

APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association
Minutes of Board Meeting – June 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Osborne at 9am. He called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. There were none. Motion made by Jim Cummins to accept the minutes as presented; second made by Sam Rogers and the motion passed.

He then asked for the treasurer's report. Our ending balance for the month was \$34,062.60. Details were covered in the report emailed to board members. The treasurer reported that he was going to wait until October to add money to our existing CD so that hopefully the interest rates might be a little higher. Motion made by Frank Gibson to approve; seconded by Bob Deibel; motion passed.

Road/Beach – Ken Osborne

DEP is moving to remove emergency revetments in Walton County. DEP is refusing to permit any seawall construction at Alligator Point for houses built since 1984 unless adjacent property has revetments, then the property owner will be allowed to add their section of seawall. The contract for the road repaving is set to be approved on June 17 commission meeting. The contractor then has 180 days for completion. CW Roberts (contractor) estimates 3-4 months for completion. The county engineer has walked the road and will work with CWR to ensure a proper job. CWR has agreed to begin paving at Phipps Preserve.

Development – Allan Feifer

The water department is considering building a new office and shop. The movement of the water line has still not been resolved. The 10" line through South Shoals is still not being utilized due to many outstanding issues. There is a possible agreement with FEMA to move water line to Harbor Circle. There was a question as to the identity of "Secon Village" – which is Steve Fling's company controlling the 4 commercial lots. The entire South Shoals project will have to be reconfigured for septic systems since the advanced wastewater treatment plant is not going to happen.

Communications – Ann Maruszak

Jim Cummins has scanned all the past newsletters and created a pdf CD with an index so that any items of interest can be easily found. It was mentioned that we might be able to sell copies of this CD as a fundraising project. Jim Cummins also made a motion to restrict access to the minutes on the web page to members only by use of a password; seconded by Rob Hinchee; motion passed.

Membership/Beautification – Joann Deibel

We have 192 members as of this meeting. The group expressed thanks to Joann for the excellent job she and Bob do on the welcome garden. She also mentioned that there is a tentative schedule set for the grapple truck for the first two days of the first full week of each month.

Public Safety – John Murphy

The existing regulations concerning turtles are not being replaced with all new regulations. What they are proposing is adding new regulations or new options as concerns lighting. This will not just affect houses located on the beach. It will include any house that can be seen from the beach. There should be more workshops before final decision is made. We will have further discussion concerning whether or not APTA will take a formal position on the proposed changes to the turtle ordinance and what our position will be at the July meeting.

President Osborne then announced that Don Munroe had agreed to chair the nominating committee for the next slate of officers/board members. He asked for volunteers to assist Don and the following members volunteered: Sam Rogers, Joann Deibel, Ann Maruszak and John Murphy. They will present a proposed slate at the July meeting.

General discussion then followed concerning the recent developments in the Summer Camp project. Modular homes have been moved onto the property and there has been a lot of discussion about whether or not these meet the PUD requirements. Motion was made by Sam Rogers that our position be to hold them to the original intent of the PUD; seconded by Eddie Sosebee; motion passed.

Several items were then brought up for discussion and consideration: could we have an agreement of mutual aid with Wakulla County for ambulance service; over 100 Alligator Point properties were involved in the tax certificate sale; county discussing a county-wide ordinance for golf cart operations; status of beach walkover construction; consideration of paying expenses for members to attend meetings in Apalachicola, if so at what rate, to be discussed at next meeting; no fireworks to be sponsored by fire department this year but possibility that marina will have some.

Motion made by Sam Rogers to adjourn; seconded by Bob Deibel; motion passed and we were adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Joe Hambrose, Dick Waters