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MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, September 13th at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library at 6:00 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

Wayne Flowers – Attorney - Absent

Vice Chairman Hollon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He reported that Chairman Wester is attending the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board meeting along with Trustee Switkes.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE, ORDER, CONDUCT AND CIVILITY

Vice Chairman Hollon reported that he does not have the notice of civility to read, but that all Trustees are aware of the statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Trustees meeting minutes from August 9 were discussed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barb Roberts - 359 San Juan Drive – Ms. Roberts wanted to discuss what Trustee McCuller discussed at last months meeting. We urge the MSD to take responsibility on the San Juan sidewalk as you are elected officials. Without the MSD's support and funding the San Juan sidewalk will not happen. The MSD should increase its budget for the sidewalk, to fund it alone or show the county that you are willing to devote substantial funding.

DUANE KENT, COUNTY ENGINEER ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Vice Chairman Hollon introduced Duane Kent representing St. Johns County. He reported that he was asked to talk about the Ponte Vedra Blvd. sidewalk project. We are starting to put together some cost estimates and get a design consultant by early October. The project should be straightforward with moving a few utilities and should cost around \$300,000. Trustee Cellucci asked if the county is

picking up the whole tab and Mr. Kent reported that is the expectation. Treasurer Jurenovich asked about the pressure test of the water line and Mr. Kent reported that what has been tested all most 100% passed. Trustee Kartsonis reported that we have discussed about having a curb on the sidewalk for Ponte Vedra Blvd. Mr. Kent reported that we will discuss with the design consultant about that due to water drainage. Vice Chairman Hollon asked what the county needs to hire a consultant to design a sidewalk anywhere. Mr. Kent reported that we have continuing services with several design consultants that we can choose. For larger projects we put out a request for qualifications and advertise the project. Vice Chairman Hollon asked if someone wants to have a sidewalk in the MSD do you have to have a certain number of residents that want a sidewalk to do a design. Mr. Kent reported that he is not familiar with county code or resolutions but can find out. Trustee Kartsonis reported she has talked a lot about double yellow lines and safety in the area and have a consultant come in the MSD and tell us what would be best for safety of the roads. Mr. Kent reported that you probably need someone from traffic engineering to come look at the roads and there is a process. Trustee Kartsonis asked if he could help them and he reported that he will have someone from traffic engineering reach out to Chairman Wester or Vice Chairman Hollon. Vice Chairman Hollon thanked Mr. Kent for coming to the meeting. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that we will go into the Trustee reports and since Chairman Wester is in St. Augustine at the Zoning and Adjustment Board meeting, we will pass on his report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN WESTER **BEACH ACCESS / BEACH RENOURISHMENT**

Delayed for later in the meeting.

REPUBLIC – VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLON

Vice Chairman Hollon reported that there was an article in the newspaper last week regarding the problems in St. Johns County and someone from Republic reported that they will be fully staffed on October. They continue to be picking up yard trash every other week. Trustee Kartsonis reported that we have received e-mails where residents are asking for a refund. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that the contract for yard waste is with the county and not the MSD.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TREASURER JURENOVICH - NEWSLETTER

Treasurer Jurenovich reported he e-mailed out the financials and there is nothing out of the ordinary. Vice Chairman Hollon asked if there were any questions on the Treasurers Report. Trustee Kartsonis asked about the advertising budget and the payment to Lewis Longman. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that these are advertisements for our budget and Attorney Flowers places the ad. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded and unanimously carried. Trustee Jurenovich gave kudos to Trustee Kartsonis for turning in her newsletter report and asked Trustees to turn in their reports before the next meeting.

CTTF / SIDEWALK - TRUSTEE CELLUCCI

Trustee Cellucci reported that he attended the CTTF meeting and they said the extension of the turn lanes will be done by the end of September. Regarding the sidewalks there was discussion regarding the cost of the San Juan sidewalk. Trustee McCuller asked what we can do to get the county to contribute to the San Juan sidewalks. He asked if there is a list that we can put San Juan Drive on priority status. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that if you do the 60-20-20 and asked the county to contribute their share it is a better number than the whole cost of the project. Trustee McCuller reported that we have not voted as a Board on the funding mechanism for sidewalks and believes that we should vote on this. There are 54 houses from the church to Miranda and if we wanted to do a MSBU you have to have 75% of all registered voters agree. Trustee Kartsonis reported that we need to have the results from the experts as to what we should do for the roads in the MSD. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that we will table this to next meeting. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that Mr. Kent is public works and not traffic. Trustee Kartsonis asked that it be put in the minutes that Mr. Kent is going to reach out to the appropriate people and have them get back to either Chairman

Wester or Vice Chairman Hollon.

