



***Municipal Service District  
of Ponte Vedra Beach***

*P.O. Box 1323*

*Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32004*

*Ph: (904) 285-2221 Website: [www.pvmsd.org](http://www.pvmsd.org)*

**MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 11, 2007**

The trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 11, 2007 in the Ponte Vedra Branch Library at 6 PM.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Robert D. Becker, II - Chairman

Douglas C. Crane

William Donovan

Alva A. Hollon, Jr. (absent)

Gary S. Jurenovich

Curtis Long

Robert R. Reesh

Attorney Wayne Flowers

Chairman Becker called the meeting to order at 6 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2007 was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 14, 2007.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gayle Cooper, 219 San Juan Drive – Discussed the house next door, the Baxter property. She commented that the house is in horrible condition and wanted to know what course of action she and her neighbors could take. Trustee Crane said that this is not a new subject and there is not a course of action that the MSD Board can take but that this is a County Code Enforcement issue. It was suggested that she contact County Commissioner, Tom Manuel to have him or one of his aides come and look at the property, pointing out the safety and health issues. Trustee Crane suggested that we have a unanimous consent of the Board to have Mr. Manuel look at the property at 223 San Juan Drive; a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Dana Current, 970 Ponte Vedra Boulevard – Wanted to express his thanks to the MSD Board for their support in the sidewalk project. Mr. Current put together a list of steps to take if anyone wanted to for take a sidewalk project. He was to forward this list to Melissa Steward to put on the MSD website.

Karen Dubin, 9753 Preston Trail West – Discussed the Chabad House and her family’s experiences with Chabad. She wanted to know what the MSD Board could do to get them out of our residential community and that she has a petition on-line to get them removed (petitions were handed out).

Carl Blessing, 12 LaVista Drive – Discussed his complaints from citizens regarding bicyclists in the neighborhood running stop signs and not obeying traffic regulations. Trustee Long stated that he is an active cyclist and will get some reminders out to the groups about obeying the traffic laws.

Joanne Marx, 547 Lake Road – Discussed that there are not any No Parking signs on Miranda and that she received a ticket. She wanted to know how you could get a ticket if there are not any No Parking signs. Lt. Aman said that she must have been impeding traffic and that if she wants to appeal the ticket, she must go to court and ask the officer. She wanted to know who is responsible for the No Parking signs and the Board said it was the County.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **POLICE REPORT – TRUSTEE CRANE**

Trustee Crane reported that we have 2 new deputies in the MSD. There were 33 parking tickets issued, 96 citations, 107 warnings, 2 traffic stop with an arrest made and 5 false alarms. Lt. Aman reported that there have been 17 burglaries in the MSD, most accruing in the Golfview area and what has been done to detour this activity. Lt. Aman brought Detective Jim Sanford to report on some of the crime activity in the area. He reported on some crime groups and said to be on the look out for people walking late at night in dark clothing carrying backpacks. He said to always lock your cars and do not leave anything visible in the car. If you do see anyone please call the non-emergency number to report this activity 824-8304.

Virginia Simpson, 37 Ramona Street asked if there was a curfew for underage children. Lt. Aman said there is not a curfew. Mrs. Simpson stated that she is in charge of the Neighborhood Watch on the south side of Seaview Park and recommend that an e-mail be sent so that she can get the word out regarding activity in the community. She noted that the neighborhood watch received by e-mail is usually Countywide and not neighborhood specific, and asked if something could be done to have it neighborhood specific. Lt. Aman suggested that she call Kim Bucher in crime prevention about receiving local information. Lt. Aman also noted that all the deputy vehicles in the MSD now have MSD located on the car.

Trustee Donovan asked Chairman Becker that since minors are committing a lot of these burglaries if the MSD should enact a curfew? Lt. Aman said that you have to be very careful when you write a curfew because it has to be written in such a way that it is enforceable and also that it doesn’t violate the civil rights of people. Lt. Aman suggested that if you wanted to proceed with a curfew that it needs to be researched. Trustee Donovan volunteered to do some research and report back next month.

### **STREET SIGNS/RIGHT-OF-WAY – TRUSTEE HOLLON**

Chairman Becker reported that Trustee Hollon is absent tonight. Chairman Becker reported that some signs have been knocked down by construction and Mike Adams said that he would get the signs replaced. Chairman Becker asked if anyone had any additional comments on Right-of-Way. Trustee Jurenovich reported that he had received 3 quotes from qualified irrigation companies and that he would like to make a motion to go ahead with one of the companies. A motion was made,

seconded and unanimously carried. He also noted that the street sign at Miranda was missing and that he had ordered a new one. Of the five medians, three of them I have met with a landscaper and will meet with some additional landscaper to get some additional quotes that will be provided at next months meeting.

Chairman Becker said that there were some questions regarding the access on Solana and the walkover. Part of the agreement with the Surf Riders was to have walkovers and not tear up the dunes. The walkways are the way the public should be accessing the beach and not going around to protect the dunes.

Virginia Simpson asked about these walkovers being handicapped accessible and are there any provision. Chairman Becker said he was not aware of any provisions.

