

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

A Public Hearing on Utility Rates and Fees was held Wednesday March 9, 2022, at the District Office, 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida. The regular Board meeting immediately followed.

Present were:

Tim McKenna	Chairman
Bill Lawens	Vice Chairman
Kay Gorham	Secretary
Brian Acker	Asst. Secretary
Sue Dean	Asst. Secretary

Also present were:

Bill Nielander	District Attorney
Joe DeCerbo	District Manager
Diane Angell	District Administrator
Clay Shrum	Director of Operations
Israel Serrano	Utility Superintendent
Gene Schriener	District Engineer

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. March 9, 2022, Annual St Pats Luncheon, noon @ Gator Shack sponsored by Tim McKenna. Joe stated this is the 12<sup>th</sup> year he has done it.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Comcast Presentation**

VP of External Affairs, Derek Cooper, and Jen Boyet gave an overview of the COMCAST network and the system being put into place in Spring Lake. Customers will be connected as early as the summer, and the entire district will have availability by year end. Mr. Cooper answered several questions from the Board and public residents present. He promised to meet with Joe in the next month for an update that can be published in the Breeze.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing – Utility Rates and Fees**

Joe gave a brief historical perspective, and Dyanna Stewart from FRWA reviewed the study she conducted and the suggested rates and fees beginning April 1. There were numerous comments and critiques from both the Board and the public present. A tape of the full hearing is available for anyone wanting to hear the entire dialog.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjourn for Break**

The meeting adjourned for a 5-minute break.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes**

The Board received copies of the minutes from February 9, 2022, for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Kay Gorham with all in favor the minutes from February 9, 2022 were approved.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Financials**

The Board received copies of the February 2022 Financials for review. There being no further questions.

ON MOTION by Kay Gorham, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor the financials from February 2022 were approved.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Treasurer Report**

**A. Update**

Deposits in the amount of \$68, 060 and \$58,648 were received in February. Collections for the year are General Fund 77%, Lot Mowing 90%, and Village I Parks 80%.

**B. Resolution 2022-02 Utility Rates and Fees**

A resolution was presented to the Board to adopt the new Utility Rates and Fees. The new rates will go into effect April 1, 2022.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor Resolution 2022-02 Utility Rates and Fees was approved.

**C. Resolution 2022-03 Utility Policies and Procedures**

A resolution regarding Step Tank Responsibilities and Procedures was presented to the Board. This policy will be included in the District's Utility Policies and Procedures document.

ON MOTION by Bill Lawens, seconded by Brian Acker with all in favor Resolution 2022-03 Step Tank Responsibilities and Procedures was approved.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Manager**

**A. Updates**

Joe noted there will be three vacancies on the Board, two popular elected, and one landowner. He asked the current Board members to let him know their intentions, so we can make appropriate plans. He pointed out that he was meeting with Management staff to fill the current vacancies in Field, and to develop a plan of action for Utility personnel.

**B. Pickleball Courts**

The Pickleball project has been put on hold because of the withdrawal of \$110,000 from Dr. Thakker, who is shifting his support to County Club. Joe is putting together an updated plan of action and will present it to the Board in April for their discussion and decision. The \$90,000 grant from RPAC is still good to use.

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Attorney**

The surplus land closing is scheduled to be completed by March 25, 2022.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Succession Planning**

Bill Lawens reported that he had met with Joe on numerous occasions regarding the succession plan. He gave the Board an information packet to review for discussion at the April meeting.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisor Requests**

Bill Lawens asked if the FASD Conference was happening this year, and Joe will have all the information at the April meeting.

Bill Lawens and Brian Acker both informed the Board that they would not be seeking re-election to the Board when their terms expire in November.

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments**

Arlene Klingbiel asked staff to include the guide to Step System maintenance that is on the District 's website be included in the welcome packets for new customers.

Bob Rider asked staff to update the website and make it easier for residents to find audited financial reports.

**FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 13, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

**FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Motion to Adjourn**

ON MOTION by Kay Gorham, seconded by Bill Lawens with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Tim McKenna, Chairman

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Kay Gorham, Secretary