

**TOWN & RIVER
TRIU COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009
MINUTES**

Call To Order:

Kimberly Fawcett called the meeting to order at 5:00pm in a meeting room at Cypress Lake United Methodist Church. Members present included Alex Lambros, John Trapanese & Donna DeBerry, MSTBU Coordinator of Lee County.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

Donna presented the Committee with a Budget Worksheet, Millage Rate Page & Contracted Services Page. She noted the millage rate remained the same for 2007 & 2008.

Contracted Services - Reviewing the Contracted Services, all agreed to retain the current landscape service & renew a one (1) year contract at the current price. The funds appropriated for Additional Landscape Service was approved, & Pest Control Service shall be reduced to quarterly rather than the current monthly service. Irrigation Checks & Repair shall include \$1,200 for maintenance & \$500 for repairs.

Budget Worksheet - Donna led the discussion by explaining the worksheet line by line, noting revenues as of 03/31/2009 are under budget as a result of unpaid real estate tax. Actual expenses as of 03/31/09 were \$28,020.

As the water meter currently in place belongs to Town & River on a temporary basis only, Alex requested \$3,130 be included in the budget for the purchase of a water meter. All present were in agreement with the request, & Alex shall discuss the situation with Mr. Doug Meurer.

Horticulture-Mulch expense was decreased to \$1,000, & Donna explained \$78,200 shall be carried forward for reserves & projects not completed. Improvement Construction of \$10,000 represents funds for repairs immediately necessary. The Reserve Future Cap Outlay of \$25,000 is for future projects.

A discussion began regarding street lights, & Donna advised lights cannot be installed in medians, circles or center islands according to both DOT & FPL. However, lights may be installed along the roadway for public safety. Only standard, aluminum or painted lights may be installed, as opposed to decorative lighting. Landscaping "up lights" on trees in the medians, circles & center islands is permitted.

The final budget of \$124,970 was accepted by motion noting a millage rate of 0.2226, which could increase to 0.2958 should property values fall.

Adjourn the Meeting

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 6:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Stigler
Executive Secretary