### **TREASURERS REPORT – TRUSTEE JURENOVICH**

Trustee Jurenovich passed out a draft of the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 year and reviewed each line item. Trustee Jurenovich asked if there were any questions. Trustee Long asked how long the contracts were with Seaboard and the Sheriff. Trustee Reesh said the Seaboard contract is for 7 years and that we are in year 4, but that Seaboard has the right to increase it each year but have not exercised that option. Chairman Becker said that increases are usually based on fuel and Trustee Long suggested that it be increased. Trustee Jurenovich said that a contract is a contract and did not want to put an increase on the budget and said that if they do want to increase it we have the funds in contingency. Chairman Becker said that the Sheriff's contract is year to year and asked Lt. Aman if there is to be an increase that they provided this information in a timelier manner than in the past.

Trustee Jurenovich asked the Board if they wanted to fund the Emergency Clean-Up fund again with another \$25,000 and a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Trustee Jurenovich asked the Board if they wanted to increase Jack Pope 5% for the upcoming year. The Board had no comment.

Trustee Jurenovich discussed Right of Way Beautification budgeted amount of \$20,000. He believes the prevalence of the sidewalks on Ponte Vedra Boulevard, Sunset Park and with the landscaping of the medians; we might want to increase this line item. Chairman Becker reminded everyone that the MSD is committed and will be supportive of any sidewalk issues and suggested that the budget line item be increased.

Trustee Jurenovich reported that the audit is completed and there were not any findings and he will forward the audit to all Trustees when received.

Attorney Flowers addressed the Board with the subject of Tax Reform. He noted that his partner notified him before coming to the meeting that if passed for Special Districts, they will be required to reduce ad valorem tax revenue by 3% from current levels. He also said that this could be overcome by a Super Majority vote. This Board with the majority plus one can agree to keep the level the same as the previous year but this would be a rollback rate. The rollback rate is whatever millage rate will raise the same amount revenue that was raised in the previous year. This Board historically had used .37 as the millage rate for the past 5 years, which raises revenue each year with the increase of valuation. The other part of tax reform that will have a bigger impact is the proposal of the super homestead exemption which is a sliding scale based on valuation of property. This is an amendment to the Constitution and would have to be voted on and be put on the ballot

during the Presidential Primary. I assume that this will not affect the upcoming fiscal year but could affect the next fiscal year. If passed it could reduce revenue 15 to 20 percent. We will know by the next meeting. If this proposal passes you will have the ability if you have a super majority favoring a unanimous vote to maintain the millage. Next month you don't have to adopt a budget but you do have to establish a millage.

#### **ROAD AND SEWERS – TRUSTEE LONG**

Trustee Long reported that the Corona project is in the punch list phase and that they are working on the timing of the traffic signal. I spoke with Mike Adams regarding the drainage ditch but have not received any feedback from the residence as to how they want to provide access. I did inspect the grate and they have not repaired it so I called the County and put in a work order. Chairman Becker has been handling the handrail on Corona but I will be taking this project on. Chairman Becker reported to Trustee Long that the project has been reassigned to Mike Adams with the County. Trustee Long encouraged residents to call if they are having any drainage problems.

#### **SANITATION – TRUSTEE REESH**

Trustee Reesh reported that since our last meeting he has had a couple of meetings with Seaboard to encourage the people of Seaview Park not to put their garbage on the street. Seaboard requested address for the Seaview Park residence and they were provided. Next month I will be able to let you know how we are going to notify these residences by either a letter or a door hanger.

#### **ELECTRIC AND CABLE – TRUSTEE DONOVAN**

Trustee Donovan reported that he made another attempt to contact BellSouth (which is now AT&T Florida) and that they are still not willing to comply with the voluntary storm hardening. Also, with the building of the parking structure at Christ Church, this will expedite the removal of some cables and rerouting of some cables in the next few weeks.

#### **WEBSITE REPORT – TRUSTEE CRANE**

Trustee Crane reported that we have added an index on the webpage and asked if anyone looking at the web site provide him with any improvements.

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

Attorney Flowers reported on 2 items. First was that Chairman Becker asked me to speak with the County Attorney about the Chabad issues, which I have done and should hear back from him, by next meeting. Secondly, is the continuation of our discussions with the IRS whether our Secretary should be an Independent Contract or an Employee position. Trustee Crane and I met with the IRS to review the year 2004 and at that time Jane Cates was our Secretary. The IRS said that if Ms. Cates reported the income earned for that year we would owe an additional \$681. If she did not report her income then we would owe \$1,793. The IRS said that if we are willing to pay either one of the two amounts (depending on Ms. Cates' tax return) then the IRS would waive any assessments for the year 2005 and 2006 if we make the Secretary an employee position. We do have the opportunity to appeal and we need to decide if we are going the appeal route or pay the money and make the Secretary an employee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was suggested by Trustee Jurenovich that things we discuss during the meeting be added to the agenda as old business so that it can be discussed at the next meeting and stays on the agenda until

is resolved. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Submitted, Ann Jurenovich, MSD Secretary  
(An audio tape of the meeting is on file at the MSD office)