

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE STREET & DRAINAGE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 5, 2009
2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Hubert Daniely, Jr., Deborah Manna, Paul Pilch, Nancy Razvoza
Dave Rubin and Fred Brown
County – Dawn Harrison, Bob Halfhill and Alan Holbach

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes: The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2009

Business:

- Mr. Daniely introduced the Committee members roll call was taken.
- Mr. Daniely stated why the meeting was scheduled concerning the rate for the FY 09/10. The question was asked when will the next Budget hearing take place for the rate, the meeting will be held on September 10, 2009
- Mr. Daniely went over what transpired during the last budget public hearing with the Commissioner's. Mr. Daniely discussed the rate reduction and how if the rate is reduced what the impact on the work program will be.
- Mr. Halfhill explained what could be done to insure that the rate will remain the same as 2008/2009. Mr. Halfhill recommendation for the Committee members is to make contact with the Commissioner's on the rate remaining the same. The question was asked if the Committee could invite the Commissioner's to attend the Community meeting. The answer was yes, the Commission's could attend as long as the meeting is advertised and minutes are taken.
- At last year, budget hearing the rate came up in conversation with staff and one of the Commissioner's. The conversation that took place was not part of the motion adopted by the BCC for the rate.
- The letter that was written to the Commissioner's from Mr. Daniely sent last year was an open ending rate not a one-year assessment. The fiscal department will make this more evident in the future.

- The Committee discussed the error that was made with the confusion with the waterway's rate.
- Mr. Rubin made a motion to make a recommendation to the BCC to allow the rate to remain the same with vacant properties paying \$125.00 a year and occupied paying \$118.00 a year with no change until the Committee members request one. Mrs. Manna seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.
- Mr. Daniely request a stop work in the field until the rate is approved by the BCC. Mr. Daniely stated the Committee members did not authorize the work that was being done in the field.
- Mr. Daniely stated that the work does not need to be done in areas where citizens do not live. Mrs. Harrison stated a map of the zone area was given to the Committee members along with a short description of the work plan for the pipe replacement. Mrs. Harrison stated whether citizens live in the area or not the citizens pay into the MSBU and should receive a benefit.
- Mr. Daniely stated the Committee wants Public Works to perform work they request not what work the County wants to do. Mrs. Harrison stated that the work should benefit the whole Community and the Committee members should represent the whole Community.
- The Committee members reviewed the 6 month accruals through March 17, 2009 and were given the activity report from October 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
- Mr. Holbach explained to the Committee not all of work will be approved by the Committee; in the field the staff will make determination on health and welfare and safety of the Community.
- Mr. Daniely objects to Riseley ditch being cleaned out Mr. Holbach stated Public Works staff and the Committee members might not always agree on what is needed to be done in the field.
- Mr. Daniely stated the Committee's main function is to over see the money if the money was not obtainable the Riseley ditch would not be clean out.
- Some work would be programmed even if funding is not available a loan could be taken for the work to be accomplished the following year the MSBU would start with a lower beginning balance.
- The Committee discussed the funding and what will be left after the paving cost is paid. If the rate is cut back to the old rate the work program will have to be cut for 2009/2010.

- Funding remaining in the budget for this year under Maintenance & Operation was cut by \$80,000 Engineering was over by \$50,000 Mr. Daniely stated they were working off the savings from the paving of \$200,000.
- Mr. Daniely stated that we took some of the rate increase funding and applied the funding to the maintenance program. The North West Port Charlotte rate remained low due to the fact they were receiving a great deal of funding from the GDC recovery.

Mr. Halfhill explained the MSBU study and what is taking place to change the process of the MSBU's. We are working on a possible change in the MSBU systems.

Mr. Daniely stated that the Committee presented an increase with a plan to the Commissioner's what is needed for improvements in the Community and the BCC did not approve the rate increase.

If the funding is not approved the work plan will be cut what ever funding is available we will develop a plan.

Mr. Daniely inquired why the prices come in higher for the work that was done on Batlin. There was an estimate only given.

Public Input

Mr. Pilikan request the Committee members to have the County release minutes from before the Committee was appointed by the BCC and be placed on the County web site.

Mr. Pilikan requested the meetings with the Commissioner's on the rate be held in Public.

The next meeting to be held for North West Port Charlotte was scheduled for October 6, 2009

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Harrison
Municipal Services District Representative