

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Tim McKenna
Kay Gorham
Brian Acker

Chairman
Secretary
Asst. Secretary

Absent: Bill Lawens, Vice Chairman and Sue Dean, Asst. Secretary

Also present were:

Bill Nielander
Diane Angell
Clay Shrum
Israel Serrano
Randy Nelson

District Attorney
District Administrator
Director of Operations
Utility Superintendent
Drainage Superintendent

Absent: Joe DeCerbo, District Manager

Residents & Guests

“See Sign in Sheet”

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence

- A. August 3rd – 5th, FASD Quarterly Meeting, Port St. Lucie
- B. August 8th – 10th, FRWA Conference, Daytona Beach
- C. Spring Lake Festival, October 29th

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The Board received copies of the minutes from June 8, 2022, for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Kay Gorham, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor the minutes from June 8, 2022 were approved.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Financials

The Board received copies of the June 2022 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Brian Acker, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the financials from June 2022 were approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Treasurer Report

A. Update

The District received deposits of \$160,152 and \$10,170 from the tax certificate sale.

B. Current and Prior Year Tax Collections

Diane presented updated spreadsheets to the Board breaking down the Tax Collection deposits by Current, Prior Year, and Installment Payments. Brian Acker requested a copy of the excel spreadsheet and the contact information for the County Tax Collector’s Office.

C. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget 2nd Draft

Brian Acker said he had reviewed the county delinquent tax reports for Spring Lake properties. There are 280 accounts listed that amount to approximately 575 tax units, the majority of which are large land holders. He expressed his concern of not having enough unreserved funds in the general fund to cover delinquent taxes.

Brian Acker said the FRWA Rate study report said that with our existing rates we are not meeting recommended reserves. Instead of using surplus funds forward in the Water Fund budget the Board should look at implementing the recommended rates for FY 23 in the rate study report.

Brian Acker said that it made no sense to raise the rates in the Lot Mowing Budget if we would still have to use surplus funds to meet the budget. There are several operating expense line items that can be reduced to avoid having to use surplus funds.

Brian Acker said he would not be doing his job as a Board Member if he did not address his concerns on the 37% increase in the personnel budget. Diane stated that the proposed budget included rates from the five-year salary and administration program. There is also a new position budgeted in the water department. Brian said an additional employee would bring the staff total to 15. There are additional requirements when your employee count is 15. Diane said that she would research these additional requirements and that Joe would be able to address this at the August meeting.

Diane will prepare a final draft of the FY 23 budget for the August public hearing.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney

Nothing new to report.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Succession Planning

This item will be tabled until the September meeting.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisor Requests

Brian Acker thanked Joe for the latest edition of the Breeze. The articles on District Cybersecurity, how utility rates are established, Aquatic spraying, and the difference between the District and various organizations were very informative.

Tim McKenna said that the FASD conference was a big success, and he would urge incoming Board members to attend this very informative conference.

Tim would like to see the District establish a wellness program for the District employees. He would like to give a \$10 membership to Planet Fitness for each employee. He directed staff to get a consensus from the employees if this would be something they would be interested in.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

Ben Markham asked if the Board had any information on the status of the opening or closing of the Golf Course. The Board hadn't heard anything, and Tim said maybe Joe could provide an update on this at the next meeting.

Sandy Tyrell is having problems with people cutting the fence on her property. The District said they would fence off the levy and it hasn't been done. She requested permission to go onto the levy to repair her fence. The Board apologized and will look into this.

Phil Gentry said that the festival continues to grow and may be bigger than the Avon Park Blueberry festival. We have 53 vendors, 3 exhibitors, 5 food trucks, 4 sponsored donors, 8

developers and the Lorida Fire Department and Miss Highlands County Queens will be there to greet the guests.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday August 10, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

- Public Hearing FY 2023 Budget

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion to Adjourn

ON MOTION by Brian Acker seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Tim McKenna, Chairman

Kay Gorham, Secretary