

APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association
Minutes of Board Meeting – December 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Osborne at 9 am. He called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. There were none. Motion made to accept the minutes by Bob Deibel; seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed.

Due to a transposition of numbers in the September and October treasurer's report, Bill Kimbrough had sent out corrected reports for the months of September and October as well as the report for November. All figures shown are now correct and the current balance is \$30,247. Motion made to accept the corrections to the September and October reports and to approve the November report by Jim Cummins; seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed.

Beach Renourishment/Road – Dick Waters

Bids for the renourishment project are scheduled to be opened on January 15, 2008. There will be a public hearing on January 22 to determine a contractor and to settle on the contribution the county will be making to the project. The voting is still scheduled for sometime in February. As regards the road, the final engineering phase has been started but the length of the project is still uncertain.

Ken Osborne reported that Alan Pierce had responded to urging from the commissioners to get the road started. He is reluctant to start until the beach renourishment project is decided. He can't get funding for resurfacing the road in front of South Shoals until it is known whether it will be moved to the back which is what is planned if the beach renourishment project goes through. Our main water line is still located along the front and is still vulnerable to storms. The AP Water Dept. has put in valves so that the water can be shut off in the event of a break. Currently the vote has been set for 2/19/08 on the renourishment. The ballots will have the assessment amount for the parcel printed on them. At present, the vote is scheduled to be a freeholder election, i.e. not registered voters but the property owners who will be assessed. Ken is trying to obtain a corrected listing of the actual parcel owners. In general discussion, it was noted that the fire department has not been approached by the county for the road rerouting. It was also mentioned that there may be elevation issues with the new road which may cause ponding during storms. The question came up whether it was known how the investment pool problems would impact Franklin County's money – no one had an answer.

Development – Jim Cummins

Jim and Betty Cummins have received the necessary permits to begin construction on their house. There was nothing to report on Board of Adjustment issues by Joe Hambrose and nothing on P & Z by John Murphy.

Communications – Ann Maruszak

The first newsletter in the new format with no ads has been published. There was general discussion of costs and pros and cons of using the web site as our only means of communication with members; a brief report on past newsletter costs; possibility of

polling members to see if they wanted to continue or eliminate the newsletter. Bill Kimbrough made a motion to continue to publish in the new format; seconded by Jim Cummins; motion passed.

Membership/Beautification – Joann Deibel

Our total membership has remained the same with no new members since last report. We will send out renewal notices after the Jan. 12 board meeting. It was requested that the board members go ahead and pay their dues without waiting for their renewal notice. Joann has removed the unwanted plants from the welcome garden. Joann also read a card which was received honoring Liz Hurley.

Public Safety – John Murphy

The fire department annual meeting was held on December 1. The following officers were elected: John Murphy, President; Kevin Griffin, Vice President; Paul Parker, Treasurer; Alecia McCallister, Secretary and Jeff Little is our new Chief. We are still in dire straits as a community due to lack of volunteers available for our fire department.

After the committee reports, President Osborne reported that we are scheduled to have someone at the next meeting to discuss the transportation corridor. He requested volunteers to work as a Transportation Committee. Rob Hinchee will chair and Jim Cummins and Ann Maruszak will work with him.

John Murphy brought up that at our last meeting, it was voted that APTA would formally voice objection to Hidden Harbor's usage of the house they own as a beach club both verbally and in letter form. The house is not being used as a residence but as a club house for the residents of the development for swimming, beach access and as a meeting place for parties, etc. John asked that that previous motion be put on hold until precedents have been researched, zoning has been clarified, and until the beach renourishment has been settled. Motion was made by John Murphy to postpone the action previously voted upon; seconded by Rob Hinchee; in discussion prior to the vote, it was mentioned that we are not dropping our objections, simply postponing our actions. Pres. Osborne called for a vote: 6 in favor; 2 opposed; motion passed.

Jim Cummins made motion to adjourn; seconded by Bob Deibel; and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Sosebee, Munroe, Rogers and Suber