

Palm Island Estates Homeowners Assoc.
1/11/21 Board Meeting

President LouEllen Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00. A quorum was met with all board members present. Guests: Teressa Fesperman, Jeff & Lynn Provost, Theresa Blanco, Dick & Kathy Sadenwater.

Minutes from the December 14, 2020 board meeting were approved as corrected.

President LouEllen Wilson reminded us that in 2018 the board approved operating under Simplified Robert's Rules of Order. (copy attached)

Election of Officers– Heather Stout was nominated for President by LouEllen. Nomination was declined.

Meryl Schaffer nominated for President by Sally Johnson, 2nd Pat Gordon
Heather Stout nominated for Vice President by Meryl Schaffer, 2nd Linda C.
Pat Gordon nominated for Secretary by Lindsay Yates, 2nd Sally Johnson
Lindsay Yates nominated for Treasurer by Sally Johnson, 2nd Pat Gordon

All were elected by unanimous ballot. The Corresponding Secretary is Cori Palmere who is responsible for answering inquiries posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report –. Income for the year was \$11,200 Expenses were \$8,000 for Net Cash of \$3200. Legal Fund balance is \$14,000. Noted that Insurance seems rather high and should we look elsewhere? Watts is current insurer at almost \$3800/year. Candy Cohen offered to make a few calls regarding rates.

Committee Reports –

- a. Info Central/Sally – No Report
- b. Social/ –
- c. Island Watch/Linda – R&B Advisory; the removal of exotics from the R.O.W. has been sent back out for bid. Attended the Cape Haze HOA meeting, confirmed they have hired an attorney.
- d. Barrier Island Fire Advisory Board/Candy – The new fire station completion date is December 2021. Next meeting is in 2 weeks.
- e. Utility Update/Craig – Reported 471 comments posted to PSC, 20 of these from EU. PSC denied request for bifurcation (only yes vote was Art Graham) we need to hire an attorney to represent us at an administrative hearing because: 1) need to pressure CC to provide sewer service, not private utility. 2) Require provider to provide all meaningful data. 3) pros & cons of the 2 systems so we may choose.
- f. Administration/Lindsay –No Report

- g. Security/Dave – Deputy reports all quiet on island New Year’s Eve
- h. Scholarship/Heather –No Report
- i. Welcome & Membership/Cori – Not many home, trying to hand deliver welcome letters
- j. Beautification/Pat –No Report

Old Business:

- a. The February Street Dance is cancelled due to Covid.
- b. Sewer update – The next important date: a response to the PSC by January 16, requesting an Administrative Hearing. A Legal Fundraiser for sewer battle has been established. To date 7 people have responded totaling \$1250. Can donate online, it was proposed that an improvement would be to add a “pledge” option.

New Business:

- a. Comments from Members: Theresa Blanco has been investigating possible attorneys in Tampa to hire for representation to PSC. Truitt/Gardner was mentioned. She expects to hear back from another, tomorrow. Jeff Provost mentioned contacting Susan F. Clark from Radey Law Firm who in turn referred him to D. Bruce May at Holland & Knight. “Who might be another, established private utility operator elsewhere in the State if Charlotte County won’t assume the project?”
- b. Vacant board position – Sally B. nominated Theresa Blanco to fill the board position, Meryl 2nd. Motion approved. This position will be for 1 year and needs to be re-elected at next annual meeting.

Amended: (from Annual Meeting 1/2/21)

Motion was made by Dick Sadenwater that PIE get involved and represent the membership by hiring an attorney at the next scheduled Board of Director’s meeting on January 11, 2021, to fight the granting of the application *filed by an unestablished private utility* to provide sewer service to the certified service area.

Next Board Meeting is February 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully,

Pat Gordon