

APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – December 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Osborne at 9 am. He announced that in order to accommodate a previous engagement by Dick Waters, he was changing the agenda order to allow him time to present his report.

Beach Renourishment (Dick Waters)

The funding process for the beach renourishment is date driven, i.e. January 1 and July 1 of each year. Certain things must be done by certain dates in order for the process to move forward. MSBU funding must be done with an ordinance in place six months prior to the start date. The ordinance is non-binding and can be revoked by the commissioners and the numbers can be changed. The other two financing possibilities are MSTU which does not require a referendum and the other was incremental financing. Neither of these methods have the same deadline requirements as a MSBU but they in fact take about the same amount of time.

This is a constantly changing process and will go on for quite some time. The consultants' recent presentation was flawed. It has been based on some incomplete and incorrect information. Ken Osborne, Greg Suber and Dick Waters met with the consultants in Tallahassee on 12/6 along with Alan Pierce and the county attorney, Mr. Shuler. The consultants did not know anything about the state park people contributing any money nor did they know this project was designed for road protection and not just for beach restoration. It is being refigured and will be presented at the 12/19 meeting with corrected numbers with 50% of the cost being assigned to road protection. There will be many more meetings, public hearings, etc. before anything is done. The total number of involved properties is unknown.

There was other general discussion and opinions of various scenarios and options. The meeting on 12/19/06 at 5:00 is scheduled to cover a wide variety of topics including the beach renourishment project and the comp plan and is expected to be lengthy.

Ken reported on road repair and referred to Item 7 in Alan Pierce's report to the Commissioners. The item addressed the DEP warning to the county about the road. The county is trying to comply with FEMA funding requirements and DEP permitting requirements which on the issue of protecting the new road are in direct conflict with each other. A compromise was reached among the parties wherein the county will apply for an after-the-fact permit seaward of the CCL for the reconstruction of the road and the county will apply for a permit for vertical sheet pile to protect the road that is being built. Until the vertical sheet pile permit is approved, the DEP is aware that the county will temporarily place rocks along the shore to protect the new road. The county is not moving any more rocks into the Point but is relocating some of the existing rocks and removing some of the rubble. Work on the beach renourishment permit is ongoing and it is possible that the beach renourishment permit will be issued before the vertical sheet

pile permit is issued. It is therefore possible that the vertical sheet pile installation will never occur because the beach renourishment will happen first. APTA is on record as opposing sheet pile in the past and that was the origin of our original efforts to obtain beach renourishment.

Ken then discussed a letter he received from Alan Pierce in which the commissioners objected to Ann Maruszak, on behalf of APTA, speaking in support of Don Ashley's case before the 12/5/06 meeting of the Governor and Cabinet on the Comp Plan. Since it is imperative that APTA have the support of all of the commissioners on the beach renourishment project, Ken read a draft of his response explaining the fact that Ann's comments were based on a misunderstanding of confusing questions and statements posed to Ann by Ken. He reiterated that APTA has no reason to endorse the DCA conclusions since we are already considered a high-hazard zone and the other issues are not a priority for our community. APTA is concerned about any action concerning the St. James overlay since we are the community directly impacted. Based on past history we are opposed to both Mr. Ashley and St. Joe's position on the overlay. He apologized for any confusing statements which he had made which led to APTA being interjected into this process. Motion made by Don Munroe approving sending the letter; seconded by Ben Houston; motion passed.

President Osborne then returned to the regular meeting agenda order. The November minutes were approved after a motion made by Don Munroe and seconded by Joe Hambrose. The Treasurers report was given with the notation that the county will be taking over the payment for the street light. The total assets were given as \$24,788. Motion made to approve by Ben Houston; seconded by Paul Parker; motion passed.

Donna Decker gave a Sea Turtle report. Account balance is \$684.47. Only one nest for the season but all the hatchlings (74) from the nest made it. There were 5 false crawls.

Membership and Beautification (Joann Deibel)

They sent out 1168 post cards for membership renewals. She asked that you notify her if you notice piles of debris on the road and she will call for the county truck.

Communications Committee (Ann Maruszak)

Articles are due for the next issue of the newsletter. It was decided that the publication will be delayed until January so that the upcoming meetings can be reported upon.

Public Safety Committee (John Murphy)

Nothing concerning Alligator Point is coming up before P&Z. He also still has plenty of decals available.

After other general discussion, motion made by Don Munroe to dismiss; seconded by Ben Houston; motion passed and we were dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Note: All board members were present for this meeting.