

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING TOWN OF LADY LAKE, FLORIDA

September 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Lady Lake Town Commission was held in the Commission Chambers at Lady Lake Town Hall, 409 Fennell Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida, with Mayor Ed Freeman presiding. The meeting convened at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ed Freeman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioner (Ward)	Present
Regan (Four)	YES
Gourlie (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Sage (Five)	YES
Freeman (Three)	YES

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Lawrence, Town Manager; Joella LeDonne, Finance Director; Brandi Carson, Assistant Finance Director; Police Chief Steve Hunt, Lady Lake Police Department; and Kathy Rosado, Town Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Resolution 2025-104 (First and Final Reading) — Final Assessment for Fire Protection Services within The Villages Fire Protection Special Assessment District (Joella LeDonne)

Finance Director Joella LeDonne introduced Resolution 2025-104, read by title only.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Freeman inquired as to whether this had previously been considered.

Ms. LeDonne replied affirmatively adding that this was discussed in July with The Villages District Manager, Kenny Blocker.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gourlie and a second by Commissioner Regan, the Commission approved the first and final reading of Resolution 2025-104, adopting the Final Assessment for Fire Protection Services within The Villages Fire Protection Special Assessment District. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Resolution 2025-105 (First and Final Reading) — Imposition of a Special Assessment for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services, Facilities, and Programs within the Solid Waste Special Assessment District (Joella LeDonne)

Finance Director Joella LeDonne introduced Resolution 2025-105, read by title only. Ms. Winegardner noted that this ordinance was advertised in a local paper, and not in the legal ads in the Classified section; it must be a full-size ad. No changes were made to the ordinance since first reading.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sage verified with Ms. LeDonne this resolution is for trash pickup with Waste Management. Because another garbage collection company is being used in the southern portion of The Villages, he inquired if this service is goes out to bid.

Town Manager Bill Lawrence stated that this service has not gone out to bid. He acknowledged that there are other garbage collection companies in the area. He stated that Waste Management's contract was extended last year. This could go out to bid when the current contract expires, if that it is the desire of the Commission.

Commissioner Sage acknowledged that Waste Management is doing a good job. He stated that the contract with Kling Towing was extended as well. He stated that it is a good practice to go through the competitive bid process once an agreement has been extended once or twice.

Ms. LeDonne stated she will see when the Waste Management contract will expire. She stated the bid process should begin approximately six months prior to the contract's expiration date.

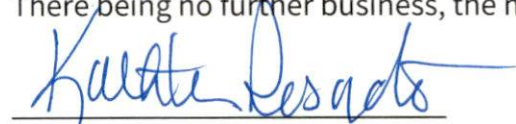
Commissioner Roberts stated that the rate for the properties she owns in the middle region of The Villages is equivalent to what she has been paying in those areas. She stated that the new assessment will bring the cost to a competitive level. She stated that she spoke with the former finance director about this last year who stated that Waste Management wanted to raise their rates and she discouraged it because the Commission had extended the contract. She stated this was an impending and she was pleased that it was just \$50 annually.

Commissioner Regan stated that Waste Management has provided terrific service. He stated that he is not familiar with the service Jacobs provides. He stated that he understands Commissioner Sage's desire to get the best price.

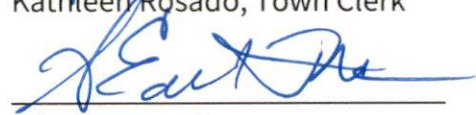
Upon a motion by Commissioner Gourlie and a second by Commissioner Sage, the Commission approved the first and final reading of Resolution 2025-105. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Kathleen Rosado, Town Clerk

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Ed Freeman, Mayor