



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Raul Gastesi, Town Attorney
Subject: Attorney's Reports
Date: 2/6/2018

Recommendation:

There are currently several matters being litigated by the Town of Miami Lakes. Some of these matters are being referred to our insurance carrier to mitigate the Town's legal expense. This report will highlight the active files, and a report of expenses incurred to date.

Background:

MICHAEL PIZZI JR. v. TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES

(Criminal Matter)

New bills have been received and approved in the amount of \$2,705 which includes work performed through the month of January 2018. Partial reimbursement will be requested from the insurance carrier. Since litigation continues in this matter, it is recommended that \$50,000 be transferred from budgeted funds to address future invoices.

PUBLIC RECORDS CASE - PPR71

Although this matter has concluded, the Town issued payment in the amount of \$16,900 as part of its deductible to the Town's insurance carrier.

GENERAL LITIGATION

The following are current miscellaneous matters. There are several routine foreclosures currently being handled, however there are no significant expenditure to report. There are three general matters that are current, and remain from the previous month which include: that some of which include:

JUAN VALIENTE v. TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES:

Currently in litigation. Matter is being handled by the Town's insurance carrier. Additional costs in the coming months are likely.

SANCHEZ RADIOLOGY v. TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES:

Matter remains pending, there has been no activity. The issue in the lawsuit is expected to be moot, as they now have a certificate of occupancy.

LEMKE v. TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES:

Matter is undergoing settlement negotiations. There may be some expenditure as matter is wound up.