

MANAGERS UPDATE

September 1, 2021

LEGAL UPDATE: Bill will discuss at the Board meeting.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET: The only change that was made is 20K being carried over from General Fund Reserves, not Personnel. Diane will have her annual Resolutions for the Board to pass, and then the tax rolls can be sent to the County for inclusion on the tax bills.

PRIORITY PROJECTS: All level One projects are in process and advancing.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE: Since our meetings have been relatively short, Chairman McKenna suggested that Clay, Randy, and Israel be present at the beginning of our meetings to answer any questions you want addressed. Supervisor Requests will be placed in the earlier part of the agenda. If there are other agenda items that will take a lot of time, they can leave the meeting. The pump station is back to full operational status with the completion of some electrical repairs. Two more employees (Lamar and Trey) have passed their aquatics exam. Lot mowing is in the third round of mowing.

PINEDALE ESTATES: We are approaching 30 connections. When the original budget was put together relative to SRF payments, the goal was 20! A new construction schedule is being developed due to product delays and COVID.

WATER METERS: Here are the most up to date figures: 1,634 paying customers; 25 paid and to be installed in Pinedale; Frank Mooney 15 paid for and to be installed; 10 more paid for by several developers to be installed. By the end of the year, we should be approaching 1,700 paying customers.

SURPLUS LAND: A pre-bid meeting was held on August 31 and three participants attended.

COUNTY SRF: The County was approved by SRF for a \$1.75 allocation for the development of a Preliminary Engineering Report for a County wide stormwater management program. The District benefits from this because the roads, culverts, and control structures are all County and repairs and replacements will fall under this program. Gene will be working with them on our infrastructure needs.

MEETINGS AND HOLIDAYS: I will have 3-hole copies for your Supervisors Guide. The meetings go thru 9/22 and the holidays thru 1/23

VACCINATION MANDATE: A number of governmental and corporate entities are starting to mandate employees be vaccinated. There has been an upsurge in both workmen's compensation claims due to COVID, as well as lawsuits. There will be an agenda item to discuss the Board's feelings about this. There are only 3 employees who are vaccinated.

FIBER OPTIC FUNDING: I have been informed by the County that Spring Lake is on the funding list for installation of fiber optic thru the American Rescue monies. The HCBOCC will be reviewing and approving projects at their September 21 meeting. I will be there to address any questions.

RECYCLING: The County Administrator told me that recycle bins will be installed in Sebring, Avon Park and Lake Placid with new control systems developed by the County and Waste Connections. If the program runs smoothly, both Spring Lake and SNL will be invited to participate starting in 2023.

SUN 'N LAKE: We are often compared to SNL on a number of items. The attached article in the paper stated the Board approved a 4% across the board increase.

Supervisors to discuss assessments, general manager

By PHIL ATTINGER
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SEBRING — Sun 'N Lake supervisors have the special improvement district's assessments on their agenda this morning.

The proposed assessments don't appear to have changed since last year, except for a 4% increase across the board, said Financial Officer Omar DeJesus.

Currently, the district will assess unimproved vacant land at \$146 per lot, and \$364 per lot if it fronts on a road and/or drainage, according to the published notice on Aug. 18. Open acreage will be assessed based on the equivalent of a 3.5-lot segment.

Single-family, condo, multi-family and time-share units will be assessed at \$728 each. Those with additional lots on a golf course will be \$73 more.

The notice states that retirement homes will be assessed at \$400 per

room. Stores will be assessed at \$173 per equivalent unit, or E.U.; community shopping at \$954 per E.U.; multi-story non-professional buildings at \$823 per E.U., and professional buildings at \$1,332 per E.U.

DeJesus explained the commercial buildings are assessed by the number of separate entities in the building, or an E.U. A strip mall/shopping plaza would be assessed for the number of stores, not the number of buildings, he said.

Financial institutions, the notice states, will be assessed at \$735 per E.U., vehicle sales at \$764 per E.U., park and mobile home lots at \$539 per E.U., and golf courses at \$539 per E.U.

Hotels will pay \$400 per room and mixed-use developments will pay \$400 per room. Light manufacturing will be assessed \$713 per unit. Churches will be assessed at \$677 per unit, but would pay 25% of the approved rate, the notice states.

Utilities will be assessed at \$320 per unit, warehousing and distributing at \$939 per unit, industrial storage at \$539 per unit, private schools at \$604 per unit and private hospitals at \$400 per unit.

The Tanglewood Special Purpose User Rate will be \$851 per acre, the notice states.

There are 4,000 water meters with an estimated 3.5 people per meter, DeJesus said, resulting in approximately 14,000 people in the district, by estimate.

DeJesus said there also was a 5% across-the-board increase in golf rates, for those who are members or users of the course. Supervisors have that item on their agenda today, also.

And, on the agenda is a job description for the general manager's position for the district, currently being held by Dan Stegall, who has served in the position since former general manager Tanya Cannady took a job with the county.
