

MINUTES OF THE MORSE SHORES STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2010, 230 GEORGIA AVENUE FT. MYERS, FL

**APPROVED**

In attendance:

Members of the Committee:

Hartmut Hofacker, Chairperson

Nick Benven

Clarence (Pete) Bowman

Violet Clemson

Phyllis Goins, Secretary

Lee County Representative:

Donna DeBerry

Hartmut Hofacker called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m. After members reviewed the minutes of last year's meeting, Pete moved to approve them as recorded. Hart seconded and all members approved.

Donna DeBerry told committee members that we needed to appoint a co-chair for the lighting committee. After a brief discussion, Nick nominated Pete Bowman for co-chair. Kent seconded, and Pete was unanimously elected.

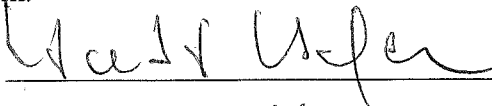
At the meeting last year the Committee approved an additional light for Maine Avenue. Although Violet Clemson was willing to have the light installed on her property at 222 Maine, FPL initially rejected the installation. When Donna pursued the matter with FPL she found the installation would require major tree pruning on Violet's property. However, the property owner on the other side of Maine Avenue has indicated willingness to host the light. A legal easement will be needed to allow FPL to bring cable from the back of the property to the street. During the discussion, Donna noted that in addition to the ongoing cost for the pole and electric use, the Lighting District will have an installation charge of as much as \$800. The Committee decided to address the new budget for 2010 and then return to the issue of additional lighting.

Moving to the new budget, Donna distributed and reviewed a Budget Worksheet for the Morse Shores Lighting District. The worksheet showing the yearly changes in taxable values for Morse Shores properties since FY2005. We experienced a major decrease in property values between 2007 and 2010, with another 10% decrease anticipated for this year. The Committee must determine the amount of money needed to fund the lighting program. After the property appraiser releases new property values in June, a final millage rate will be set to raise the needed funds.

The preliminary budget worksheet for 2010-2011 shows a 10% increase in electric rates. Because our reserve for contingencies is set at 5% of the electric bill, it will also increase. Returning to the issue of how many new lights should be added for next year, the Committee decided that additional lighting will be limited to 1 pole and 1 light to be installed on Maine Avenue...The final budget approved by the committee was \$11249.

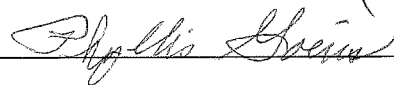
The meeting adjourned at 4:00p.m.

Submitted by Hartmut Hofacker



Chairman

Phyllis Goins



Secretary