

**APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association
Minutes of Board Meeting – November 10, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President John Murphy at 9 am. He called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. The secretary stated that she would be correcting the spelling of Don Munroe's name in the minutes and Joann Deibel stated that the correct number of members was 255. Motion made by Don Munroe to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

The treasurer then presented his report showing ending balances of \$30,635.00 for last month and \$30,376.00 as of this month with all due bills paid. He also mentioned that a total of \$315.00 had been moved to the Sea Turtle account since January of this year. Motion made to accept the report by Don Munroe; seconded by Jim Cummins; report accepted without objection.

VP Murphy reminded everyone of the meeting of the NWFTCA in Carrabelle on November 13 at the Senior Center at 5pm. It is anticipated that there will be more opportunity for input from the audience at this meeting. Anyone who can is encouraged to attend. Rob Hinchee composed a letter which after suggestions and edits will be presented at the meeting which will formally establish APTA's position on the proposed roadways. It basically reiterates that APTA would like the new bypass to intersect US 98 between the Franklin County end of the Ochlocknee Bridge and CR 370 and requests that any new development north of US 98 would use the new road for access to their property and not the current US 98. Motion made by Jim Cummins to issue letter as written; seconded by Sam Rogers; motion passed.

Beach Renourishment – Dick Waters

The County Commissioners decided to take the renourishment project to a referendum sometime in January or February. It will be a mail-out ballot. They have not announced as yet exactly who will be voting – property owners or registered voters. They will go ahead and send the project out for bid so that if the vote is in favor, there will not be additional delay. There was general discussion as to whether the delay for the vote would impact the cost (non-issue) and the number of companies to bid (3-4 in US qualified).

Communications – Ann Maruszak

At the last meeting, we discussed changing the newsletter format to make it less costly so that we could economically publish it without relying on advertising to defray publishing expenses. She and Beth worked on a format change that would reduce the printing costs by ½, cost approximately .58 - .75 cents postage each and is still very reader-friendly. We will try this new format for the upcoming issue and see how it goes. Due to the extra time she had spent on the format changes, Beth requested an additional \$50 (one time charge only) be added to her fee for this newsletter. Motion made by Don Munroe to approve the payment; seconded by Jim Cummins; motion passed.

Development – Allan Feifer

There was general discussion about the commissioners' responses to recommendations from P & Z and the BofA and about whether Hidden Harbor II is using the house they own on the beach as a club house. It was decided that Ken would alert Commissioner Sanders that we object to this usage and question its legality and tell her that APTA would be formally asking for a resolution to this issue in a letter to the County Commissioners. Motion made by Bob Deibel; seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed to ask Ken to talk to Cheryl Sanders and to follow up with a formal letter.

Membership/Beautification – Joann Deibel

She stated that our membership is currently 255. She also stated that since no one had come forward to claim the agave plants in the welcome garden, she would be taking them out.

Public Safety – John Murphy

The annual meeting for the Fire Department will be held on December 1 at 10am. He still has a good supply of decals and requests continue to come in. There was a question regarding the road construction timetable. The timetable is still uncertain as is the scope of the project; supposedly the funds have been released and they are awaiting the final surveys. Where the project starts will be determined by the contractor.

There was general discussion about the happenings at the last county commission meeting including: uses of the contingency fund, the amount of the reserves and contingencies carried over in the budget, anticipation of further reduction in millage rate and spending, decline of appraisal values and the hospital/budget issues.

Motion made by Don Munroe to adjourn; seconded by Camilla Godfrey; motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Ken Osborne, Eddie Sosebee, Greg Suber