BEACHES ENERGY / WEBSITE - TRUSTEE KARTSONIS

Trustee Kartsonis reported that she does not have anything new for Beaches Energy. Trustee Kartsonis asked Trustee Cellucci to get the report from the CTF meeting. Trustee Cellucci reported he will inquire with John Wegl. Trustee Kartsonis reported that it is the homeowner's responsibility to cut the limbs that are around the street lights.

ROAD AND BRIDGE / STREET SIGNS- TRUSTEE MCCULLER

Trustee McCuller reported that he ordered seven sign poles and they are in the process of being fabricated. They will be delivered and need authorization to have them installed and removed. Trustee McCuller reported that he received only a labor charge of \$75 per hour. There was discussion as to where the poles are going to be installed. Vice Chairman Hollon asked how much. Trustee McCuller asked Treasurer Jurenovich how much he thinks and he said that before when he got bids it was around \$400 a pole. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that Eric puts them up for about \$100 and if you must dig it up another \$50, however it will be cheaper than paying someone \$75 and hour. Trustee Kartsonis asked if we can give Trustee McCuller authorization to spend \$1,500. A motion was made to authorize to spend up to \$1500 to install the signs, it was seconded and unanimously carried. It was agreed that Eric Jurenovich would install/remove the signs. There was discussion about the verbiage on the Ponte Vedra Boulevard no parking signs. Trustee Kartsonis asked how she can get her road paved or at least on a list or get paved. She would also like to see the remainder of Solana Road have curbs. Trustee McCuller reported that you can always ask. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that you cannot have curbs unless you have storm water drains and that is why only part of Solana has curbs.

JEA / LANDSCAPE - TRUSTEE SWITKES

Delayed for later in the meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – ATTORNEY FLOWERS

Attorney Flowers is absent this evening.

NEW BUSINESS AND KEY DATES

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION 2021-2022 – TREASURER JURENOVICH

Vice Chairman Hollon reported that we need to vote on a millage and the budget tonight. He read the resolution 21-01 to adopt a millage rate at .375 mills and reported that the final budget hearing will be held at 6pm September 22nd at the library. Vice Chairman Hollon asked for a motion to approve the millage rate at .375, it was seconded and carried with a vote of 4-1 with Trustee McCuller voting no. Vice Chairman Hollon read the resolution to adopt a budget and the date for the final hearing.

Chairman Wester and Trustee Switkes arrived.

Trustee McCuller asked if we could discuss the line items as he would have agreed on the .375 millage if \$50,000 additional dollars were put in the sidewalk budget. He reported that we already voted on the millage prior to your arrival. Trustee McCuller would like to move \$50,000 from the contingency to the sidewalk and show our support for sidewalks. Trustee McCuller made a motion to move \$50,000 from the contingency to the sidewalk. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we have always supported a sidewalk but does not think the \$50,000 is going to make a difference. Trustee Kartsonis reported that when we have a consensus on the sidewalk then we can fund the sidewalk. Chairman Wester reported that we can move money at any time to fund a sidewalk. Trustee Cellucci reported that we are waiting for the Sheriff to provide us some statistics on San Juan. Chairman Wester reported that we have the largest amount of money in the sidewalk budget. Trustee Switkes reported that we owe it to the people from the PVCA who attend this meeting and show our support

to the community. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that \$50,000 is not going to make much of a difference. Chairman Wester reported that as long as he is Chairman, he will make a promise to find the money in our budget if there is something tangible. Chairman Wester reported that we had a motion, it was seconded and did not pass with a vote of 3-4 with Vice Chairman Hollon, Trustee Cellucci, Trustee Kartsonis and Treasurer Jurenovich voting no. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we need to hold a publicly noticed meeting for a sidewalk on San Juan Drive. Chairman Wester reported that he will work with the PVCA on this meeting and hopefully have a two-hour workshop the Monday before our MSD meeting and will invite Duane Kent and traffic but we will table this and need to move on in the interest of time.

