

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MYERS BEACH**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
2731 Oak Street  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931  
Monday, March 10, 2025

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Audit Committee Member Dutton.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Deborah Dutton, Michael Hauser, Jack Leson, Barbara Puffer and Dave Sandberg.

Excused: Marianne Sheeley and Bryan Thomas.

Staff: Finance Director Joe Onzick

Council Liaison: Scott Safford

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 10, 2025**

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

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

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

**VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Finance Director's Report**

Director Onzick noted that the full-time senior accountant decided they could not work for the town but would fill in for three months while the grants accountant was out. He will be looking for a replacement. He reviewed the report and indicated the water break in December was about \$184,000.00. Budget adjustments were reflected in the report and he described the challenges of developing a solid methodology for the financial statements. Discussion was held regarding software programs.

Director Onzick addressed researching old code compliance agreements. The insurance adjuster was working on a proposal to release about \$2.6 million to the town. He described how the new system calculated items better than the current system and they were collecting information for the implementation of the new accounting software. He continued to work with FEMA regarding hurricanes and noted that it was very time-consuming.

The next rate schedule was due on October 1, 2025, and would be effective for five years. There was a funding shortfall for the Tier 1 project and the town will request an increase in the state revolving fund loan in August. The town attorney was working with the tax

appraiser's office to set up a collection mechanism to recoup private property demolition expenses. The cost will eventually be added to the property owner's tax bill. Kirkland Electric was working on the new town hall and has exceeded the \$75,000.00 threshold. The additional expenses will go before the town council for approval. He highlighted items that changed from the last report. Director Onzick reported that the \$7.5 million revenue replacement grant from the state will be received sometime after March 31, 2025.

**Financial Statements for Period Ending January 31, 2025**

Director Onzick reviewed the statements and stated they had a good fund balance. The emergency fund fluctuated because recurring expenses were on a reimbursement basis. He discussed the governmental funds, stormwater, cash flow statement, lost revenue estimate, the budget versus actual revenue and expenses, department budgets and expenditures since Hurricane Ian.

**VII. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS** – no items.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING** – April 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Audit Committee Member Sandberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Audit Committee Member Hauser.

**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously.

Adopted 4/14/25 with/without changes. Motion by DEBBIE JUTON - MOTION  
(DATE) MARILYNNE STANLEY - SECOND

Vote: UNANIMOUS Signature: A. Boyer

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