

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Spring Lake Improvement District was held Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

Tim McKenna	Chairman
Bill Lawens	Vice Chairman
Kay Gorham	Secretary
Brian Acker	Asst. Secretary (via telephone)
Melony Culpepper	Asst. Secretary (via telephone)

Also present were:

Bill Nielander	District Attorney
Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Diane Angell	District Administrator

Absent: Clay Shrum, Director of Operations

Residents & Guests	“See Sign in Sheet”
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**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Meetings/Events/Correspondence**

A. April 10<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, Office Closed

Terry Cerullo with DEP said “Mr. DeCerbo, Jon and I want to than you for the beautiful day yesterday. The Hospitality you and your team showed was priceless. You have a wonderful community and your vision for land conservation, parks and other activities for future generation of homeowners was outstanding. Jon and I could not stop stalking about the visit, tour, lunch and your vision. We will be out again, I hope that is good news, for the ribbon cutting or celebration of the WWTP. We all look forward to building our relationship with you, your staff and the Spring Lake Improvement District.”

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board received copies of the minutes from March 11, 2020 for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the minutes from March 11, 2020 Board meeting was approved.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Financials**

The Board received copies of the March 2020 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Kay Gorham, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor the financials from February 2020 were approved.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**FY 2019 Audit Report**

Racquel MacIntosh with Grau and Associates was at the meeting via telephone. She presented the FY 2019 Audit report to the Board. Chairman McKenna and Raquel noted the exemplary work done by staff, particularly Diane.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the FY 2019 Audit Report was approved.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Treasurer Report**

A. Update

Assessment deposits of \$49,747 and \$22,190 were received. Collections for the year are General Fund 74%, Lot Mowing 64%, and Village I Parks 87%. FL Class interest is 1.44%.

B. Installation of Water Meters (Supervisor Request)

Per Brian Acker’s request meter installations were as follows:

- 2018 – 8 meters installed
- 2019 – 13 meters installed

2020 – 8 meters installed as of March 31, 2020

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Attorney**

A. Village X Deed Transfer

This project is now complete.

B. Rt. 98 lot for WWTP expansion

The property is 7.15 acres for \$90,000.00 and is ready to go under contract.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor to purchase the 7.15 acres next to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$90,000.00 and to have Board Chairman sign documents on behalf of the Board.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor to use General Fund Reserves to create a loan to the Wastewater Fund for the purchase of the land.

C. Airport

The engineers have completed all the modeling and financial implications relevant to stormwater discharge are being worked on. The Airport has paid CAS for their work on this.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Manager**

A. Motion to approve Rt 98 Construction Bid

The Bid Opening was held April 2, 2020. The District received four bids as follows:

- \$677,155 from Excavation Point Inc.
- \$882,389 from PWC
- \$688,097 from Boromei Construction
- \$875,322 from COBB

Craig A Smith reviewed the bids and made the recommendation to accept the low bid of \$677,155 from Excavation Point Inc.

ON MOTION by Kay Gorham, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor to accept Excavation Point Inc's bid of \$677,155 for Rt 98 Sewer Line Construction.

**B. Duke Energy LED Agreement**

Proposal was signed and Duke will now do a formal assessment to present to Board for their approval.

**C. Golf Course Ponds Dedication and Blanket Easement**

Data is being collected and reviewed. Joe has had several meetings with golf course staff.

**D. Updated Supervisor Guide**

Now in a 3 Ring Binder for better access. FY '21 budget notes are included for Board Review.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Requests**

Bill Lawens thanked the staff for all they are doing and asked everyone to stay safe.

Kay Gorham said she would like to thank Randy and the crew for spraying the weeds behind the Waterway Homes it looks much better.

Kay Gorham said “at the last meeting during the discussion as to whether or not to request an Attorney General’s opinion on the agenda item regarding district equipment and personnel assisting the golf course, I feel Mr. Acker brought my ethics into question. I have reviewed the tape of the meeting and find his comment “I hope you are familiar with the ethics laws here in Florida” to be inappropriate, unnecessary, condescending, and off -topic. At no time in my 34 plus years of state and local public service have my ethics come in to question.”

Brian Acker said he understood that the Community Center had been closed and asked about the Parks and Basketball Courts. Joe responded that they are open and unfortunately it is hard to have enforcement. He hopes that people will observe the social distance guidelines.

Brian Acker said with respect to Kay Gorham’s comment on me questioning her ethics. My comment was a general statement in regards to the Florida Statute on Ethics and was not directed at her personally and for that I apologize. Kay Gorham thanked Mr. Acker for his apology.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments**

There being none.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Joe noted that if there was a lack of business it could be cancelled.

**TWELVTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Motion to Adjourn**

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham  
with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Tim McKenna, Chairman

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Kay Gorham, Secretary