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GENERAL MEETING

April 14, 2008

1. Vice President, Bob Glennon, called the meeting to order in the absence of the President, Michael Dreikorn who was ill.
2. First Speaker, Lt. Eric Smith, Lee County Sheriff discussed the drug arrests which were on the news tonight. Most of the perpetrators were from the duplex on Tipton Drive. They included T. J. Williamson, Martin Little, Sean Little, Justin Berg and Tony Machino. They had been stealing from cars, sheds, carports. 11 are in jail now as a result of 45-50 days of surveillance Frank Ripa also robbed the Useppa Marina. Shelly Nichols (Williamson) was also involved.

There is another bad house at 5400 Birdsong which is occupied by Sabrina Noreaga and David Upton. These offenders broke into a Cape Coral police car and stole a jacket and badge. They were planning to do some house invasions.

Genevera Koonce stated that there is speeding where Stringfellow turns into Main Street. Lt. said we now have three officers working at all times. They also have an anti-crime unit which has 24 people.

Oxycontin is out here. The department has grant money for overtime. We need to contact Lee County Parks and Recreation for parking problems.

3. Second Speaker – Bill Thacher, General Manager of Greater Pine Island Water association discussed the finances of the water company and also talked about fire hydrants. 14 areas have been identified as being in need of hydrants and larger water lines (from 6 inch to 8-10 inch pipes). The greatest weight was given to those areas with the largest number of people who needed service. GPIWA wanted to get the biggest bang for the buck. The worst areas are Charlotte Shores and Matlacha Isles. In order to put in hydrants the pipes must be 6” or better. The ones identified have below 6” pipes. The MPIFCD Board is going to give us \$20,000 and the GPIWA is going to put in \$20,000.

It costs \$5,000 to put in a hydrant. The priority two projects in St. James, Sanibel and 7th & 8th Ave. After that the next is Charlotte Shores (only has a 4" line) and Matlacha Isles, then Pine Island Shores, the Center and the Fruit Streets.

The GPIWA budget was discussed. Of the \$700,000 budget there is usually a \$400 surplus which is used for repairs. However we have some upcoming expenses such as the widening of Pine Island Road from Burnt Store to Chiquita (Knott Road). It will cost \$800,000 to move the water lines. Also in the 10 year plan is the repair of Little Pine Island Bridge, the Post Office Bridge and St. Jude Harbor Road.

Bill said that if any association, group of homes, homeowners associations, etc., wishes to pay for their own hydrants with their own money the association will be glad to work out special assessments and put the lines in. They should contact the GPIWA.

4. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:
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