October 13, 2025, meeting was moved to October 16, 2025.

### X. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Audit Committee Member Puffer moved to adjourn, seconded by Audit Committee Member Sheely.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

Adopted 11/13/25  
(DATE)

with/without changes. Motion by Barbara Puffer

Vote: All (4)

Signature: 

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