

- E. Troy Blakely, NW Seminary Ave, Lives a block and a half from the water tower, his water is run through a water softener and a charcoal water filter under the sink faucet. He stated that a water pitcher he uses is washed frequently but still has some black or gray residue. Without all these filters Mr. Blakely cannot drink our water and he would like to know if the Town can make some improvements to our water system to improve our critical essential resource. Mr. Blakely would like to know why the flushing of the fire hydrant near his house hasn't been done in a while. The Fire Department required hydrant flushing schedule has been changed to annually. Mrs. Gonano will address the Public Works flushing schedule with David Holton. Commissioner Roberts suggested 'pigging' the water lines, as he claimed they had not been pigged since 1990. Commissioner Aufmuth does remember a discussion regarding pigging the lines and the amount of wear and tear to which the water lines are subjected. Florida Rural Water should be addressed on this issue. (*Florida Rural Water adamantly does not support this procedure.*) Mayor Mance responded that our water system is subjected to constant testing by the DEP and has checked out very well. Mrs. Gonano stated that the water meets all DEP standards, clarifying that we did mail notices to our water customers recently regarding disinfectant byproducts and have made changes to our water system. To correct that problem, we have flushed the system, lowered the level in the water tank making the shelf life shorter, and have been monitoring the chlorination. We passed the last quarterly disinfection byproducts test with flying colors. Had we known what the issues were for that particular test and how easy it was to correct the problem, we could have been proactive and avoided problems with the byproducts test.
- F. Brenda Maynard, Director of Micanopy Area Cooperative School (MACS), Thank you to all of you for allowing the use of Town Hall property and the \$500 donation supporting the event, as Light Up Micanopy was tremendous. The fifth grade students were able to raise money with the auction and sale of food items for their Washington trip scheduled in June. She appreciates the Town's support of their school and continued generosity.

7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports:

- A. Planning & Historic Preservation Board – Unavailable
- B. Tree Committee - Unavailable

8. Town Attorney Report: Wish everybody Happy Holidays.

9. Town Administrator Report: Town Administrator presented.

Thank you to Raul Gonzales and David Holton for the phenomenal Christmas decorations.

- A. Veterans Memorial Plaque – Dedication Day December 12, 2015 @ 10 am – We will close part of Chokolka Blvd during the dedication, and we hope to have good participation.
- B. Generators – Bids for Electrical Hookup – We have traded in the two small generators at the Forestry Department for two bigger ones. We have received one bid from Jonesville Electric for \$27,000 to hook up the generators at the following locations; Town Hall, Fire Department, and the Water Plant. Mrs. Gonano is awaiting additional bids and will bring more bids to the next meeting.
- C. Fence Around Fire Department Generator – The Fire Department generator has been placed on the playground and will need a 6' high privacy or chain link fence to protect the children from accidents. As the playground is in the Historic District, Mayor Pro-Tem Berkowitz recommends taking the matter of the privacy fence to the Planning & Historic Preservation Board.

10. New Business: None

11. Unfinished Business:

- A. Fire Department Engineered Drawings – Mayor Mance would like to move forward with plans to remodel the Fire Department, but a scaled-down version. Commissioner Shutterly would like to move forward with the remodel plans provided previously by Jones Edmunds. Congressman Ted Yoho's assistant sent us information on Federal Grants available for fire department improvements. Our grant writer, Summit Professional Services, may be able to write the grant for us and make sure all requirements are covered. Discussion ensued regarding remodeling the Fire Station, which will be a lengthy and costly venture. Mrs. Gonano pointed out that the only grant offered through the data supplied by Congressman Yoho that seemingly might work expires on December 31, 2015.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Berkowitz) to direct Mrs. Gonano to contact Summit Professional Services to see if this time frame is feasible, and if it is, move forward with the grant; passed 5-0

- B. Citizen Board Term Expirations – December 31, 2015
 - 1. Ralph Dispagno, Code – Application Completed

Motion made and seconded (Berkowitz/Roberts) to renew Mr. Dispagno's seat on the Code Enforcement Board; 5-0

C. Urban Reserve Interlocal Agreement – Mayor Mance presented. Attorney Lee discussed the legality of dealing with annexation of adjoining property. There is no place in the statutes that authorizes municipalities to get together and divvy up the land to be annexed. Mayor Mance pointed out that the agreement was planned to divvy up intended urban reserves and not actually annexation. The Mayor asked Mr. Lee if that makes a difference. Attorney Lee answered that there is no urban reserve areas provided for in the statutes, so that is not a power that a municipality possesses. The agreement purports to control annexation into certain areas. That is his legal objection to the document provided. Commissioner Shutterly stated that the Town will not gain anything if we supported this document and the map is not correct to the previous map. Mayor Pro-Tem Berkowitz agrees. Commissioner Aufmuth has many concerns and suggested that possibly a planning commissioner would be helpful; he would like to know how other counties and municipalities deal with the areas around them. Mayor directs Mrs. Gonano to send the State office an email about how other counties and small municipalities deal with urban reserves.

D. New Recreation Program Ideas – Ricky Dale and Dennis Allen - Unavailable

12. Town Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Joseph Aufmuth: On Sabbatical and via telephone. He will keep in touch via email and telephone calls. It's cold up here in Virginia, and he misses everyone. Virginia Military Institute is a public school with a Military background. There is a good sense of community here, and he is having a great experience.
- Commissioner Mike Berkowitz: Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Commissioner Mike Roberts: Thank you to Debbie Gonano and Patty Polk for the wonderful Christmas meal. Thank you to Town staff for getting the street lights repaired at his request; however Commissioner Aufmuth stated that some of those lights were shut off previously for a reason. If anyone has a street light that has been turned on and they would like it off, please contact Town hall.
- Commissioner Richard Shutterly: He would like to thank the Town staff for all their work throughout the year. It was a nice dinner, and the decorations are beautiful. The lift we recently purchased was a very useful tool for putting up the decorations.

13. Mayor Virginia Mance Report:

- It has been a great year. Thank you to everybody and thank you for allowing her to sit in this seat.
- She would like to take a medical leave of absence for 3 – 6 months as she will be undergoing a medical procedure that will not allow her to spend time in public. She will be available by skype or phone. Discussion ensued.
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Shutterly) to allow a medical leave for Mayor Mance; passed 4-0 (Mance abstained)
- Thank you again. This is a wonderful Town with good networking, friends, and citizens.

14. Adjourn: 8:45 pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Virginia Mance, Mayor

Patty S. Polk, Recorder