

Lighting District Meeting 4/27/09 @ Fort Myers Shores Fire Dept. (6:00PM)

Attendance: Geof Green, Bob Lee, Dennis Lesser and Janet Tripp

Coordinator Donna DeBerry.

Guest: Louise Lee

Prior to the meeting Janet Tripp explained that Chairman Jim Crawford had resigned and we needed to appoint another Chairman. Dennis Lesser offered to take the position all agreed. Janet handed Dennis the file she had received from Jim Crawford. Dennis Lesser called the meeting to order. Coordinator Donna DeBerry requested a Co-Chairman to be named. Janet Tripp made a motion to appoint Geof Greene, 2nd by Bob Lee.

Secretary Janet Tripp passed out the minutes from the last meeting. There was one correction (Geof Greens last name should be "Greene". Correction was noted. Coordinator Donna DeBerry informed us that River Forest has started their own lighting district, utilizing 35 poles which are presently in the ground and contain transformers. They have opted to go with 150 watt lamps. The installation should take place in December 2009, after payment of property taxes.

Bob Lee informed us he had given an easement form to an owner and had not received it back. This is one of the dark areas within the Shores where there are no easements in the front of the homes and the lines must be installed between properties. It's up to the owner to provide FPL an easement in order to install the light. Discussion followed including tree branches blocking lights. Janet Tripp reminded everyone that we had voted not to pay for tree trimming. This is the responsibility of the property owner.

Donna indicated property values had decreased by 21% from 2007 to 2008 and values may continue to decrease by an additional 20% FPL will increase their base fees. Discussion on FPL's types of fuels. Per Geof Greene, the FPL plant located approximately one mile to the west of our community does not service us. Bob Lee questioned what the recommended mileage rate is in order to pay our bills. Donna went over our budget history. We have been conservative, (actually under budget) and our reserves are "OK" for now. There are monies for three installations within our budget for this year. Our total anticipated costs for the year is \$30,637. We are planning to use two additional lights this budget year and a PROPOSED additional two for the next budget year which is 2009-2010.

Discussion followed including

Administration fees increasing from \$2,075 to \$2,490.*

Additional cost: CIAG Charges: (Pole \$600-\$800; Transformer \$1,000-\$1,500; 2nd Line \$300).

It was decided to increase our present estimate of \$2,000 for above expenses. Bob Lee made a motion to increase the estimate for CIAG charges from \$2,000 to \$3,000. 2nd by Dennis Lesser. Motion passed.

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Budget discussion continued. Our expected cash carry over as of September 30, 2009/2010 is \$34,582+/-with a total of \$40,554 expenses.

We anticipate a collection of \$5,578 from the total tax unit of Fort Myers Shores. Based on current values the millage rate is .0250 and if the values drop by 20% our Millage rate would be .0327. The Board of County Commissioners will review all final millage for the upcoming 09-10 year and vote on adoption of these rates.

Prior to this special meeting we were required to advertise the meeting in the newspaper. Going forward, the new guidelines are as follows:

- 1. Posting the announcement via the internet on the Lee County Web Site one week in advance.**
- 2. Posting a hard copy announcement in the Lee County Administration building one week in advance.**
- 3. Placing a hard copy of the notice on the bulletin board at the Olga Community Center one week in advance.**

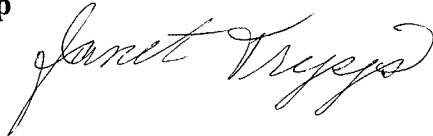
Bob lee made a motion to adopt the budget, 2nd by Janet Tripp, discussion followed. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 by Janet Tripp 2nd by Dennis Lesser.

Respectfully Submitted

Janet Tripp

Secretary



*** Note: County administration decided not to raise Administration Fees this year so budgets were adjusted downwards after this meeting concluded.**