

Lavrigh suggested that the Board meet only if there were issues to be discussed and added that projects should be presented to the Board by Council.

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Mr. Harrod commented that he was familiar with the environmental and wildlife issues, but not water issues and questioned his appointment to the Board since most of the issues pertained to water.

Mr. Arnold concurred with Chair Zane and Mr. Green, adding that he believed the purpose of the Board had been formulated at its inception, and had provided a serious base to offset some of the problems with the City of Sunrise. He expressed the opinion that input was needed from Mayor Venis. Mr. Arnold indicated that he believed that environmental issues were a concern based on issues raised by Council regarding arsenic in wood at Town Hall and in east Davie. He indicated that it would become difficult to maintain Boardmembers once the new procedures became effective and although it was necessary to try to enforce attendance, Boardmembers were volunteers and emergencies did occur. Mr. Arnold advised that the elected officials should be contacted as they had to make the ultimate decision on the issue.

Chair Zane referred to the motion, adding that the decision whether meetings should be held should be combined with the motion. He indicated that Boardmembers should discuss the issue with their appointing Councilmembers, before making a presentation at a Council meeting. Chair Zane expressed the opinion that the direction of the Board should come from Council, adding that the Board should not become involved in the Everglades Restoration issue as it did not affect the Town.

Mr. Gaffney agreed that direction was needed for the Board, however, he disagreed with sunsetting the Board as he believed that each individual brought different areas of expertise to the Board. He referred to the water system and indicated that this was the largest municipality he was aware of without a cohesive, comprehensive water system.

Ms. Ling indicated that her perception of being on the Board was to perform certain duties when requested, such as collecting information for Council and reporting back to them in an advisory capacity. Additionally, gathering information for departments within the Town when staff was not available. She advised that this was common on other boards on which she was a member. Ms. Ling added that in light of recent events in the country, she believed that it was important to keep abreast of the evaluation of water issues as not only the Town would be affected, but other areas. She agreed that without issues to discuss, meetings should not be held.

Mr. Crowley asked about the process involved for items to be placed on the agenda, which Mr. Colabella explained. He referred to several water issues as potential agenda items and disagreed that the Everglades Restoration Project did not affect Davie. Mr. Harrod indicated that he was part of the Everglades Restoration Project through Florida Fish and Game and would provide information at the next Board meeting. He explained that the pump stations being erected at the Holy Land would affect the North and South New River Canal and in the event of a major hurricane the Town would be affected. A lengthy discussion followed regarding drainage, with Mr. Crowley commenting that this was an example of information that the Board and some Councilmembers were not aware of. Mr. Harrod advised that information was being gathered to be presented to Councilmember Paul who would then inform Council. He commented that wildlife in the area and the effects of a hurricane was a major concern.

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Chair Zane suggested that an Update of the Everglades Restoration Project be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He asked whether there would be a violation of Sunshine Law with two representatives from the Water Control District on the Board, with Mr. Crowley responding that the attorney's opinion would be needed.

Mr. Colabella referred to a proposed special assessment of warehouses along 83rd Terrace on the south side of Griffin Road and east of Pine Island Road, and pointed out the area on a map. He indicated that there had been no water in the area for years, and sewer service was provided through the City of Cooper City; however, Cooper City no longer wanted to provide service and the owners had contacted the Utilities Department. Mr. Colabella explained that when Griffin Road was widened, the Town had extended a force main from 82nd Avenue, but at 83rd Terrace there was a "stub out". He added that the Town was asking Cooper City to tie the lift station into Davie's system in order to remove it from their system.

Mr. Colabella indicated that there was a cost to connect the system and because Cooper City had been collecting money for services from the warehouse owners, the Town wanted them to pay to connect the system to Davie. He added that water would then be provided in the area, and the owners had signed petitions that they wanted water service from the Town.

Mr. Colabella explained that the owners would be informed of the cost and a formal presentation would be made to the Board; however, the system had to be tied to the Town's system by Cooper City before he could move forward. Mr. Crowley asked why Cooper City no longer wanted to provide service to these warehouses, with Mr. Colabella responding that there was no real commercial or industrial areas and the warehouses would have to go into a pre-treatment program. Mr. Colabella indicated that the cost would be exorbitant for Cooper City, while the Town already had a pre-treatment program in place.

Mr. Colabella informed the Board that he could not proceed with the special assessment until a letter was received from Cooper City indicating that they would tie-in to the Town's system. He added that 100% participation of all owners would be required before a presentation could be made to Council.

5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments or suggestions.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Mr. Crowley to adjourn. There being no objections, with Messrs. Hoth, Phillips and Pignato being absent, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Date Approved

Chair/Board Member

