

MEETING MINUTES
PIRATE HARBOR STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 25, 2014 – Special Meeting
11:30 A.M. – Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Homer Fleming, Dennis McCulloch, Lester Patzer, George Taylor and LeRoi Yaffey

Absent: John Hynes (excused)

County: Dawn Harrison, Francine Lisby, Linda Rohmer-Free, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

The meeting notes from July 31, 2014 were unanimously approved as amended.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Landscaping and Assessment Rate – Mr. Taylor explained the reason for a rate increase. The original letter was reviewed by the Finance Department who determined that the assessment rate did not factor in the cost of the loan, associated County fees and ongoing maintenance. Mr. Taylor read the original letter that asked for a \$100 rate increase. The current rate of \$50.00 isn't enough to sustain the district. A \$65.00 rate increase will be required to cover the cost of the ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure and would not include the proposed Landscape Project. A change was made to the original letter requesting a \$133.00 increase to cover the maintenance costs and the cost of a loan for the Landscape Project. There was extensive discussion regarding the current rate, the rate when the MSBU was split and the proposed rate increase. It was stated that the association can take over the maintenance of their landscaping and mowing which would save the MSBU \$25,000 per year; however it was stated that the association doesn't have the funding to take over landscaping and mowing. There was discussion regarding scaling the landscaping project back to cut down on costs.
- Ms. Rohmer-Free explained the budget process. Rate increases will be for FY2016 and FY 2017 budget cycle.

Open Discussion and Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items Only (5 Minute Limit)

- Mr. Wolf asked what the increase would be without any landscaping project – It would be \$65.00.
- Ms. Leonard commented on the Waterway MSBU's rate being reduced by \$210; the Street & Drainage MSBU's rate increase would result in a \$38.00 decrease for property owners for the next 5 years. She doesn't feel the majority of the people in the community would want a fancy entry. She thinks the project is way too much and should be scaled back. The voting tabulation process was discussed and explained by Ms. Harrison.
- Mr. Yaffey stated that there are a number of citizens who are not looking to spend a lot of money but agree that some beautification is really needed.
- Mr. Lulves stated the area currently looks very un-kept.
- Ms. Taylor stated that it's not a grand entrance just nice and clean looking.
- Mr. Taylor shared the beautification committee's plan with Ms. Leonard.
- Mr. Leonard suggested that beautification be approached using the word free when speaking to the citizens because with the decrease in the WWV rate and the increase in the S&D rate, it won't cost any more than they are currently paying and will actually put a few dollars back into their pockets. The idea should be sold to the public as free.
- Mr. McCulloch pointed out that only citizens with waterfront property will see a decrease in their Waterway rate. Properties that are not on the water will not receive a decrease in their assessments.

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- Mr. Nilsson commented on the amount of time it has taken to get the information to this stage. Ms. Harrison explained that the information was received and analysis was done before giving it to the public. He thinks a decision should be made now to enable it to move forward without further delays.
- Mr. Fleming feels this is a decision that should be made by the property owners and made a motion to move forward with sending out the letter asking for a rate increase; the motion was seconded by Mr. McCulloch and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Harrison discussed the tabulation process, how the votes are counted and the information supplied to the BCC regarding property owners that own more than one property.
- The \$65.00 amount required for maintenance should be separate from the amount for the landscaping project.
- The Committee would like the letter to be changed and mailed out within the next two weeks.
- There was discussion regarding an additional mailing done by the HOA and other ways to advise the property owners of the important ballot they will be receiving in the mail. Several citizens have already been contacted by phone in an attempt to get a better return of the votes.
- Mr. and Mrs. Taylor agreed to help with the mailing.
- It is important for people to show up at the public hearings.
- A one color rendering of the proposed landscape plan will be sent along with the letter.
- Phase 3 of the Burnt Store Rd. project was just completed and the mowing stopped short of the construction zone. The Committee is concerned about the grass being so high and causing a fire hazard. Ms. Harrison will follow up.

The next meeting was previously scheduled for Thursday October 23, 2014 will be changed to Thursday December 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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