

**TOWN OF LAKE HAMILTON MEETING MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014
6:00 pm**

Call To Order/Invocation/Pledge/Roll Call –Chair Harris called the special meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The invocation and pledge were dispensed with having been done at the workshop prior. Members present: O’Neill, Roberson, Kehoe, Tomlinson, Chair Harris and Mayor Wagner. Clerk Irvine was present. Sitting in for town attorney was Jeff Dawson.

Special Meeting Business: **PUBLIC HEARING** – Chair Harris opened the public hearing at 6:02 PM

A. Review proposed water rate increase – Clerk Irvine reported that the rate study done by the Florida Rural Water Association found that the water system revenues of the town need to be increased in order to maintain a financially sound utility. Based on this recommendation staff developed a proposed updated rate schedule. Chair Harris asked for any public comments. Larry Pelrine, Linda Welborn, Barbara Castello, Jason Fields and Stephanie Walsh were present. No one had any concerns with the rate increase but all had concerns regarding the increase for those who do not use much water and the elderly residents and others on fixed incomes.

B. Amend the tentative budget – Clerk Irvine presented the council with a budget for consideration to adopt a tentative budget. The tentative millage rate is 8.4276. There were no public comments on the tentative budget and no changes were made at this meeting.

C. Re-compute and announce the proposed millage rate – Attorney Dawson read the following for the record, “The name of the taxing authority is the Town of Lake Hamilton, Florida. The tentative millage rate is 8.4276 mills. The rolled back rate is 7.9790 mills. The tentative millage is 5.6223 or 12.7961 percent increase over the rolled back rate.

D. Adopt the Tentative Millage rate – Resolution 2014-11 – Attorney Dawson read the Resolution title for the record, “A resolution of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Polk County, Florida, adopting the tentative levying of Ad Valorem taxes for fiscal year 2014-2015 beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015; and providing for an effective date.”

MOTION by O’Neill/Kehoe to adopt Resolution 2014-11 adopting a tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2014-2015. No discussion. All voted in favor on a roll call vote.

E. Adopt the Tentative Budget – Resolution 2014-12 – Attorney Dawson read the Resolution title for the record, “A resolution of the Town of Lake Hamilton, Polk County, Florida, adopting the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015; and providing for an effective date.

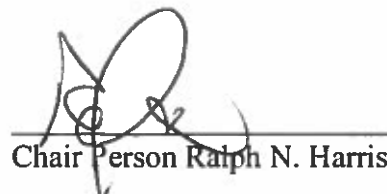
MOTION by Kehoe/Tomlinson to adopted Resolution 2014-12 adopting the tentative budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. No discussion. All voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Chair Harris closed the public hearing at 7:04. Motion by Roberson/Kehoe to adjourn at 7:04. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Sara K. Irvine, Town Clerk



Chair Person Ralph N. Harris