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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 12, 2021**

The Trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) – Browning Center, Room 3 at 6:00 PM.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Brad Wester – Chairman  
Al Hollon – Vice Chairman  
Gary Jurenovich - Treasurer  
John Cellucci  
Holly Kartsonis  
Mack McCuller  
Kitty Switkes

Wayne Flowers – Attorney

Chairman Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE, ORDER, CONDUCT AND CIVILITY**

Chairman Wester said that everyone knows of the statement of public notice, order, conduct and civility and asked all Trustees to maintain that.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees meeting minutes from July 12<sup>th</sup> were discussed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Miller 2412 Brittany Place (Latrium) – Mr. Miller presented to the Board a plan for a golf cart community which is to have a golf cart path from Latrium to Corona Road. Chairman Wester reported that we will discuss this report at the next Board meeting.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - CHAIRMAN WESTER**  
**BEACH ACCESS / FEMA & ACOE UPDATE**

Chairman Wester reported that there was a lot of trash due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and asked Trustees if they see an overflow of trash at beach accesses to text him and he will contact the County. The FEMA project was approved, and they will use Micklers and utilizing an additional sand dump at 725 Ponte Vedra Blvd. The project has been pushed back to November after turtle and hurricane season and will be during November and February.

The Army Corp will be having a public Zoom call on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> which the Corp is required

to have. Chairman Wester reported that he will be on that call. He reiterated that the MSD has taken the position to oppose the public purchase of private parking, bus and trolley service and parking on the roadways and believes they can get funding from the Corp. without a generational change to Ponte Vedra Beach.

Trustee Switkes asked if there is an update regarding the beach access at the county line. Chairman Wester reported that it is still in private ownership, and he contacted Drew Frick, President of Gate Lands to get him together with Laurie Ford at the County who deals with real estate. Deputy Tedder reported to me that there is an abundance of golf carts that are parking at this access. The Club does want to proceed, and it will take a survey and quick claim deed.

Treasurer Jurenovich asked if anyone can join the Zoom call and Chairman Wester reported you can but as Trustees we need to sit and listen due to the Sunshine Law. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we need to have a community meeting about the parking sooner than later. Chairman Wester reported that there was a meeting, and the County knows our position and discussed our letter at the meeting. The letter we sent to the County is the MSD's official position. Chairman Wester reported that we will host a meeting to discuss the Corps of Engineers and the next steps. Treasurer Jurenovich asked why the County held the FEMA meeting the night before the Commissioners vote when they had all the information. Chairman Wester reported that the County admitted that they dropped the ball on the communication. Trustee Kartsonis thinks that we should simplify the message on the website as there is a lot of information.

#### **REPUBLIC – VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLON**

Vice Chairman Hollon reported that Republic is having problems with yard waste collections due to not having enough employees even though they are offering signing bonuses. He reported that they will stay on top of residential trash and recycling. Trustee Switkes asked what we can do to make the community look better. There was discussion about bringing in an outside contractor to pick up the trash and dump it somewhere and have Republic pick it up. Attorney Flowers reported that you do not want to jeopardize the counties contract. Trustee Switkes reported that we need a plan if this continues or if we have a hurricane. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that if we start picking up the trash, we would be supplementing a county service and once you start this you will have to maintain it. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that he had two estimates during Hurricane Frances, and it was \$75,000. There was discussion about the yard trash ordinance and Trustee Switkes reported that once Republic gets caught up, we need to let our residents know that they cannot put bagged yard trash out on the curb until the night before.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

##### **TREASURER JURENOVICH - SHERIFF / NEWSLETTER**

Treasurer Jurenovich reported he e-mailed out the financials and there is nothing out of the ordinary. He reported that he received Trustee Kartsonis' e-mail regarding beautification and domain. Trustee Kartsonis had a question as to what is in landscaping budget and beautification budget. Trustee Switkes reported that she makes the call as to what is coded in each account. Chairman Wester asked if there were any questions on the Treasurers Report. There were none and a motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded and unanimously carried. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he e-mailed the Sheriff's statistics that he received from Deputy Tedder. There was discussion about the No Outlet signs and Address by Distinction does not make the attached No Outlet sign anymore. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we can now store the MSD file cabinet at the ATP Tour. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we still have the MSD landline and still need to get an MSD cellphone. When you get a single cellphone, it must be listed in someone's personal name, and you are responsible for phone. There was discussion about getting a burner phone or a prepaid phone that has voicemail. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he provided everyone with an audit report. There was discussion about the internal controls and how the auditors want us to hire an administrator as another layer of security. Attorney Flowers reported that we have address this before with a letter and this is common critique on small boards. There was discussion

about the records request.

