



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Raul Gastesi, Town Attorney
Subject: Attorney Report on Pending Litigation
Date: 9/5/2017

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.

MICHAEL PIZZI JR. v. TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES **(Criminal Matter)**

This matter is currently being litigated, and substantial legal expenditure is likely. During the month of July invoices totaling \$17, 077.00 were approved and paid to Lydecker Diaz and Associates Law Firm.

TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES v. PGIT **(insurance matter)**

The Town has received settlement proceeds in the amount of \$500,000.00, of which \$200,000.00 are owed to the Trujillo Vargas Law Firm.

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