

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/04/01

SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 3:00 P. M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, COPE, HALL, ENFINGER AND FINCH PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PETER HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK DIANNE CARTER WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN COPE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, OFFERED PRAYER AND LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

CHAIRMAN COPE STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR A MSBU FOR SUNNY HILLS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO IMPLEMENT THE MSBU; IF THEY PASS THE ORDINANCE, THEY WOULD PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP WHICH WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TAX ROLL FOR THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE MSBU. IF THE BOARD DOES NOT ADOPT THE ORDINANCE, THIS WOULD PUT AN END TO THE MSBU.

COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER TO ADOPT THE MSBU ORDINANCE.

HENRY WASEWLESKI ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED MSBU POINTING OUT THE RESIDENTS OWNING REAL ESTATE IN SUNNY HILLS AND OAK HILLS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THE INFORMATION IN THE ORDINANCE.

CHAIRMAN COPE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER PUBLIC INPUT PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED MSBU ORDINANCE. ATTORNEY HOLLEY REITERATED IF ANYONE HAD ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE MSBU ORDINANCE ONLY, THE CHAIRMAN WAS ASKING THEY PROVIDE PUBLIC INPUT AT THIS TIME. HE ALSO ADVISED THE ORDINANCE WAS ADVERTISED IN THE PAPER AND WAS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

HENRY WASEWLESKI RE-ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE RESIDENTS NOT BEING AWARE OF AN ORDINANCE AND DUE TO THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO LOOK AT IT, DIGEST IT AND RESPOND TO IT. HE QUESTIONED WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN MORE APPROPRIATE IF THE ORDINANCE HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER AT SUNNY HILLS SO THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF IT.

GLEN ZANETIC, PRESIDENT OF THE SUNNY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE NOT BEING ADDRESSED AT THE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS BUT IT WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT HAD BEEN AVAILABLE WHEN THE MSBU WAS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED. HE EMPHASIZED THE ORDINANCE WAS THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT STEP IN THE MSBU PROCESS AS IT SETS EVERYTHING IN MOTION.

EVONNE KRIEJ ADDRESSED THE BOARD AND REQUESTED THEY LOOK AT THE SECOND STIPULATION OF THE ORDINANCE WHERE IT STATES THERE WAS A PETITION WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN OAK HILLS AND SUNNY HILLS WAS IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE; THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AS SHE NEVER RECEIVED ANY TYPE OF SURVEY OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON THE MSBU.

GLENN ZANETIC READDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE MSBU HAVING BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS; THE CRITERIA, HOW IT WOULD BE CONDUCTED AND WHAT TIME FRAME IT WAS TO BE CONDUCTED WERE ALL ADDRESSED. THE SURVEY WENT OUT IN JULY 2000 IN A NEWSLETTER AS WELL AS SENT OUT SEPARATELY SO IT COULD BE RETURNED; THE COMMITTEE WENT HOUSE TO HOUSE WITH PETITIONS, BROUGHT THE RESULTS OF THE PETITION TO THE BOARD AND THE COMMITTEE PROCEEDED WITH MAILOUTS TO ALL REMAINING PROPERTY OWNERS. HE EXPLAINED HOW THE MAILOUTS WERE DONE, HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE CONTACTED, PROPERTY OWNERS BEING ASKED TO COME TO THIS MEETING IF THEY OBJECTED TO IT OR SEND IN A WRITTEN REPLY WITHIN A 20 DAY PERIOD WHICH IS ACCORDING TO STATUTE; THERE WERE 95 REPLIES OUT OF THE 12,301 MAILOUTS.

EVONNE KREIJ READDRESSSED THE BOARD AND QUESTIONED HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE THE TIME TO SIT DOWN AND WRITE A LETTER STATING THEY OPPOSE THE MSBU; THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED INFORMATION WHERE THEY COULD HAVE JUST MARKED A "YES" OR "NO" RESPONSE. SHE ALSO REFERENCED THERE BEING PEOPLE WITH ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS AND THEM NOT UNDERSTANDING HOW TO RESPOND.

JANE NORRIS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HER SERVING ON THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD AND THE MAILOUTS WERE DONE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY AND WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS LEGAL. SHE ALSO REFERENCED MOST OF THE PEOPLE WITH ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS HAVING LIVED IN THE UNITED STATES LONG ENOUGH THEY UNDERSTAND ENGLISH AND HAVE ALL PAID TAXES. SHE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE MSBU BECAUSE SHE WANTED BETTERMENT FOR HER COMMUNITY AND REALIZED THE COUNTY COULD ONLY AFFORD TO DO SO MUCH.

EMILY BUCZYMA, RESIDENT IN THE OAK HILLS COMMUNITY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED MSBU DUE TO A LOT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY LIVING ON A FIXED INCOME. SHE ADDRESSED THERE BEING NO CAP ON THE \$25 AND WITH TIME THIS AMOUNT COULD BE INCREASED; THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP IN TALLAHASSEE HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED DUE TO THE VAST AREA OF THE COMMUNITY NOT EVERYONE WOULD BENEFIT EQUALLY FROM THE MSBU. SHE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD TABLE THE PROPOSED MSBU UNTIL THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ENLARGED WITH POPULATION AND THEN IT WOULD BE MORE FEASIBLE TO LOOK AT IT.

