

SMEPOA Board Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2009, 10 AM. at Moran's home

Attending: Anita, Mike, Bonnie Clayton, Tim and Road Chair Dennis.

Absent: Susan, Jeff

President Anita called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Minutes from the February meeting were read and approved as written. MSA

Treasurer Clayton reported that the balance in checking and saving is \$67,310.91. He has paid our annual membership of \$200 to Wildcat Community. The report was approved, MSA. The board discussed the lien warning letters that Bonnie has prepared and will mail on March 16. Recipients will have 2 weeks to submit delinquent assessments to avoid a lien.

Legal: Anita shared information about ongoing litigation.

Compliance: Mike will follow up on an owner's complaint from last month about debris which is over his property line. There has been no response from his letter of last month. An owner who complained of shooting in the area has been advised to call the Sheriff.

Roads: Dennis stated that he has ordered road-marking materials and paid \$297. He has been in touch with Steve Watson about spring paving. We are hopeful that the price of asphalt has dropped. The board requested that Dennis get an updated price from 3 paving companies for paving the remainder of Upper Sassafra. Also, we want pricing for repaving Lower Sassafra. Dennis will seek an evaluation as to which road, Upper or Lower, is most in need of resurfacing, to determine a priority list. Some paving can be done this spring, and more in the fall. The board will plan to vote at the April meeting on the next project, and anticipates spending a maximum of \$60,000.

Neighborhood Watch: Tim asked about the signs which we should be getting from Dawson County. Anita agreed to follow up with Tony Wooten to get them for us.

Wildcat/Firewise: Clayton said that about \$42,000 has been donated by owners in all the communities toward the construction fund for the Monument Road Fire Station. Construction will start soon and is hoped to be completed by June 1. Now the need is for volunteer firefighters. The fire station should cause a drop in property insurance rates later this year.

Annual Meeting: The board discussed potential nominees for elections at the meeting to be held Saturday May 16 at 10:30 AM. Bonnie stated that we have a reservation at the Pickens County Library meeting room, as the usual place was not available.

New Business: Clayton offered a suggestion to hire a bookkeeping service which will use QuickBooks and provide consistency through various Treasurer changes from year to year. Susan Catton and others are checking for references and prices on a service. Clayton said that he is gathering information on a "special tax district" in which the county assumes the subdivision road maintenance and then bills the property owners along the private roads. The owners would have to vote to approve the plan. He hopes to make a report at the annual meeting.

The next meeting will be Saturday April 11 at Jeff Kirves' home at 10 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Submitted by Bonnie Lovejoy, Secretary