

SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
APPROVED ACTIONS
JULY 8, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Tammy Langalis, Mike Barbis, John Igneri, District Fire Marshal and Property Manager Ed Carlson, District Assistant Property Manager Jason O'Donnell, District Clerk Andrea Woodworth

ABSENT: District Treasurer John Verel

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The possibility of the District taking ownership of Greens' Ledge Lighthouse was discussed. Commissioner Barbis said that a letter indicating our non-binding interest would be sent by the District Clerk. We need to research the liabilities and maintenance involved in owning the lighthouse. It was discussed that some residents think that it would be an asset to Rowayton.
- Commissioner Barbis showed a map of the current driveway project and led a discussion of what it involves. There will be speed bumps added.
- Ass't. Property Manager O'Donnell mentioned that we did get a proposal for the sewer work under the area we're going to repave and the cost for it would be \$6525. We are eliminating the proposed granite crosswalk which would have cost \$10,000. The money saved by not having this would more than cover the sewer work and the speed bumps.
- Commission Chair Tammy Langalis publicly thanked the DPW for having people clearing poison ivy, sumac and other vines away from the sidewalk in front of 39 Wilson Avenue.
- Mrs. Langalis also said that Rowayton Avenue resident Terry Atkin has been instrumental in getting the sidewalk in front of Pinkney Park repaired. We are also trying to get the cement curbing around the cannon fixed.
- The sorry state of the sidewalks around town was discussed, with an eye to getting the city to do something about this.
- Property Manager Ed Carlson said that repairs had been made to the newly refurbished bathroom at the Pinkney House. He said that part of the problem was that there was not enough air from the roof vent which had become partially blocked by leaves, etc. They covered the vent with a screen today and the toilet seems to be working well.
- Commission Chair Langalis said that we may need more trash receptacles at Pinkney Park especially when there is an event there. It was noted that people at the beach on the Fourth of July didn't recycle their trash and there was a big overflow of it.
- Commissioner Mike Barbis publicly thanked the gate guards at Bayley Beach on the Fourth of July. Over 500 cars came in and the parking lot was full as of 5:30 p.m. People did what they were asked to do and there was good control. Thank You to the RCA for running a very successful event.

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- Commissioner Barbis also said that the Rowayton Fire Department has their hoses tested every year and that most of their hoses failed this year. Therefore, the RFD is buying all new hoses for about \$16,500. They will be warranted for one year.
- The new owner at 8 Wilson Avenue has been cutting back some of the brush belonging to the Sixth Taxing District. Ed spoke with the owner and she was very nice about it.
- We have \$600,000 content insurance for the Community Center. Mr. Barbis advocated going through the building and taking an inventory of all the contents to see whether or not we have the correct coverage.
- It was discussed about the possibility of benefits being offered to our part time employees. No consensus was reached.
- There is also another issue of offering an IRA to the employees. The Sixth Taxing District would need to be providing matching funds for this. We will ask Tom Robinson to ask the RR guards what interest they have in this.
- We are still awaiting information from the city on a shortfall in our tax revenues of \$65,000.
- We're still working on an insurance claim for the library flood. As we get the insurance money, we need to forward that to the Library.
- Rob Frazier, 158 Highland Avenue, said that there are outside groups that offer HR packages for entities such as the Sixth Taxing District. He and/or Maggie Trujillo, 59 Sammis Street, will forward specifics to the commissioners.
- Fire Marshal Ed Carlson said that there is still an investigation into suspicious fires around town. There is a person of interest identified by the police.
- It was noted by Ass't. Property Manager Jason O'Donnell that seven bicycles were left at Bayley Beach after the fireworks. The beach director has moved them into storage.
- Roton Point is missing some safety zone buoys and wondered if we knew anything about them. The answer was "No".
- Mrs. Langalis asked the other commissioners' opinion on meeting in August to resolve the shortfall in the budget. Should it be a special meeting or the regular August meeting, which is usually cancelled?

II. ACTION ITEMS

- The Commissioners APPROVED the \$6525 cost of sewer work as well as the speed bumps to be added to the driveway project in lieu of the granite walkway.
- A motion was made by Commissioner John Igneri to approve the Minutes of the June meeting as submitted and the Minutes of the May meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barbis and passed unanimously.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner John Igneri and seconded by Commission Chair Tammy Langalis. The July meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.