Vice Chairman Hollon made a motion to approve resolution 21-02 which set the budget for the final hearing. It was seconded and carried with a vote of 6-1 with Trustee McCuller voting no. Chairman Wester reminded everyone that the final budget meeting is September 22nd.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CHAIRMAN WESTER **BEACH ACCESS / BEACH RENOURISHMENT**

Chairman Wester reported there is not much to report on beach renourishment but by the end of October the FEMA berm should start in North Ponte Vedra. Trustee Switkes asked if they have secured any other lots north of 725. Chairman Wester reported that he does not know. Trustee Kartsonis asked for Chairman Wester to provide her with verbiage where the Commissioners said they are not going to add additional parking and striping on our roads.

SHERIFF CONTRACT – CHAIRMAN WESTER

Captain Edenfield asked Chairman Wester if he had a copy of the contract and he said no but I will need to sign whatever copy you have. Chairman Wester reported that MSD will be on the vehicles along with citizen contact which is a new matrix. Trustee Cellucci and Treasurer Jurenovich asked to see a copy of the contract. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that this needs to be e-mail to all Trustees so that they can review it and discuss it at the next meeting. Captain Edenfield reported that he just got it today. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that it needs to be signed by October 1st. Trustee Kartsonis reported that we can sign it at the meeting on the 22nd and we should have had more notice to review the contract. There was discussion as to why it was delayed. Secretary Jurenovich reported that Attorney Flowers has not seen the contract and should review before signing. Chairman Wester reported what was added and Treasurer Jurenovich asked about the citizen matrix as it is the first time, he has heard of it. Chairman Wester commented that Treasurer Jurenovich was posturing. Chairman Wester reported that he asked them to add a citizen matrix as to when they actually touch a person. Chairman Wester reported that we will send out the contract. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he is not against it but just wants time to review the contract. Captain Edenfield explained the citizen contact, example when someone is walking their dog the deputy speaks to them to see if everything is okay or if they receive a call there is a suspicious character on the street. It is when the deputies document they have had contact with a person. Trustee Cellucci reported that the contract is for only one year. Treasurer Jurenovich reported he is all for it but to summarize we have four deputies and one patrol Deputy Tedder. What is says that the deputies are to stay in the MSD unless they are called out for a call and if there are two, they would be seen. Captain Edenfield said that what you want to see is something you would have to stand and monitor. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he monitored it for 80 hours. Captain Edenfield reported that our deputies are working very hard. Trustee Cellucci asked Captain Edenfield that at the end of the last contracts there were over 7,000 calls and now there are 5,000 and there is not any accountability in the contract. Captain Edenfield reported that you are gauging these deputies during the day and they are all over the MSD and we do not micro manage them. Chairman Wester reported that the secretary will scan and e-mail the contract to all Trustees and Attorney Flowers and would like have any comments within a week. Trustee Cellucci reported that he would like a four-year contract. Chairman Wester asked Trustee Cellucci to send him his comments. Captain Edenfield introduced Deputy Mundy who is your newest MSD deputy and has been with us since 2019. Chairman Wester thanked them for their time. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that the

problem with speeding on San Juan is that they are not patrolling if you review the traffic study. They are speeding on San Juan and most of them are trucks and trailers. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he is all for the sheriff and with out the sheriff's contract there is no reason to have an MSD as our main goal is safety. How can we pay them 30% more for sub-par for what we are not getting? We need to have our own police department. Chairman Wester reported that the response times are good. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that if you dial 911 someone must come and what we are paying for is the visual. Deputy Tedder is always working and if there is another deputy working then you should see them all the time. Chairman Wester reported that he makes note when he sees them and makes a note that he does not know what everyone is complaining about. Trustee Kartsonis reported that constituents notified her that they have not been seeing MSD deputies on the streets as they had in the past. Chairman Wester reported that our area is growing and we need to let police do their job. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he is but there needs to be accountability. Chairman Wester reported that let's put pen to paper and on September 22 and vote for the contract. Maybe some of you don't want that but there is a sense of you posturing in this climate and this environment of defund the police sure as hell sounds like this to me. Trustee Cellucci reported that is a little dramatic. Chairman Wester reported that you Trustees are on record for chastising and berating the men and women that patrol us and keep us safe. Treasurer Jurenovich and Trustee Cellucci reported that Chairman Wester's comment is not fair. Chairman Wester reported that they should go listen to the minutes.

