

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VILLAGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 9**

A Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Village Community Development District No. 9 was held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Savannah Recreation Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages Florida, 32162.

Board members present and constituting a quorum:

Jack Reimer	Chairman
Don Hickman	Vice Chairman
Steve Brown	Supervisor
Michael Dollard	Supervisor
Dan Ruehl	Supervisor

Staff present:

Richard Baier	District Manager
Kenny Blocker	Deputy District Manager
Mark Brionez	District Counsel
Anne Hochsprung	Finance Director
Bruce Brown	District Property Management Director
Candy Dennis	Community Standards Manager
Angela Moyer	Community Standards Administrative Coordinator
Jennifer Farlow	District Clerk
Katie Evans	Assistant to the District Clerk

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chairman Reimer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and stated for the record that all Supervisors were present representing a quorum.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Observation of a Moment of Silence

The Board and audience members in attendance observed a moment of silence for those who serve our Country and community.

D. Welcome Meeting Attendees

Chairman Reimer welcomed all those in attendance at the meeting.

E. Audience Comments

No audience comments were received.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Law Enforcement Quarterly Update

Lieutenant Siemer, Sumter County Sheriff's Office, advised catalytic converters have been going missing. He asked if you see something or someone under a vehicle in a parking lot, storage lot or on the street, please report it. Lieutenant Siemer advised traffic enforcement is being stepped up on speeders and stop sign runners. He advised the unmanned cars have speed signs on the back of the cars that are recording speeds and the times of day to help assist with sending out law enforcement. He advised that violent crime is minimal in The Villages. The biggest problems are scams. He advised if there is anything suspicious or someone is requesting gift cards as payment, please contact the Sheriff's Office to verify the information. Lieutenant Siemer advised the Sumter County Sheriff's Office has won a grant for the D.R.E.A.M Program (Dementia, Recovers, Education, and Management). Only five (5) counties in the United States received the grant. With approximately 10% of the population of The Villages having Alzheimer's or dementia, it is important to be able to locate residents quickly. The grant includes GPS watches that lock on to a person's wrist or a GEO Bit which locks onto someone's clothing. He advised if a loved one wanders off, you would be able to locate them quicker. There is no cost to the residents. There is an application and screening process.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Reimer advised the Board that a motion to approve the Consent Agenda is a motion to approve all recommended actions. All matters on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and no action is required unless desired by the Board Supervisor or a member of the public.

On MOTION by Steve Brown, seconded by Dan Ruehl, with all in favor, the Board took formal action on the following items included on the Consent Agenda:

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 15, 2021.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of the Annual Agreement Renewals and authorized the Chairman/Vice Chairman to sign the renewal documents.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Old Business Status Update

Richard Baier, District Manager, provided the following Old Business Status Updates:

- The board requested a copy of the Reserve Fund PowerPoint Presentation dated April 15, 2021 and that was provided via email.
- The board requested a review of the short-term and long-term investable balances and that was provided via email.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Case No. D9-02-21 VCCDD No. 9 vs Thomas & Barbara Morin, 828 Journey Lane

A. District Counsel Overview of Public Hearing Process

Mark Brionez, District Counsel, provided an overview of the Public Hearing process as information to the Board and residents in attendance.

B. Swearing In of Those Providing Evidence/Testimony

Jennifer Farlow, District Clerk, administered the swearing in of those individuals who identified that they would be providing evidence and/or testimony in this case.

C. Open Public Hearing

Chairman Schikora opened the Public Hearing at 9:51 a.m.

D. Staff Presentation of the Facts

Candy Dennis, Community Standards Manager, advised that Case No. D9-02-21, Village Community Development District (VCDD) No. 9 vs. Thomas & Barbara Morin, 828 Journey Lane, Unit 176, Lot 111, is in violation of the District's Rule to Bring About Deed Compliance and specifically, the Rule that states: "Owners shall keep their Homesites neat and clean and the grass cut, irrigated and edged at all times...". On February 15, 2021 a complaint was received regarding overgrown shrubbery and on February 16, 2021, the violation was verified and a Deed Restriction Reminder was written. Ms. Dennis advised that after following the Procedures for Compliance of External Deed Restrictions, a

