

TOWN OF ARCADIA LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2013

Town Council of Arcadia Lakes met Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall conference room.

ATTENDING were Mayor Richard Thomas; Mayor Pro tem Rusty Onley; Council members: Tom Clark, Linda Jackson and Mark Robertson. Also Attending were Attorney Charles Cook; Town Clerk Christine Murphy and Barbara Covington; Captain Cole Porter; Senior Deputy Margaret Fisher. Residents attending were Don Davis, Aaron Small, Truman Fallow, Betty Walker, Kamal Shlon, Bernie Gaudi, Lem Harper, Jr., Mary Helen and L.E. Spradlin, Peter Chesney, Alicia deMyhrer, Frannie & Bob Larsen, Barbara and Bob Williams, and Steve Brown.

DEPUTY'S REPORT: Captain Porter reported that they had arrested six or seven individuals who were responsible for robberies. There was a strong armed robbery yesterday at Wellesley Place Apartments, and were able to get enough witnesses description that they were able to catch him in an apartment and arrest him. There was a burglary on Branch Hill Lane and one on Sylvan Drive. The house on Branch Hill was vacant, Captain Porter said, and the one on Sylvan Drive had several guns stolen. Captain Porter said he always cuts through Arcadia Lakes, and had not seen a lot of speeding. Only one car break-in on Trenholm Road was reported.

Mayor Thomas introduced Margaret Fisher as the new part-time deputy for the Town on a regular basis. Deputy Fisher said she works for the Town six hours a week during various hours. She said she stopped a man on Arcadia Lakes Drive recently, pushing a roll cart full of light fixtures he had taken from the old Ramada Inn on Nates Road; she's been stopping trucks using Arcadia Lakes Drive, and giving warnings and citations to speeders on the road. She's finding jobs going on in the town with no permits or business licenses. The Sheriff's Department has a new Reverse 911 system on their web site. One link you can go to is "Raids on Line", which is a crime site. You can put in your address, and it will show all the crimes that had taken place within the past 24 hours, within five miles of your address.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DRAFT: Mayor Thomas introduced Mr. Norm Whitaker, from Central Midlands Council of Governments. Mr. Whitaker said they do have a draft for the new Comprehensive Plan, and there is a process for officially adopting the Plan. It requires first a recommendation from the Planning Commission, which needs to pass a Resolution with a majority vote; recommending adoption of the plan by the council. A public Hearing needs to be advertised 30 days in advance, prior to council acting on the plan. The clerk reported that the Planning Commission members had just passed six hours of certification training from Central Midlands. After discussion, it was agreed that the plan should be finalized with any changes, before going to the Planning Commission. Mr. Robertson suggested that council review the plan, and have suggestions for any change by the May council meeting. Mr. Whitaker said he would e-mail the plan in PDF Form.

FINANCE REPORT (JAN.-JUNE, 2012): The six-month finance report from McGregor & Company was approved. Mayor Thomas moved that the report be accepted as written; Mr. Robertson seconded the motion; the report was accepted as written.

TOWN PICNIC: Christine reported that the Annual Town picnic will be May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 'til 7:00 PM at the Tree of Life Parking Lot; and will be inside if inclement weather. Music will be by "Slap Wore Out", Mr. Clark announced. That residents can bring desserts and salads, as usual.

WEB SITE: Mr. Clark reported that the web site should be on line before the next council meeting. Links for the information given tonight by Captain Porter will be on the web site as well.

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE: Christine reported that DNR had requested that changes in the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance be approved by council. A list of the changes was given to council members; Mayor Thomas requested that the ordinance be sent in PDF Form to each council member for review. Mr. Robertson moved that the changes to the South Carolina Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, as summarized on the two page summary of updates, be approved for first reading; Mr. Clark seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The second reading will be on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting agenda.

ARCADIA WOODS LAKES DAM: Discussion was held on the progress of the dam. for Inspections or repairs. The run-off into the lake is coming through a 24" pipe Pipe, Bernie said. After discussion, Mayor Thomas said he would ask Joel Lourie and Beth Bernstein to ask DHEC for help and information on what type inspections are needed.

CARY LAKE: Mr. Peter Chesney distributed photos of silt build-up in Cary Lake from Decker Boulevard. Also, detailed aerial views of Little Jackson Creek discharging under Decker Boulevard into Cary Lake, were distributed.. Fifty thousand tons were dredged from the lake in 2012 in two different zones, he said. There are seven sources of silt coming into the lake. The Homeowners' Association needs to have a detail survey done for about \$1,500 to \$2,000, Mr. Chesney said.

Council went into Executive Session regarding Roper Pond litigation.

When council came out of executive session, Mayor Thomas moved as mayor, that he be authorized to engage sufficient counsel to assist, if necessary, in the further litigation of matters that affect the Town and Petitioners in the Roper Pond case. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mr. Clark moved to defer the approval of the March 13<sup>th</sup> minutes until they approve the March 27<sup>th</sup> minutes; Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Christine Murphy, Town Clerk

