

**APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association
Minutes of Board Meeting – February 9, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Osborne at 9:00am. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. There were none and the motion was made by Bob Deibel to approve the minutes as presented; second made by Don Munroe; motion passed.

The treasurer's report was presented by Bill Kimbrough. There was an ending balance of \$28,931; a CD balance of \$10,926.92. Motion made by Don Munroe to approve; second by Bob Deibel; motion passed and the treasurer's report was approved. Bill also mentioned that he had paid a fee of \$61.25 for the annual filing of a report with the state regarding our status as an organization. He reported that we had received interest income of \$544.54 during 2007. He also reported that we paid \$400 to the church for the past 6 months for use of the facilities. Normally, we pay them \$300 for 6 months but we had several extra meetings during this period.

Membership/Beautification – Joann Deibel

The county will not set up a regular schedule for the grapple truck so she will continue to call on an "As Needed" basis. She plans to send out 700+ cards for the membership drive. We are actively trying to both recruit new members and keep the ones we have.

Public Safety – John Murphy

John apologized for the last minute change for the fire department meeting with Alan Pierce regarding the road relocation. The fire department and the county could not work out an agreement which was satisfactory to both entities on routing the road behind the fire station so as it now stands, the road will be routed onto Harry Morrison Road to Alligator Drive.

Communications – Ken Osborne

Ken reported in Ann Maruszak's absence. The lap top was repaired under warranty and returned; the web site has had over 50,000 hits; the postings on the beach renourishment project received 144 hits in 2 days. Ann also posted a new critical events schedule for the BR project.

Development – John Murphy/Ken Osborne

John reported that P&Z was very quiet the past month. Ken reported for Joe Hambrose on BoA items: a lift station was denied in East Point; disapproved a septic system going 10 feet into the critical habitat on St. George; Joe also asked Ken to mention that the county attorney had told the BoA members that retroactive BoA approvals would be highly unlikely to be granted (i.e. forgiveness vs permission).

Beach Renourishment – Dick Waters

The commissioners agreed to remove the gap residents from the sand placement portion. Those residents will pay only the security assessment – the same as those west of the water tower. There are maps posted in Paul Parker's office (Harbor Point Realty)

showing the scope of the project. There will be one vote per parcel – i.e. each assessment will have one vote. Each mailer will show the assessment amount for both the 8 year total and the yearly amount. The vote will be non-binding on the commissioners.

Dick and Ken reported that we can't defend against misinformation and innuendo which has run rampant around this project. All we can do is answer questions to the best of our ability based on the information we have. As of the time of this meeting, the last information we have from the county is that the dollar amount for each parcel is still to be determined; there will be \$25,000 per year put into the fund from the Tourist Development Council (TDC) and also a one time infusion of \$250,000 from the Bald Point Trust Fund. Ken continues at every opportunity to ask for additional funding from various sources. There is still the possibility for utilization of tax increment financing which could be a significant factor.

The question was raised as to who would be the person who could answer questions which arise when the ballots are received. It was also brought up that as an organization, at this point we need to change from an advocacy position to an informational position in order to keep the community informed but some people may feel that we have a hidden agenda. In that case, will the community trust what we say? The go-to person should be someone other than an APTA contact—probably Alan Pierce since he would certainly be privy to the latest information.

General discussion and questions raised from the audience: if passed when will project start – scheduled for May; how many public access points w/parking and restrooms – total of 2 – one to right of old Point Lounge property and one at Harbor Circle and Alligator Drive. There was also discussion of parcels and plats (recorded and unrecorded) and what assessments and votes would be associated with each.

Motion made to adjourn by Bill Kimbrough; second by John Murphy; motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Eddie Sosebee, Jim Cummins, Joe Hambrose, Rob Hinchee, Ann Maruszak, Sam Rogers