

While I could not attend the meeting this evening I wanted to make a comment for the record.

JP and his team are to be commended for the exceptional job they did planning for and responding to hurricane Irma. While we were very fortunate that we were “only” hit with a category 1 or 2 hurricane, the town’s preparedness was impressive and its response critical in helping things to return to as normal as possible as quickly as possible. While many of us will be dealing with storm effects for a while, I am very proud of how JP and his team have handled the storm.

Many residents don’t realize that, while we were all huddled with our families - some asleep or evacuated - many of our employees were spending that uncertain time away from their loved ones to serve us. The sacrifice that they make for us each day, and especially in this time of crisis, make me proud to be a Commissioner and Belleair resident.

I propose that we have a Proclamation recognizing the efforts of the employees of the Town of Belleair for their actions related to hurricane Irma.

Separately I would like to formally recognize with an award several parties for their actions related to Irma.

First, the Doyle Family, a consistent partner with the Town, who provided materials for sandbags prior to the storm and is allowing the Pelican to be used as a staging/debris site post-Irma.

Second, Belleair Country Club, for feeding Town employees as the storm approached.

And third, Publix, for donating food and supplies to Town employees to help them to better weather the storm.

Respectfully,
Tom Kurey
Commissioner, Town of Belleair