### **CTTF / SIDEWALK - TRUSTEE CELLUCCI**

Trustee Cellucci reported that the CTTF meeting today was basically Greg Caldwell and Dwayne Kent talking about the traffic signal at Micklers. Regarding the sidewalks, there is nothing new on the San Juan sidewalk. Chairman Wester reported that he spoke with the County Engineer and the County Commissioner to help us find the funding for the missing link on the Ponte Vedra Blvd sidewalk. There is 3,000 feet and the County Commissioner asked me to send him an e-mail, (which was done) and he said he will get it taken care of. The budget estimate involves survey, permit, design, and utility movement for \$75 a linear foot. We are likely going to have to move the fence, re slope some of the dune and there will be a 2–3-foot buffer. Trustee Cellucci asked if the County is going to pay for this and Chairman Wester reported that the MSD is going to pay for a portion and the County is going to pay the majority. There was discussion about the current percentage distribution that has been used in the past. Chairman Wester said we are not going to use that anymore. Trustee Switkes reported that she agrees with Chairman Wester that we have been talking about this for five years and he is getting money from the residents. There was discussion about the money contributing and Chairman Wester reported that we should not be arguing about this, or we will derail the project and maybe we should be resetting the precedent moving forward. Trustee Cellucci reported that he is not arguing about the sidewalk but just the deviation of the change of funds. Trustee McCuller reported that he does not think the San Juan residents should pay for a sidewalk when it is a safety issue. The Club wants a multiuse lane from the edge of pavement to the fence and county traffic said it cannot work. Chairman Wester reported that we are chipping away at a sidewalk that we can fund, and the county can fund too. We can vote on this to reappropriate the funds and Chairman Wester reported that the residents will contribute. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that the budget number is high and asked if the sidewalk was going to go to the County line so we can pull the No Parking Signs. Chairman Wester reported that he does not have final numbers but sent an e-mail to the County documenting our position and that we have funds available at the request of Commissioner Blocker. Treasurer Jurenovich asked why the fence must be moved. Chairman Wester reported because you need space from the sidewalk to a structure that is over 30 inches high and have been told there needs to be at least a foot separation. The fence is on County right of way and the Club put it there, but it is likely that it will have to be moved a foot or so. Treasurer Jurenovich asked if Dale Haney is okay with this, and Chairman Wester reported he said bring back a concept and he is okay with it.

Trustee Switkes reported that she has received a lot of positive feedback on the flags and the people in the 800, 900 and 1000 block want it further down the Boulevard. Trustee Cellucci reported that they can contribute to Patriotic Ponte Vedra, PO Box 242, Ponte Vedra Beach, 32004.

Chairman Wester reported that he took a hard stand on the parking ordinance on the Boulevard and took a personal attack. He reported that there is a draft of the sign language, and it is at the County waiting for approval. Trustee Switkes asked if the sign must be as big as the one there now. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that the sign must be big enough that it can be seen. Chairman Wester is hoping that the sign will have the ordinance and then a link to our website so that you can see the ordinance

### **BEACHES ENERGY / WEBSITE - TRUSTEE KARTSONIS**

Trustee Kartsonis reported that the vendor has completed the work on the three new lights and is working with Beaches Energy and the lights should be installed in the next couple of weeks. She reported that she has received a request for three more lights south to be installed and asked the Trustees to look. There was discussion about overgrown vegetation in the right of way around streetlights and Beaches Energy reported that it is not their responsibility and they do not maintain anything in the right of way. Trustee Switkes reported that it is the homeowner's responsibility as they are the ones who planted. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that sending a nice letter to the homeowner asking them to act or the County will come and correct the issue. Trustee Kartsonis said

most are palm fronds. Trustee Switkes asked how many lights are affected and she reported five. Trustee Switkes asked for addresses and reported that she will have the landscaper correct the problem. Trustee Kartsonis reported that she is keeping the website up to date with current information.

### **ROAD AND BRIDGE / STREET SIGNS- TRUSTEE MCCULLER**

Trustee McCuller reported there was sign knocked down on Miranda and while investigating this he noticed that there are six additional signs and or poles that need to be replaced. He reported that he has money in the budget and would like to order them. These are signs around the Club where the signs are on temporary poles, and this would beautify the area. Trustee Switkes asked how much a pole cost and Trustee McCuller reported \$700. Vice Chairman suggested getting five now and when you order them see if they will give you a break on the sixth. A motion was made to authorize Trustee McCuller to spend \$3,500 for the sign poles, it was seconded and unanimously carried. Trustee Switkes reported that we will also have to pay labor.

