

APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – October 14, 2006

President Ken Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00am at Mission by the Sea Church. A quorum was present. Additions or corrections to the minutes of the September meeting were called for. Motion to accept the minutes of the General Meeting made by Munroe and seconded by Waters; motion passed. Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting made by Houston and seconded by Munroe; motion passed. Treasurer Bill Kimbrough referred to the Treasurer's report which he had e-mailed to the officers and board members for details of the month's activity. He stated the ending balance was \$16,766.79 and the total assets were \$26,978.48. He added that he had \$125 for the turtle account and that the turtle fund had a balance of \$549.47. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Hambrose, seconded by Osborne; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Beach Renourishment & Road Protection (Dick Waters)

Per Mike Dombrowski permit request was submitted 30 days ago and next step was request for additional info from DEP. Government consulting group has all info they need from DEP and Dombrowski, status unknown. At present, state will pay about 47% of project. For Option Four, we are looking at a project of about \$8.7 million, with \$1 million already received from the state which comes off the top with the state paying for approx. half of the balance but until all studies are complete, total cost is unknown.

Cheryl Sanders reports that four road projects are in the works –large hole at Bald Point Road, Clemens Street to Tom Roberts Rd., Chip Morrison and the bad section near Joe Hambrose. She is working to ensure continuity on Beach Renourishment project with prospect of new people in government.

Development Committee (Joe Hambrose)

Before report, President Osborne stated that Joe Hambrose who has so ably handled this committee for some years has requested that a replacement be found because he is serving on the Board of Adjustment. Allan Feifer has worked with Joe and will continue on Committee but we need a new Chairman. Position requires frequent attendance (at least 50%) at Commission, BofA, and P&Z meetings to stay up on projects. He asked for volunteers to share these duties. Allan Feifer reported that the South Shoal Village situation has deteriorated. Several issues are involved, some county, some investors, some bank. Allan stated that serious questions are coming up about PUDs in general - density/benefits to community are sometime affected by time with project not ending up as originally anticipated, growth of PUDs with non-contiguous land. Many issues are unanswered and should be watched diligently.

Communications Committee (Ann Maruszak)

Ann thanked everyone for their hard work on getting out the newsletter. She questioned whether the complete financial report should be published on the website like the minutes. Needs to be carefully thought out – question tabled until next meeting. She continues to research electronic communication tools. She thanked those contributing questions to the candidates.

Membership Committee (JoAnn Diebel)

JoAnn requested permission to send membership renewal notices in post card form rather than placing form in newsletter. Authorization for these expenditures made by President Osborne.

Public Safety (John Waters)

Nothing of interest to report re public safety and P&Z only had a couple of dock requests from Alligator Point. John mentioned that if you have a request to the P&Z Committee, you need to be present at the meeting or the request will be tabled.

President Osborne noted that we would have a presentation at 10:30 after our next meeting by the Division of Forestry in conjunction with a group regarding making our community “Firewise”.

Beautification (JoAnn Diebel)

Welcome garden under control. County has been very responsive to her requests for clean up. No longer have a schedule for the grapple truck – now work on as-needed basis.

President Osborne asked for approval from the board for renewal of the Errors/Omissions insurance in the amount of \$1350. Motion made by Munroe, seconded by Parker to renew insurance; motion passed.

Treasurer Kimbrough asked Cheryl if the county would pay for the street light. She said to make a request and it would be considered.

President Osborne brought up issue of the status of the Comp Plan. Several subcommittees have been formed for input into the plan. They are Seafood Industry and Working Waterfronts (Westi Jo deHaven is on this one); Public Participation and Improved Planning; and Balanced Growth and Effective Enforcement. Westi Jo will be reporting to the Board on progress/status of subcommittees. General discussion of APTA’s participation/position regarding comp plan issues. Ken requested volunteers to attend these meetings as individuals with the official APTA position as published in

November of 2003 as a guide. Don Ashley stated that he understood that there would be two opportunities to make changes to the Comp Plan in the next year – January and June. Subcommittees working on simpler issues would be able to submit them in January and more complex issues could be presented in June.

President Osborne mentioned that the Water District expansion failed by a 23-20 vote. Consensus of the members present that we as a group express to the Water Board and its management our sincere appreciation for the job they do and the services they render. Motion discussed to offer an official vote of confidence by APTA in support of the Water Board. Motion made by Don Munroe; seconded by Frank Gibson; motion passed by unanimous vote.

Turtle report requested. No one present to give report. Request made to have a report at next meeting which will include accounting of turtle fund monies.

Paul Parker gave update on TDC. There will be a beach cleanup crew sponsored by TDC. They will place garbage cans at access areas and will have a regular routine for beach cleanup.

Allan Feifer reported that there will be an organizational meeting of the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County, Inc. at the St. George Island Fire House on Sunday October 15 at 1:30. Interested parties can contact him for more information.

Motion made to adjourn by Don Munroe, seconded by Joe Hambrose; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Mensching, Suber