

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

A public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Utility rates and fees was held Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring Florida. The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District immediately followed.

Present were:

Gary Behrendt
Tim McKenna
Bill Lawens

Chairman
Secretary
Asst. Secretary

Absent: Brian Acker, Asst. Secretary

Also, present were:

Bill Nielander
Clay Shrum
Diane Angell

District Attorney
Director of Operations
District Administrator

Absent: Joe DeCerbo, District Manager

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call and Pledge

Chairman Behrendt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Convene Public Hearing FY '20 Budget

Diane reported that she had certified the tax roll with the property appraiser's records. Taxable units were reduced 17 units in the General Fund and 12 units in Lot Mowing. This reduction was from lots being turned over to the county for non-payment. The final unit count for Fiscal Year 20 is 3,674. The assessment for fiscal year 2020 will be \$293.76 which is a \$0.15 increase over last year's assessment.

Diane said she added \$10,000 to renewal and replacement for Street Lights. The District street lights are older and parts may no longer be available in the future. Duke energy provided an estimate to the District for converting the existing lighting to LED that would increase the monthly street light costs \$6,000 per month. The Board directed staff to see about getting Duke Energy to come to a future Board meeting to address the concerns of the Street Lighting program.

Staff met with Florida Rural Water Association to conduct a rate study on Water and Wastewater Rates. Raising the base rate in the water billing from \$20.00 to \$22.00 per month will generate additional revenue to be put into renewal and replacement. Staff presented work

order history of services being provided at no additional costs. All miscellaneous fees will remain the same. The wastewater base rate will be raised from \$46.60 to \$74.60 to pay the debt service. A \$55,000 loan from the general fund will also help supplement the wastewater fund budget.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjourn Public Hearing

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Tim McKenna with all in favor to adjourn the public hearing and convene the regular Board meeting.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence

- A. August 20th, HCBOCC @ 9:00 a.m.
- B. August 21st, LMS @ 8:00 a.m.
- C. August 22nd – 24th, FASD Quarterly Meeting
- D. September 2nd, Labor Day, Office Closed
- E. September 3rd, HCBOCC @ 9:00 a.m.

Gary said that Phil Gentry left his business card at the front desk with Cindy this morning and said to tell Brian that he was not going to run for the Board position.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

- A. New Supervisor Oath of Office

Kay Gorham was sworn in as Board Supervisor to fill the term vacated by Leon Van.

- B. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor to name Tim McKenna Vice Chairman of the Board.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Tim McKenna with all in favor to name Kay Gorham Secretary of the Board.

- C. Resolution 2019-08 District Manager Vacation, Sick and Holiday Time

Bill Nielander asked if there was any further discussion. Bill Lawens said he was sorry that he was not at the last meeting. He heard one of our Board members wanted a maximum on the compensation and I think that is reasonable. As a point of reference, I went through past issues of the Breeze and so much has happened while Joe has been our Manager. Legislative appropriations for the sewer lines, the STA, and the pump station. SRF Loans for the sewer plant and STA and new improvements coming up for water projects. RPAC grants from the

County for the ECO Park, Pine Breeze Park and the Bark Park. Levy Certification that saved taxpayers potentially thousands of dollars in insurance. I would like a motion to limit the sick and vacation days to 1,000 hours maximum and would like the Chairman, Joe and Mr. Nielander get together to put together a new contract for the future. Tim McKenna said he didn't have any problem with it being unlimited as Joe has gone above and beyond expectations in making Spring Lake the great place it is to live. Bill Lawens said that Joe would be satisfied with the 1,000 hours.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Tim McKenna with all in favor to adopt Resolution 2019-08 as corrected to 1,000 hours maximum sick and vacation hours was approved.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from July 10, 2019 for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Tim McKenna, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the minutes from the July 10, 2019 Board Meeting were approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the July 2019 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Tim McKenna with all in favor the financials from June 2019 were approved.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

The District received a \$38,296 assessment deposit putting collections for the year at General Fund 87%, Lot Mowing 87%, and Village I Parks 94%.

B. Surplus Equipment

The District has a 2013 Hustler Zero Turn Mower that staff is no longer using and would like to take this equipment to the auction.

ON MOTION by Tim McKenna, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor to declare the 2013 Hustler Zero Turn Mower as surplus for auction.

C. Resolution 2019-09 Assessment Unit Definition

A resolution amending various line items in the FY 2019 Budget was presented to the Board for review.

ON MOTION by Tim McKenna, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor Resolution 2019-09 FY 2019 Budget Amendment was approved.

D. Resolution 2019-10 Guardian Resource Management

Diane reported that Corbett Alday with Guardian Resource Management has been the Districts Grant Manager for the last five years. He has been an invaluable asset to the District in providing grant management support. The District is able to piggyback off of another government contract and task orders were presented for water and wastewater grant management services.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Tim McKenna with all in favor Resolution 2019-10 Guardian Resource Management contract was approved.

E. SRF Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Loan

Diane reported that we are asking SRF to add funds and an amendment to the original SRF Loan. The amendment will be sent to the Board for approval.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Bill Lawens would like staff to follow up with setting up a meeting with Duke Energy to discuss the street lights.

Kay Gorham thanked the Board for having faith in her to serve.

Clay Shrum said that Mosquito control is a complaint driven program and asked residents to please call into the office to make complaints so that we can continue to spray for Mosquitos.

Clay said mowing season is in full swing and that the new Boom Mower should be in next week.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Resident Marianne Cecere said she is working with the Property Association and had three questions. Signature H, the Deer head that was chopped off by the Bark Park, and a picnic.

Gary Behrendt responded that he knows Signature H is a potential buyer for the golf course that hopes to close soon. The Deer head is an unfortunate event that we can't control. The District will do what they can to help with the picnic. We have helped in the past providing the use of the community center and garbage cans and picnic tables. Diane told Marianne to get with Cindy to secure a date for the Community Center.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by, Tim McKenna seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Gary Behrendt, Chairman

Kay Gorham, Secretary