

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE  
MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Assembly members in attendance were Ken Kiesling, Freda Donica, Tony Da Silva, Mary Ann Closson, Linda Bradshaw.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Tony Da Silva moved for approval of the agenda.

**It was seconded by Mary Ann Closson.**

Tony Da Silva moved to amend the agenda and move item #5 up to item #1 and move all other items down.

**It was seconded by Freda Donica.**

**The amendment passed with a 3 to 2 vote.**

Ken Kiesling and Linda Bradshaw cast the dissenting votes.

**The agenda passed as amended with item #5 as item #1.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Linda Bradshaw moved for the approval of the Minutes of November 18, 2010.

**It was seconded by Mary Ann Closson and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

**II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to report.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Election of Mayor**

Freda Donica stated that some Assembly members and some residents of the Town were concerned about the direction of the Assembly, that there were issues that needed to be addressed and projects that needed attention. With the change the Assembly can focus in on the important issues and do the job the Assembly was elected to do.

**Freda Donica moved to nominate herself for Mayor.**

**It was seconded by Tony Da Silva.**

Ken Kiesling commented that the gist of the action that three Assembly members would like to take is based on a particular direction for the Assembly, which two other members were opposed to.

**The motion to approve Freda Donica as Mayor passed with a 3 to 2 vote.**

Ken Kiesling and Linda Bradshaw cast dissenting votes.

**2. Approval of November Financials**

Linda Bradshaw opened the item stating that Mary Wheeler would explain the financials. Administrator Mary Wheeler stated that Town Treasurer Gloria Halama had a death in the family and asked to be excused. Mary reported that Gloria has worked for the Town

for a year and doing a wonderful job and very competent in her duties as Town Treasurer. Property taxes are split between the Admin and the Library classes, and the total received at the end of November was \$16,000. Uncollected taxes become delinquent after December 31. The Town was over budget on legal fees, and the first installment for the audit has been paid. The Raymond James investment account is at \$834,000. In looking at cost vs. price, the CD's in the portfolio are worth \$10,000 more than what they were paid for, and the preferred securities are down \$2800 (but it is noted that the Town has received substantial interest from these securities.) The EMS has been given \$75,000, and has been promised another \$20,000 to purchase a new ambulance. The department received a generous anonymous gift of \$10,000. VFD is \$15,000 under budget, which is what the State Fire Marshal's Office likes to see. Community Fund spent \$100 on Memorials, and has \$39,500 in assets.

Linda Bradshaw moved to accept the November financial report.

**It was seconded by Tony Da Silva and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

### **3. Approval of Resolution 2010-26**

Ken Kiesling read the resolution aloud and moved to approve.

**It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw.**

Ken Kiesling explained that a moratorium was needed because there has been no enforcement of the parking provisions in the Zoning Ordinance, and that the Zoning Board was in limbo, not knowing how to proceed with enforcement due to lack of direction from the Assembly. Tony Da Silva reminded the Assembly that they took an oath to uphold the laws. Ken said that the parking options of the Zoning Ordinance were not very clear, and Linda stated that this moratorium would keep from having to force residents to move their vehicles. Freda wanted a time limit put into the resolution.

**Ken moved for a friendly amendment to resolution 2010-26 to insert (this resolution has a sunset date of one year after passage). It was seconded by Mary Ann Closson.**

Ken stated that he appreciated the comments that were made and that the Assembly has the ability to pass other resolutions to address issues and the ability to amend certain verbiage.

**Resolution 2010-26 passed with a friendly amendment to insert the sentence (this resolution has a sunset date of one year after passage) with a 5 to 0 vote.** Tony Da Silva stated that the moratorium was only for residents who currently reside in the Town of Cochiti Lake and currently have recreational vehicles.

### **4. Approval of 2011 Town Hall Calendar**

Mary Ann Closson opened the item stating that in accordance with resolution 2006-16 which calls for 12 holidays per calendar year and moved to adopt the 2011 Town Hall Calendar. **It was seconded by Linda Bradshaw and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

### **5. Appointment of Administrator Pro-Tempore**

Freda Donica stated that Administrator Mary Wheeler requested that the Assembly appoint Annette Narvaiz to serve as Town Administrator Pro-Tempore during any temporary absence or disability of the Town Administrator as provided for in the Town Charter. Freda Donica moved that Annette Narvaiz be appointed the Administrator Pro-Tempore. **It was seconded by Mary Ann Closson and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

## **6. Citizen's Petition**

Ken Kiesling stated that he was in receipt of a Citizen's Petition with four pages of signatures. Ken turned the item over to Mac Poling who had presented the petition to him. Mac stated that residents of the Town would like to remind the Town that members of the Zoning Board should follow an open process for interviewing qualified candidates and that those with expiring terms should be removed. Diane Burchard, member of the Zoning Board, stated that according to the Ordinance, those with expiring terms have to remain on the Board until there is a replacement. Tony Da Silva stated that the Zoning Board interviews qualified candidates and makes recommendations to the Assembly who accept or deny the recommendation. A resident spoke up to say that the real reason that people signed the petition was not because they were concerned about the procedures in the interview process, but that they disapproved of the Board Chairman, at which point she was asked to stop making personal comments, or a sheriff would be called. Ken Kiesling stated that the resident who spoke was simply sharing information that when she spoke with people who signed the petition that it was the intention behind their signing and that they wanted a change.

## **7. Zoning Board Chairman**

Ken Kiesling stated that there was a scheduled Zoning Board meeting that had been postponed and therefore withdrew Item #7.

## **8. Recycling Volunteers**

Ken Kiesling stated that he had received an email from David Craig concerning recycling volunteers. David said that he was dismissed from volunteering at the Recycling Depot and wanted clarification. Mayor Donica stated that the Recycling Depot is not a committee under the auspices of the Assembly. Tony Da Silva said that the Recycling Depot was formed independently, that they came to the Assembly for money to build a depot, and that money was reimbursed by the Community Fund to the Town. The Recycling Committee asked that they not be attached to the Town. Mary Ann Closson noted that there are several entities which are not connected to the Assembly such as the Art Guild, Memorial Garden and the Bridge Group. Mary Ann mentioned that the Recycling Committee has been a great success. Jim Hamilton reported that the Coordinating Committee is made up of Mary Badarak, Claralyn Howard, Bill Riker and Jim Hamilton and that the Coordinating Committee accepts any comments or criticisms from anyone at anytime, and that he would be happy to speak to David anytime. Jim thanked all the volunteers.

## **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Assembly Meeting, January 27, 2011 – New Community Center

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## **V. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Assembly was questioned about the delinquent tax payers list that had been removed and requested that the list be reinstated as it is public record. The Assembly agreed and the list was reinstated and put under glass at the Town Post Office.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn.

**It was seconded by Ken Kiesling and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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Freda Donica, Mayor

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Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk