

P.I.E. Board Meeting Minutes
When: February 12, 2018 5:00 PM EST
Where: Gasparilla Way Fire House

Call Meeting to Order 5:02 PM EST

Present: Jeff Bisgrove, Linda Cotherman, Gary Galloway, Lindsay Yates, Cori Hane Palmere, Heather Stout, David Witters, Sally Johnson, Craig Baresel, Andy Ronald, Lou Ellen Wilson, and Monica Errico

Remote and present by telephone: Dave Mulvaney

1. Roll Call/Establish Quorum – Lou Ellen stated that PIE was incorporated in F.S. 617, not F.S. 679. 617.0820 (4) states Directors may attend meeting via by any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other. A Director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person.
2. Approval Minutes January 8, 2018 Meeting
 - Lindsay motion to approve the meeting minutes for the January 8, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Linda motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the January 19, 2018 Special P.I.E. Board Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Report of the President
 - Lou Ellen introduced the special Guest, Bob Dawson of Watts Dawson Insurance.
 - Insurance for P.I.E. BOD and members is up for renewal in February of 2018. Philadelphia was the past carrier. Upon review of the policy it was uncovered that P.I.E. was underinsured. Bob Dawson obtained 3 quotes from carriers for \$1M in liability. The policy covers hired and auto for travel on company business, and includes coverage of directors, officers, and committee members for monetary and nonmonetary damages. Fidelity coverage for cash on hand is required by 617 and also included in the policy.
 - The policy does not include host liquor liability.
 - The quote provided by North Ridge was the most affordable option at ~\$4500 for 2018.
 - The BOD will vote on approval of the insurance quote during New Business.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Lindsay reviewed membership for 2018. As of January 2018, P.I.E. has 183 members producing a net income of \$7317.64 after administrative fees. 52 previous members have not yet renewed membership in 2018. The 2018 budget is projected to be ~12,891. Reference New Business for the 2018 budget.
5. Committee Reports: (Get bullet points on what they will address)
 - Info Central (Sally) –
 - Fire chief coming on wed Feb 14th at 11 AM. MSTU rates and the ISO rating will be discussed. Questions for the Fire Chief should be forwarded to Sally prior to the event.

- Monica inquired if the fire house can be used to host events Info Central speakers so that members who have to work daytime can attend the events.
 - Social (Jeff)
 - The Street Dance is scheduled for Feb 17th from 7 PM – 11:30 PM. Rob's Pizza donated 20 pizza's for the event. Over \$500 in door prizes will be raffled off as part of the 50/50 drawing The event will be free to members and \$10 for non-member guests.
 - Band in the Sand – Regretfully, the band for Band in the Sand was unwilling to modify the executed contract for Friday March 30th and will need to proceed as planned for 2018. For 2019, Band in the Sand will move to the Saturday night before Easter Sunday.
 - ISO (Andy)
 - Andy reported that there are 2 primary drivers on ISO: water and manpower. Manpower is a cost/benefit issue, whereas water is very significant and can also be costly to resolve. There may be other alternatives.
 - Bid for the new fire house is due on February 15th.
 - Please forward all questions for the Info Central event with Fire Chief Bill Van Helden at 11 AM on February 14th at the resort to Sally for collation ahead of the event.
6. Old Business:
- Articles of Incorporation (Lou Ellen)
 - Articles of Incorporation - Lou Ellen stated that currently the Article of Incorporation state that the Board Members approve amendments to the By-Laws, but the By-Laws were at one point amended to state the members approve by-law amendments. Due this conflict, legally the Articles would rule. By-Law Committee will review this discrepancy as part of their review and recommendations.
 - Goals & Objectives/Formation of Committees
 - Appoint Committee Members and Chairpersons.
 - Each year members appointed and/or reappointed to the various committees.
 - See Appendix 1 for committee description and appointments.
 - a. Corresponding Secretary will assume the responsibility of member communications as defined in the bylaws.
 - b. The board thanked Heather Stout for her services for maintaining the website and member communications and accepted her resignation as webmistress.
7. New Business
- Set meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 (Lou Ellen)
 - It was decided that the Board will meet on the second Monday of every month, including summertime. Jeff motioned to approve the dates. It was stated in the motion that members could attend via electronic means, and that it would be an excused absence if they are off the island due to extended stays away from their island residence. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Insurance Renewal (Lou Ellen)
 - In addition to the written quote obtained by North Ridge, a verbal estimate was obtained by Key agency in the amount of \$5700. Andy motioned to approve the policy provided by North Ridge not to exceed \$4500. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Security/Hiring of Sheriff Deputy (Lou Ellen)

- Off-hours extra sheriff protection is \$45/hr. This service includes a car for the hours requested. Lou Ellen motioned to approve a budget of \$1200 for the 3 additional shifts in 2018, exact hours to be set by the Security Committee. Motion was approved unanimously.
 - 2018 Budget (Lou Ellen)
 - Motion was made by Linda and unanimously adopted to approve the 2018 Budget including the insurance increase and the Sheriff costs. (copy attached)
 - Update on county sewer plans (Craig)
 - Report was accepted for information (copy attached)
8. Comments from Members (topics other than agenda items)
- Beach renourishment (Linda) There will be a vote the morning of February 15th to pass the beach renourishment program. For more information on this please reference the PARC Funding Methodology & Financing Plan. (<http://www.parccoastal.com/manasota>). Linda raised that if anyone hasn't filled out their road & bridges survey the deadline was extended to midnight of February 12th, 2018.
 - Dick Sadenwater – Testing of service water around the island. Goes by EPA standard which is in conflict with what the county does now. Heather has been performing the testing for P.I.E. since last year. The 2018 testing is coming up in July. Lou Ellen motioned to add to the agenda for the next Board meeting the topic of whether or not water testing should continue.

Adjournment: 7:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Errico - Secretary

APPENDIX 1: 2018 P.I.E. Standing Committees for 2018

1. Administrative Committee – insurance, filing of government required forms, review of articles of incorporation and bylaw rewriting, nominating new BOD members, attention to zip code issues, P.I.E. mission statement
 - a. Lindsay Yates (Chair)
 - b. Lou Ellen Wilson
 - c. Candy Cohen
2. Social/Special Events Committee - dances/parties, parades, fundraisers, fishing tournaments, etc. For events, the committee will request additional membership assistance.
 - a. Jeff Bisgrove (Chair)
 - b. Monica Errico
 - c. Rose Malone
3. Info Central – host speakers on island to discuss hot topics
 - a. Sally Johnson (Chair)
 - b. Barbara DeYulio
4. Security Committee – liaison with Sheriff Deputy, scheduling of off-duty sheriff, explore possibility of cameras at ferry landing
 - a. Dave Mulvaney (Chair)
 - b. Jeff Bisgrove
5. Island watch Committee - Roads and bridges, beach renourishment, tax increases, sewer, dredging, and island preservation. Island Watch will arrange ad-hoc sub-committees as required.
 - a. Linda Cotherman (Chair)
 - b. Jeff Bisgrove
 - c. Craig Baresel
 - i. ISO sub-committee: Fire Station, water, sewer utility services
 1. Andy Ronald (Chair)
 2. Dave Witters
 3. Jeff Bisgrove
 4. Craig Baresel
6. Welcoming Committee – introduction to new residents of the island
 - a. Pam Mulvaney (Chair)
 - b. Barbara DeYulio
 - c. Cori Palmere
7. Palm Island Transit Liaison – streamline communications between Ferry service and residents
 - a. Craig Baresel (Chair)
8. Beautification Committee – island cleanup, beatification and maintenance of walkovers, ferry landscaping, gazebos, and P.I.E bulletin boards
 - a. Lindsay Yates (Chair)
 - b. Pat Gordon
9. Communication Committee – maintenance of current P.I.E. website, new landing pages for self-education and dissemination of information on hot topics
 - a. Dave Mulvaney

10. Scholarship Committee – review scholarship applications and grant scholarships
 - a. TBD

APPENDIX II: UPDATE ON COUNTY SEWER PLANS

Report by Craig Baresel

First, thanks to a lot of long term residents and PIE people for their previous involvement. I can say the more I dig in to items effecting our island the more I find there are many that have spent countless hours attending Charlotte County meetings, who serve on current advisory boards, and who have even traveled to Tallahassee to represent our wonderful island. Thank you!!!

Sewer Update - In a nutshell, a couple years ago the county hired consultants Jones/ Edmunds. They developed a 376 page Sewer Master plan which digs into water quality, wildlife impacts, impact on tourism, comparisons to neighboring areas, cost assessments, and then prioritized.

Our island recently landed in the first 5 years of the 20 year utilities improvement plan. We ended up in the first 5 year of the Master Plan because our score on a mix of: Proximity to water and water tables (score-5), Density of septic per acre (5), Water testing in the general area (5), and Age of current septic systems (4). We were however near the bottom of a dozen priorities in the 5 year primarily because we are not currently connected to county water and are serviced by a private utility.

At a 1/30/2018 nearly 3 hour County Commissioner meeting just on the Septic to Sewer (S2S) subject there was a presentation from the utilities department with an overview, funding requests, and the first projects were voted on.

For now the Commissioners only voted on funding and starting converting S2S in 3 areas (El Jobean East, Crestview Circle, and Ellicott Circle). These three areas both need and want sewer. Their septic systems are failing, they can't install new ones because of water table changes, law changes, and some folks literally have sewage bubbling up out of the ground. These three areas alone will take an estimated three years to complete. Other projects can be started but due to the \$13 mil+ price tags I can tell you the county will be watching these 3 pretty closely. At least right now both the utility department AND the county commissioners said that the 5, 10, and 15 year time frames are probably too aggressive and things just won't happen that fast. In the big picture even if the 5 year was followed our island would just be starting at the end of the 5 years so actual sewer would be another 2 years past that. They are committed however to keep moving forward as organized and as quickly as possible.

Funding - There are some federal and state grant funds available due to Charlotte County location on water ways. Those funds might cover an estimated 45% to 50%. Consumers will pay the other 50% to 55%. We will pay 2 ways. Right now the report estimates an average of \$11,500 cost per residence to run and connect to a new sewer line. The county has different options and has not decided yet but the most likely option is the County would get a long term

loan or bond for the S2S fund and then bill the people being connected over time with an appropriate interest rate. The current estimate is \$44 per month per household for new connections. Then there is the ongoing additional normal rate for being connected to a sewer estimated at \$49 for a total estimate of \$93/ mo. This will likely go up over the next few years. These fees do not include the costs if our current septic systems have to be dug out and landscape replaced etc.

The Wild Card - Knight Island Utilities (Palm Island Resort) The resort is currently under negotiation and has been for nearly 2 years. Many are aware of this but for those that may not be aware the resort has its own water and sewer system. They have not operated under a county permit since 2016. It is a private business and we do not know the exact costs but they are facing large expenditures to keep their system current and get permitted. The County Commissioners have very little interest in buying any private utilities because they have been burned with upgrade costs in ones they bought in the past.

HOWEVER... As a business it may be cheaper in the long run for the resort to agree to pay for all or a large part of the cost for pumps and connections to the county system rather than to spend money internally on their system, thus the negotiations. IF Knight Island connects to the County it would be at the same pipe location crossing the inter-coastal so then it makes economic sense to make it large enough to accommodate the rest of our island connections which could push our timing forward.

There are a lot of related items. Bocilla water utility is a big one. Typically water and sewer connections go hand and hand. That would bring another set of negotiations into the picture.

As this unfolds we will do our best to stay informed. If anyone wants more information there was a recent e-mail sent to all PIE members which had links to the county website, the master plan, and presentations made. Thanks.

I have included 3 links below if anyone wants more info on the County Utilities/ Sewer plans.

- The first link goes to the county utilities page where there is a short video, an executive summary, the full 376 page county master plan, water testing info etc.
- The second link goes to the January 30 county meeting agenda and includes the presentation that was given to the county commissioners.
- The 3rd link goes to the closed caption TV filming of the entire presentation meeting so a person could hear the commissioners comments.

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/dept/utilities/Pages/Sewer-Master-Plan.aspx>

<http://www.charlottefl.com/outreach/agenda/20180130/20180130Agenda.pdf>

http://charlotte.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=15&clip_id=4160