LEONA LUCKER, RESIDENT IN THE OAK HILLS COMMUNITY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED MSBU. SHE REFERENCED HER BEING OPPOSED TO THE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED MSBU DUE TO HER NOT KNOWING ENOUGH ABOUT IT FOR THE LACK OF INFORMATION; HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN LETTERS, FLIERS, AND BULLETINS AT MEETINGS ON THE MSBU NOW BEING PROPOSED.

SILARSKI CASMER ADDRESSED THE BOARD OPPOSING THE MSBU; SUNNY HILLS SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONES DECIDING IF THEY WANT AN MSBU AND NOT THE COUNTY.

MARGARET UCKERLE, RESIDENT OF SUNNY HILLS, ADDRESSED THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE MSBU; IF THE PEOPLE IN SUNNY HILLS HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE MSBU IS ALL ABOUT, IT IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN THE TIME TO FIND OUT AS EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DONE THAT POSSIBLY COULD BE DONE TO MAKE SURE IT WAS UNDERSTOOD.

SILARSKI CASMER READDRESSSED THE BOARD STATING THERE SHOULD BE A BALLOT AND A VOTE ON THE MSBU TO SEE IF IT WOULD PASS.

CHAIRMAN COPE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY FURTHER INPUT. COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE MSBU ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSING.

THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE MSBU WAS HELD.

GLENN ZANETIC ADDRESSED THE BOARD TO EXPLAIN THE ASSESSMENTS TO BE IMPOSED:

1. RESIDENTIAL-DEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL LOTS IS BASE ASSESSMENT OF \$25.00. BASE ASSESSMENT OF \$25 WAS BASED ON A PROPOSED BUDGET CONTAINING CERTAIN ITEMS SUCH AS LOWERING ISO RATINGS ON EMERGENCY SERVICES BEING FIRE DEPARTMENTS, ROAD COST AND REPAIRING OF ROADS, IMPLEMENTATION FEES OWED TO COUNTY, BEAUTIFICATION AT ENTRANCES, LIGHTING, ETC. PROPOSED EXPENSES FOR 2002 TOTALS \$303,950; THERE ARE A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 12,000 PROPERTIES ASSESSED; SOME AT \$25.00 AND SOME MORE DUE TO THE FORMULA STATING THEY WILL BE ASSESSED ONE QUARTER RESIDENTIAL LOT AMOUNT PER ACRE NOT TO BE LESS THAN \$25 OR GREATER THAN \$300; THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS WILL BRING IN \$314,700 WHICH WILL KEEP THE INCOME AND EXPENSES AT A BALANCE.
2. PARCELS THAT ARE ON UNPAVED ROADS WILL BE ASSESSED ZERO UNTIL PAVING IS PROVIDED.

CHAIRMAN COPE QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANYONE WHO HAD ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE ASSESSMENTS.

LOU TRACY ADDRESSED ASSESSMENT INFORMATION HE HAD WHICH SAID UNDEVELOPED LOTS, UNPAVED ROADS-\$0 ASSESSMENTS AND QUESTIONED IF THIS MEANT ANY REMAINING LOTS AT DELTONA OR ANY OTHER LOTS THAT ARE UNDEVELOPED WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MSBU. ZANETIC ADVISED TRACY HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS CORRECT, THERE WOULD BE NO ASSESSMENT UNTIL THE LOTS ARE PAVED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THE ASSESSMENT, ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE BOARD THEIR ACTION WOULD BE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION WHICH ADOPTS THE ASSESSMENT ROLL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER FINCH OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENFINGER AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSING.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE AGREEMENT WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE TAX COLLECTOR'S ATTORNEY WAS STILL WORKING ON THE AGREEMENT AND THIS COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AT A LATER DATE.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE PURCHASE OF THE SOFTWARE NEEDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR TO IMPLEMENT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE MSBU. WHILE WAITING FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE SOFTWARE NEEDS, COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM THOMPSON TRACTOR COMPANY FOR THREE BACKHOE LOADERS FOR \$184,176.00, ONE BACKHOE LOADER TOOL CARRIER FOR \$78,357.00 AND AN EXCAVATOR FOR \$167,234.00.

THE TAX COLLECTOR THEN PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON THE COST FOR SOFTWARE SHE WOULD NEED AND THE EXPENSE OF THE ANNUAL SUPPORT AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE MSBU ASSESSMENT; THE TOTAL COST FOR THE FIRST YEAR WOULD BE \$25,500. COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ORDER THE SOFTWARE; THE COUNTY WOULD PAY FOR IT AND BE REIMBURSED WHEN THE MSBU IS IMPLEMENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HALL OPPOSING.

COMMISSIONER ENFINGER OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH TO ADJOURN. FRANK CORSO QUESTIONED IF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WAS RECESSED OR ADJOURNED AS THIS MEETING WAS ADVERTISED FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MSBU AND THE BOARD HAD TAKEN ACTION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE BOARD'S ACTION TO PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT DUE TO THIS BEING A PUBLIC MEETING; THE BOARD CAN CONFIRM THEIR ACTION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING IF NEEDED.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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CLERK  
ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

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