



***Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach***  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 9, 2021**

The Trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library 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 reviewed the statement of public notice, order, conduct and civility and reminded all Trustees that this pertains to phone calls, e-mails, and other correspondence.

**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**

Scott Pearson – 180 San Juan Drive – Discussed the Street Safe Ponte Vedra brochure and the traffic on San Juan Drive. Discussed the concerns of resident where they all think the road should be widened, however speed is an issue, discussed speed bumps and a stop sign at Pablo Road. There was discussion about the sidewalk contributions and which side of the road. Mr. Pearson discussed the possibility of having speed cameras installed on San Juan. Many residents ask why the PVCA has not addressed these issues and they tell them that they do not have jurisdiction and are only volunteers. He would like to send a letter out that they have presented the issues it to the MSD Board, and they will act. Barb Roberts reported that some residents asked for a traffic study.

Director Beaver from St. Johns County Sheriff's office reported that he can solve this problem and will put a Stealth Stat out for seven days to record speed. He reported that if there is a speeding problem, he has a solution and will enforce every law we can. After looking at the brochure Mr. Pearson handed out, he reported that you cannot drive a golf cart on the road as this is not a golf cart

community. Mr. Pearson reported that he will take his golf cart off the road as long as they ticket all the golf carts including the Ponte Vedra Club. Director Beaver reported that he wants to make the community happy and will give the results of the Stealth Stat to Chairman Wester and you can put the results on your website.

Chairman Wester reported that we can deal with parking on San Juan later and come up with some solution and would like to address speeding and opened the discussion up to the Board. Trustee Kartsonis reported that she would be interested in a study that tells us the best alternatives and can we limit parking on the roads to just residents. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that from previous traffic studies that widening the road will increase speeding along with speed bumps and a stop sign as people will speed to make up for the time, they perceive they have lost. A sidewalk is not going to deter speeding on San Juan Drive, but it will make it safer for the walkers, but we must patrol San Juan drive. Treasurer Jurenovich explained the process for a sidewalk and how you must have more than 50% in favor to get the Commissioners vote. He reported that people driving illegal golfcarts always want to throw the Ponte Vedra Club under the bus, however they are a business and can use their golfcarts. There are golfcarts being driven by 10-year old's and there are a plenty of illegal golf carts being driven but they are not being ticketed. Director Beaver is correct when you are standing by the side of the road it seems like people are speeding when they really are not. The only way to stop the parking on the roads is that we must have an ordinance for the whole community. Trustee McCuller asked about the survey and Mr. Pearson reported that this was not a sidewalk survey but more of a safety survey because the perception is that the deputies are not there. Chairman Wester reported we can work with the County regarding parking and will work with the Sheriff's office on enforcement and accountability. Mr. Pearson asked that the MSD speak to the community and Chairman Wester reported we have a meeting every month that they can attend, and we can have a special topic and hear everyone's voice.

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

Chairman Wester reported that there have been a lot of meetings on beach renourishment and why the northern part of the MSD was removed from the study area. Ponte Vedra Beach has been split in half with the FEMA project. There is a lot going on in as we have sand hauling, sand staging a water line and road paving. There is not much on beach access but think the signs we put at San Juan access are working. Trustee Kartsonis would like to have Attorney Flowers look into parking on the streets. Chairman Wester reported that the Commissioners voted no, and north Ponte Vedra Beach has been taken out of the FEMA Corp study. Trustee Kartsonis would like to put something out on the website regarding this.

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

Vice Chairman Hollon reported that Republic continues to have problems with staffing and yard waste will be picked up every other week. Trustee Switkes reported that we need to put something out on the website. Vice Chairman Hollon will draft something in conjunction with Republic to put on the website.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

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

Treasurer Jurenovich reported he e-mailed out the financials and there is nothing out of the ordinary. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded and unanimously carried. Had a meeting with Raintree regarding the newsletter and have received a lot of pictures on projects in the MSD. He asked to receive all write ups before the November meeting. Trustee Kartsonis asked Trustee Cellucci to get a picture of the light at night.

Chairman Wester reported that the Board tasked me to get some accountability on the Sheriff's contract. Chairman Wester reported that he met with Director Beaver and talked about money and an accountability metric than we can adjust moving forward. We have a schedule for the Deputies