Notice of Public Hearing was sent regular mail and certified mail and the property was posted on April 14, 2021. Staff has left messages on the phone numbers on file and has had no contact with the owners. There does not appear to be a mortgage on the property and the utilities and property taxes are current. Ms. Dennis advised that Staff recommends that the Board find the Owner in violation of the District's Deed Compliance Rule as cited by the Deed Compliance Staff; Owner has five (5) days to bring the property into compliance; if the property is brought into compliance within five (5) days of the Order of Enforcement, Case No. D9-02-21 shall be closed; if the property is not brought into compliance within five (5) days of the Order of Enforcement, impose a \$150 fine to be paid within ten (10) days of the invoice and impose a \$50 daily fine until the property is brought into compliance; it is the owner's responsibility to contact the Community Standards Department to request a Deed Compliance Officer re-visit the property to confirm compliance; if the fines reach \$1,500, the case shall be turned over to District Counsel to seek all available remedies which may include initiating a lawsuit, seeking an injunction against the Owner and placing a lien on the property and the Chairman shall execute the Order of Enforcement. Ms. Dennis and Mr. Baier responded to Board inquiries.

E. Owner/Interest Party Presentation

No public comment was received.

F. Close Public Hearing

Chairman Schikora closed the Public Hearing at 9:49 a.m.

G. Board Discussion/Determination

On MOTION by Steve Brown, seconded by Dan Ruehl, with all in favor, the Board found the Owner of 828 Journey Lane, Unit 176, Lot 111 in violation of the District's Deed Compliance Rule as cited by the Deed Compliance Staff; Owner has five (5) days to bring the property into compliance; if the property is brought into compliance within five (5) days of the Order of Enforcement, Case No. D9-02-21 shall be closed; if the property is not brought into compliance within five (5) days of the Order of Enforcement, impose a \$150 fine to be paid within ten (10) days of the invoice and impose a \$50 daily fine until the property is brought into compliance; it is the owner's responsibility to contact the Community Standards Department to request a Deed Compliance Officer re-visit the property to confirm compliance; if the fines reach \$1,500, the case shall be turned over to District Counsel to seek all available remedies which may include initiating a lawsuit, seeking an injunction against the Owner and placing a lien on the property and authorized the Chairman to execute the Order of Enforcement.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Financial Statements

The Financial Statement as of March 31, 2021 was provided to the Board as information.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: DPM Monthly Report

The District Property Management (DPM) Monthly Report was provided as information to the Board.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: District Manager Reports

A. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Baier, District Manager, advised with the Governor's latest order and the CDC updated guidance, District Management is discussing room capacity, social distancing and mask usage in recreation centers and District facilities. He advised information will be provided shortly about changes to the District's procedures.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: District Counsel Reports

A. June 15, 2021 – Supervisor Only Training for Ethics, Sunshine and Public Records Law

Mr. Brionez advised there will be a Supervisor only training for Ethics, Sunshine and Public Records Law on June 15, 2021 at 9 a.m. offered remotely via a phone or computer. Any Supervisors interested should notify the District Clerk.

Mr. Brionez advised the COVID-19 Civil Liability Protection Bill was signed into law by the governor and that protects local governmental entities from lawsuits being brought against a governmental entity from an individual who claims they contracted COVID-19 while visiting a governmental facility, so long as the governmental entity utilized good faith efforts to comply with governmental orders.

Mr. Brionez advised Senate Bill 378, the Prompt Payment Act is still alive which would increase the late payments from 1% to 2%. He advised the Sovereign Immunity Bill, Supervisor Ethics Training and the tree trimming regulation did not make it through.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Supervisor Comments

A. Supervisor Brown: PWAC After Agenda

Supervisor Brown advised the After Agenda for the Project Wide Advisory Committee (PWAC) meeting held on May 10, 2021 has been provided to the Board.

Supervisor Brown advised an item of interest was the livestreaming of the board meetings. Mr. Baier advised an item of interest was in reviewing the PWAC budget almost every District member had a decrease.

Supervisor ? was thankful for the communication about the construction in Gilchrist. He inquired if it was possible to have the information added about why the construction was happening.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

On MOTION by Steve Brown, seconded by Dan Ruehl, with all in favor, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Richard J. Baier
Secretary

Jack Reimer
Chairman