Trustee Kartsonis reported that she noticed there is not a curb and drain on Solana Road east of the Church and asked if we could have them installed as it is unsightly. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that the curb on Solana was installed when they did the storm water project and rebuilt the road. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that the curb you see on Solana was installed by the homeowner himself and we have discussed this with the homeowner to the east of him how to remedy the standing water. Trustee Kartsonis reported that her request is that we put a curb going to Ponte Vedra Blvd. Chairman Wester reported that this is not as easy as you think as they would have to rebuild the road and crown it and suggested that this be discussed at next month's meeting in the matter of time.

### **JEA / LANDSCAPE - TRUSTEE SWITKES**

Trustee Switkes reported that A1A and Corona was completed, and she was underbudget. JEA has installed 4,670 linear feet of the 12-inch pipe and the pipe has been flushed, chlorinated and pressure tested. There is 3,190 linear feet to still be installed. She reported the JEA bill was good.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT – ATTORNEY FLOWERS**

Attorney Flowers reported he has nothing new to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS AND KEY DATES**

#### **PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION 2021-2022 – TREASURER JURENOVICH**

Treasurer Jurenovich reviewed the report he e-mailed and handed out with different millage rates. He reported that tonight we do have to vote on the millage rate and remember whatever we vote on can always be lowered but cannot be increased.

Chairman Wester reported that he would like to discuss the Sherriff's contract. He met with Director Beaver and Captain Edenfield, and we pay \$335,920 annual now and reported that their actual costs are \$535,235. Chairman Wester reported that he would like to meet them halfway with an annual cost \$435,000 with stickers on the cars. Treasurer Jurenovich asked him what you got out of them for accountability. Chairman Wester reported that we are not going to put accountability in the contract, and it will be an unwritten rule. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that is what we have now and there is not any accountability. Chairman Wester reported that there are other ways to get accountability then going to their office to get GPS of the deputies. Treasurer Jurenovich asked how, and Chairman Wester suggested having a different assignment from a Board member to be the liaison with the Sheriff's office and to start a new phase for the Board. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he takes that personally as he wants accountability for our residents and will not roll over. Chairman Wester reported what is your suggestion for accountability. Treasurer Jurenovich reported Smart Cop is the only way and when Director Beaver was at our last meeting, he did not even know the MSD Deputies names. Chairman Wester reported that the line of communication is that they feel that they are abusing the contract. Trustee Cellucci reported that this is a 30% increase and why

can't they be held to the contract. Chairman Wester reported that he thinks a new person needs to be assigned as the liaison with the Sherriff as there has been some friction. Trustee Cellucci reported that any negotiations of a contract there is friction. Treasurer Jurenovich reported he does not want to lose the Sherriff, but just wants accountability. Trustee McCuller suggested that in the contract they provide us a monthly report with the number of minutes they are in the district. Trustee Switkes asked if the contract will be three years. Treasurer Jurenovich reported most likely yes with an increase every year like in prior years. Chairman Wester reported that he will work on the accountability clause and will bring it back to the Board next month. Trustee Cellucci asked Chairman Wester who will replace Treasurer Jurenovich. Chairman Wester reported he does not know at this time. A motion was made authorizing Chairman Wester to negotiate the contract with the Sheriff for \$435,000 with an accountability clause. It was seconded and the vote was 6-1 in favor with Trustee Kartsonis voting no.

A motion was made to leave the millage rate at .375. It was seconded and unanimously carried. Trustee McCuller suggested that we provide different millage rates for the final vote. Trustee Kartsonis asked if we could raise streetlights to \$45,000 in case, we install new lights.

Attorney Flowers reported that you will need to vote on a draft budget next month so that it can be on the website before the first budget meeting.

Trustee Kartsonis asked if we could revisit the light and noise ordinance at next month's meeting.

Secretary Jurenovich reported that we will be meeting at the library for the remainder of the year and year 2022.

#### **SHERIFF CONTRACT – CHAIRMAN WESTER**

This was discussed earlier.

#### **DOUBLE YELLOW LINE – TRUSTEE KARTSONIS**

Will be discussed at next month's meeting due to time.

#### **COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Commissioners Meeting are July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **NEXT MSD MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT THE PONTE VEDRA BEACH LIBRARY**

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn; it was seconded and unanimously carried.  
Submitted, Ann Jurenovich, MSD Secretary