

MEETING MINUTES
GULF COVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 3, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ron Kubala, Larry Singleton, David Boehm, Ron Wozniak, Richard Van Acker, Jean Donahue
County - Tara Musselman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

- The Committee explained the two options being considered to accomplish paving operations for Gulf Cove:
 - The first option is for no increase in the tax assessment, borrow for five years, with a principle of \$2.7 million in order to pave 25 miles of road in FY12.
 - The second option is to increase the tax assessment by \$30, borrow for ten years, with a principle of \$6.4 million in order to pave 50 miles of road in FY12. Ms. Musselman added that--after further manipulation to the overall budget over a period of 16 years, by way of reductions to pothole patching, pipe replacements, and contract brush cutting--the borrowing could be increased to \$7.5 million with the additional \$30 tax assessment in order to pave 60 miles of road.

Ms. Musselman reminded the Committee that interest is calculated using a very conservative rate of 4.5%. She reminded the Committee that these options would leave approximately 18 miles of road unpaved, and the Committee would need to consider taking out an additional smaller loan within the next five years to finish the remaining roads.

- The Committee and Ms. Musselman responded to general inquiries from residents in attendance regarding paving, resurfacing, and funding.
 - One resident suggested that paving should be concentrated on main roads and waterfront areas. Support for this concentration would be based on the correlation between good roads, increased property values, and increased property taxes.
 - One resident voiced concerns about current maintenance practices, in anticipation of undertaking new paving and resurfacing activities.
 - Several residents expressed concern about roadways that needed immediate attention. Ms. Musselman contacted the County Paving Technician and arranged a field inspection of the areas in question.
 - One resident advised that several residents were not properly made aware of this meeting.
 - A resident suggested that, if the Committee plans to implement a survey as a method of community outreach, it should be written in clear language.

- The Committee conducted a straw poll of the residents in attendance, with 19 votes for the first option and 41 votes for the second. An email from a multi-property owner was sent to the Committee expressing preference for option one, but that resident's vote was not counted in the straw poll.
- With a vote of 3 to 2, the Committee made and approved a motion to recommend the FY12 budget as presented, which will include the second paving option of a \$30 tax assessment increase.
- Ms. Musselman will work diligently to prevent the requirement of another survey, as she and the Committee find performing another survey an unnecessary expenditure.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Musselman
Municipal Services District Representative

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