Trustee Switkes asked if the traffic study was the one that Commander Beaver was going to provide. Treasurer Jurenovich reported no. Trustee Cellucci reported that he ran into Commander Beaver and he said that the average speed was 29 miles an hour. Trustee Kartsonis reported that Commander Beaver did not send us the study. Deputy Tedder reported that he will send out the study and Le Master highest speed was 29 miles an hour with a few spikes that was probably us going to calls. Trustee Jurenovich read the statistics from his speed study on San Juan Drive that is a very thorough report. Trustee McCuller reported that we need a sidewalk.

JEA / LANDSCAPE - TRUSTEE SWITKES

Trustee Switkes reported that she did not receive anything from JEA as he is out of town and the landscaping is good.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINE AND CURBS ON SOLANA – TRUSTEE KARTSONIS

Trustee Kartsonis reported that she is dropping the curbs on Solana as Treasurer Jurenovich reported that in order to have them you must have storm water. Regarding the double yellow line there is a lot of information and would like to wait to see what we receive from Mr. Kent.

LIGHT AND NOISE ORDINANCE – TRUSTEE KARTSONIS

Chairman Wester reported that since Steve Diebenow was at the Zoning and Adjustment Board hearing today after Trustee Kartsonis report he will discuss some ordinance changes. Trustee Kartsonis reported that the changes were sent out at the last meeting and she do not know where it goes next. Attorney Flowers has reviewed these and Chairman Wester will get this in front of the county attorney and growth management. Trustee McCuller asked if we voted on this. Chairman Wester reported that we have in the past. Trustee McCuller does not like the verbiage that lights must be out by 12am and who is going to enforce this. Trustee Kartsonis reported that people are putting up party lights. Chairman Wester asked if anyone has any questions or concerns. Chairman Wester reported that before we vote on this let's see if this has the specificity of the county. Trustee Kartsonis reported that on the noise it is just changing the hours and asked Chairman Wester to give it to the county attorney.

Chairman Wester introduced Steve Diebenow to introduce his code item changes for the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board. Mr. Diebenow reported that he and Chairman Wester work together at a law firm and gave everyone a handout on the code changes he wants to present. He reported that there will be a workshop in the future where these will be discussed. Trustee McCuller

asked Mr. Diebenow what is the interest in going up to a third floor. He reported that the best thing he heard was for fire safety. Trustee Switkes reported that in the 60's there was not fire equipment that could reach those heights. Mr. Diebenow discussed fencing of six feet between the homes and four feet after that. Trustee Switkes reported that Beverly Frazier and Paolo were in favor of getting rid of the third floor. People still have to go in front of the board to get permission. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that he was on the zoning board for six years and people have come to the meetings to ask for three stories and the board had consistently refused people to build a third story. You can only build a third story south of Sawgrass. Vice Chairman Hollon asked that a fence could be six feet high at 10 feet past the home. He does not think that is right and would like it on the agenda for next meeting to discuss. Trustee Kartsonis does not agree with the fencing.

Chairman Wester told Treasurer Jurenovich that he talked to Rodney Cooper and he said that we have to pay for the no parking on PV Blvd signs. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we could have gotten them for free. Chairman Wester reported that the sign was approved by the County Attorney, the Sheriff's office and Road and Bridge. Chairman Wester asked Treasurer Jurenovich to get a cost and present it at next month's meeting. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that next time you ask me to do something do not go around me.

Chairman Wester wanted Treasurer Jurenovich to know that barb he put out there when discussing the traffic survey and the radar on San Juan caused Deputy Tedder marched out of the meeting and we are closing our meeting and do not have a Sheriff's officer here. Chairman Wester reported that you guys are putting barbs out there in front of the Sheriff. Trustee Cellucci reported that you are scolding us like children which is another cheap shot.

ADJOURN

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