



Meeting Name: Town Council Meeting
Meeting Date: April 24, 2024
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Item Title: Discussion on Juno Beach Police Key Access

DISCUSSION:

At the April 1, 2024, special council meeting during council comments a discussion was raised by Councilmember Rosengarten on the door access by police volunteers. The council voted to remove all volunteer key access, which was done the next morning and agenda a discussion at the April 24th meeting.

The police volunteers are actually unpaid employees who are covered by our liability and workers compensation. They are vetted and take the required NCIC/FCIC security training and test that officers take. There is absolutely no access to sensitive information, accreditation does not allow it. In my personal experience of 29 years as an officer and police chief the volunteers always had door access. I checked with our surrounding municipalities (Jupiter, Tequesta, North Palm and Palm Beach Gardens) all of which operate the same way we do. The doors have electronic key card access, so the system knows who and what door each person is going through with the ability to revoke access and set timed access.

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue to allow door access to the unpaid employees (volunteers).