



APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting – March 11, 2006

President Ken Osborne called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. President Osborne called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting as transmitted by e-mail; motion made and seconded to accept the minutes; motion passed. The Financial report was given by the Treasurer and indicated that total assets are \$25,488.72. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made and seconded; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Beach Renourishment & Road Protection (Dick Waters)

Preliminary design work is being done and will be presented at the April APTA meeting. A FEMA berm is being proposed for the unmoved road section as a temporary measure. It is not clear how much protection this would offer.

Development Committee (Joe Hambrose [BoA], Allan Feifer, John Murphy [P&Z])

The Board of Adjustment considered two variances, one of them was denied. These will go before the County Commissioners at their next meeting.

P&Z approved the final plat of Hidden Harbor II.

Communication Committee (Ann Maruszak)

The Newsletter is due to come out soon, so anyone with articles should send them in. Minutes from the NWFTCA are linked on the website but do not reflect the comments of Cheryl Sanders concerning avoiding connecting any bypass road to Hwy 370 (Alligator Dr).

Membership (Joanne Deibel)

Approximately 137 paid members to date. Munroe moved to send out postcards reminding people to renew their membership; Feifer second, motion passed.

Beautification (Joanne Deibel)

President Osborne expressed dismay that there is so much graffiti on the rocks along Alligator Dr. There was discussion of this topic.

Public Safety & Fire Department (John Murphy)

No reports.

Water Department (Tom Vanderplaats)

The contract has been let for installing upgraded water lines. Bids are being accepted for the replacement wells. There is a great deal of concern with possible lack of water during the summer and alternatives are being explored to get the replacement 10" water main installed.



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President Osborne reported on the previous Commissioners' Meeting and the Comp. Plan hearing. The hearing on *Ashlee vs. CDA & Franklin County* was completed. The lawyers on each side have 20 days to submit summaries and then the Judge has 90 days to complete his ruling. Hospital costs dominated the Commissioners' Meeting; the county is paying outstanding debts and past expenses.

Presentation by Lynn Tipton of the Florida League of Cities (Summary)

- A city is not: townships, counties, school districts, special districts
- A municipality is any incorporated city, town, village or other local government.
- A city does **NOT** replace county or any other government but is in addition.
- Cities are within counties; residents of a city will *always* be residents of a county.
- Cities are formed by a special act of the Legislature, which has always deferred to the local delegation and, essentially, requires their agreement and support. In addition the local community must vote to approve incorporation, i.e., voting residents of the area affected.

At the conclusion of Ms Tipton's presentation and after questions, several topics were brought up.

- Question of why Tom Roberts Rd has been blocked? Steve Fling answered that it was a safety issue during the construction phase of South Shoals.
- Question of what permits are still needed to do water lines since county had already issued one? Fling answered that DEP permits were needed for work seaward of the CCCL.
- Question why we can't get service from GTcom? No answer but several people related stories of lack or poor service since Hurricane Dennis.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R Cummins, Sec.

Members absent: Blackmon, Mensching