

River Forest Lighting Advisory Committee Meeting

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April 08, 2010

Committee Members Present: Ron Brouckaert, Mike Edmondson, Bob Croson, Dee Claire

Members Absent: Omar Sickles, Larry Freeswick

Guest Speakers: Donna DeBerry, MSTBU Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Mike Edmondson at 2:22 P.M.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of 12.17.09 be accepted as written.

Old Business:

River Forest MSTBU (Municipal Service Taxing and Benefit Unit)-The meeting of the River Forest Lighting Advisory Committee began with a quorum present. The meeting was duly advertised. Donna DeBerry stated that the River Forest MSTBU must meet at least once a year to insure (1) the monies from taxes are adequate(2) review any changes, additions, etc. and (3) completion of the budget preparation by April each year. The fiscal year for Lee County is October 1 to September 30th. A discussion was held regarding the budget and spreadsheet of the River Forest Street Lighting District for 2009-2010. She reported that after all of the taxes were received, the River Forest budget has adequate funds to meet the needs. She stated that pricing is based on (1) equipment rental (2) fuel charges (3) other surcharges, therefore, a 5% pad is included in the budget projections. She stated that the final assessment for 2010 should be reduced from \$68.68/year to \$47.55.

New Business:

1. **Additional Lights-**At the previous meeting it was determine that there are dark spots across from Dick Foster's home and also in the curve on River Forest by the Evans. A discussion was held regarding the addition of two lights. Donna DeBerry stated that the budget has adequate funds to install these two lights. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the addition of these two lights. She stated that the pole at the Evans home has a lot of equipment on it and she was unsure whether FP&L could attach further equipment. She will follow-up with FP&L and let Mike Edmondson know.
2. **Crime Reduction-**A discussion was held to determine the effectiveness of the street lighting and the reduction of crime in River Forest. Mike Edmondson stated that he was unaware of any crimes in this area since the installation of the lights. He will follow-up with the Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Dee Claire, secretary



Mike Edmondson, Chairman