

MINUTES OF THE MORSE SHORES STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2009, 349 CORAL DRIVE, FT. MYERS, FL

In attendance:

Members of the Committee:

Roseann Ceriello, Chairperson

Clarence Bowman

Violet Clemson

Phyllis Goins

Hartmut Hofacker

Lee County Representative:

Donna DeBerry

Roseann Ceriello called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. At the meeting last year, the Committee approved an additional light for Maine Avenue and Violet Clemson was willing to have the light installed on her property at 222 Maine. However, Violet said FPL notified her that the light could not be installed there. It was unclear why the request was rejected but thought it could be because of trees on the property. Donna said she would pursue the matter with FPL.

A request to install a pole and light on Alameda at the entrance to the Public Plaza had been tabled earlier, pending a site visit after dark. Hartmut volunteered to check the site and reported that there currently appeared to be sufficient light. The request for an additional light was rejected.

Moving to the new budget, Donna distributed and reviewed a current inventory of Morse Shores lights and poles. She also provided a worksheet showing the yearly changes in taxable values for Morse Shores properties since FY2000. We experienced a decrease of 28.88% in property values between 2007 and 2008, with a similar decrease anticipated for this year.

The preliminary budget worksheet for 2009-2010 included one extra light and pole, but could be adjusted based upon the Committee's actions. However, the Committee decided that additional lighting would be limited to 1 pole and 1 light. The new budget shows a significant increase in County-mandated administrative charges (20%). Our planned contingency reserve is set at 10% of the estimated cost for electric. (\$669.59)

The final budget approved by the committee was \$10,639.10. The millage rate will need to be increased in response to declining property values. Final millage rate will be determined after new property values are released by the property appraiser in June..

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by Roseann Ceriello  Chairman

Phyllis Goins  Secretary