who are working in the MSD. Director Beaver reported that you cannot have every stat on the report and now that we know there is a problem on San Juan Drive, they will be there. Director Beaver reported that he will provide the cell phones for each deputy and increase community policing. Chairman Wester reported that our Board and residents are telling us that they are not seeing police presence in the area, and you have heard us and will work with us. Trustee McCuller asked if we gave up on the GPS information that would aggregate the total amount of time in the MSD. Director Beaver reported that all their time should be in the MSD unless they are backing up another deputy or must eat or use the restroom. Trustee McCuller report that the perception is that there are not deputies in the MSD. Director Beaver reported that there are over 500 calls for service that shows we are in the MSD. He also reported that they do not GPS track the deputies. Director Beaver reported that he can provide a map that shows where the calls for service were and if someone has the perception that there are not deputies in the MSD give them my phone number. Trustee Cellucci asked when you are going to start ticketing the people on Ponte Vedra Blvd. Trustee Switkes reported that the signs have not been changed and we are waiting for the County attorney. Trustee Cellucci asked if we are going to have MSD on the cars. Director Beaver asked what that will solve. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that it shows our residents who the deputies are and where they are. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that most of the 500 or more calls are probably coming from Micklers where our deputies should not be patrolling, but a PSA should work there on the weekend. Director Beaver reported that the Sheriff is not a fan of having MSD on the car. Chairman Wester reported that we will table that discussion. Director Beaver reported that the Sheriff is going to walk every single resident in the MSD and knock on their door and will provide this map. Chairman Wester reported that he would like a quarterly presentation with a report and map. Director Beaver offered any Trustee and any resident to come down and he will show them what he showed Chairman Wester the graphics and the geo coding. Attorney Flowers reported that we need to bring a contract back to the Board for approval at the September meeting.

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

Trustee Cellucci reported that he attended the CTTF meeting and most of the discussion was the traffic that the new Vicars would bring to the area. They were also discussion regarding the zoning of the storage at the county line. Trustee Switkes reported that not only is there the storage, but Sleiman is going to go before the zoning in the next month with a build out of a hotel, shopping, and a roof top bar. Trustee Cellucci reported that we have already discussed the sidewalks. Regarding our insurance it is going to go up, but we have budgeted for this. Trustee Kartsonis asked at the CTTF meeting if Mr. Williams is still giving an update as this would be good information for the website. Trustee Cellucci reported that they are putting out a quarterly newsletter and he will forward to all Trustees.

Chairman Wester reported that he met with Greg Caldwell regarding the Ponte Vedra sidewalk at the request of Commissioner Blocker, and they are moving forward with a survey and an initial design concept. We will take this to the Club, and they are also putting together a request of drainage improvements. They would like to curb this up and add drainage which is a County sponsored project which they are very confident this will happen. Mr. Caldwell will be at our next MSD meeting. Trustee Switkes asked if this will affect the paving of Ponte Vedra Blvd. after the JEA project. Chairman Wester reported that it will not. Chairman Wester reported that he believes there will be no money coming from the MSD for the drainage project as it will all be coming from the grant. Trustee Switkes asked what is going on at Solana. Trustee Cellucci reported the porkchop is being installed and they are making the A1A turn lane to Solana longer.

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

Trustee Kartsonis inquired about who is getting the NBR's besides the Secretary. Chairman Wester, Trustee Cellucci and Trustee Switkes receive them, and Trustee Kartsonis would like to receive them in future. The secretary will forward them to Trustee Kartsonis. Because there are no more anonymous Pride complaints she was asked if the MSD would send them in. Chairman Wester reported that we will not do that. Trustee Cellucci reported if we have a person for the Jack Pope

position, that person could turn in the Pride complaints and Chairman Wester reported that is part of their job. Trustee McCuller thought that this position would not be a tattle tale. Trustee Kartsonis reported that the County will get back to her regarding the building review position. Beaches Energy added the three light and she asked how the Board feels about adding one more light south of Sawgrass. There was discussion about the trees interfering with streetlights and should be send the homeowner a letter or trim them.

Attorney Flowers reported that we must adopt a draft budget as it needs to be on the website 72 hours before the next meeting. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he changed the Sheriff rate and all other suggestions. Trustee McCuller asked if all the budget line items are the same. Secretary Jurenovich said they are all the same except for the Property Appraiser line as it is based on a percentage of the ad valorem. Trustee McCuller reported that he is in favor of the budget but reducing our contingency reserves and put an additional \$50,000 in the sidewalks. Chairman Wester reported that he is interested in hearing what Mr. Caldwell has to say about the sidewalk at the next meeting. A motion was made to approve the budget at .375 without the \$50,000 change. It was seconded and carried with a 6-1 vote with Trustee McCuller voting no.

Chairman Wester asked what our duties at the next meeting are. Attorney Flowers reported that it is a public hearing on the budget where all residents are notified and can come and comment. The Board will adopt by separate resolutions a budget and a millage rate and then on September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the final budget adoption.

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

Trustee McCuller reported that he purchased the signs but has not been able to contact Jay Reister at the club to have them delivered.

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

Trustee Switkes reported that the JEA bill is good, and paving could start as early as October. Trustee Kartsonis asked if there are any road closures. Trustee Switkes will send her the information. Trustee Kartsonis reported that she handed out the noise and lighting provision that she would like to discuss at next month's meeting.

#### **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**

This was discussed earlier.

#### **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 August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>

#### **NEXT MSD MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</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