

MALABAR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 7:30 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Town Council was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Council Chair, Patrick T. Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. CM Ball led the prayer and pledge.

B. ROLL CALL:

CHAIR:

MAYOR PATRICK T. REILLY

VICE CHAIR:

STEVE RIVET

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

GRANT BALL

LAURA MAHONEY

DICK KORN

RICHARD KOHLER

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

DOUGLAS HOYT

TOWN ATTORNEY:

KARL BOHNE

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER:

DEBBY FRANKLIN

For the record, Acting Chief Mike Foley is also present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES:

Chair asked – none heard.

D. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney spoke to last meeting about recording device. Florida law does not require the town to record the meetings. Law requires the Town to take minutes and once they are approved, they become the official record. Atty explained FS 286 and the statement on the bottom of every agenda face sheet advising that a desire to appeal a decision it is their responsibility to provide a verbatim recording. Any person has the right to record audio and/or video and it is not a public record. When the Town did video it became logistics problem in getting it archived and maintained for the retention requirement of one or two years. Anyone wanting a verbatim recording is welcome to do that as long it is not intrusive. Chair said it is on the October 2 agenda for Discussion, and Council will revisit that item.

E. STAFF REPORTS: ADMINISTRATOR: Two things. Received letter from Scott Knox regarding clear title on Huggins Park. Release of reverter clause on Huggins Park so it is free and clear. Second issue – was surprised to get an email about a sanitation issue on Rocky Point Road and more surprised to see that the email was forwarded to P&Z. The P&Z Board and the Town of Malabar have no jurisdiction on septic and sanitation issues; those are governed by the State of Florida Health Department through Brevard County. The problem Mr. Geil is experiencing was not caused by the Town. Both the TA and the Town Engineer have been out to his property and talked with him over the last several months regarding this issue. He has even talked to the Brevard County Health Dept officials on his behalf. The issue is between the two homeowners and the permitting body – the Florida Health Dept. He and the Town Eng. has consistently urged him to deal with the State Health Dept regarding his neighbors new septic drainfield. **He is concerned that additional involvement by the Town may create a liability issue.**

CLERK: nothing

FIRE CHIEF: nothing at this time.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments at this point may address items NOT on the Agenda. Comments related to subsequent Agenda Items may be made as those items come up. Public comments do not require a Council response. (Speaker Card is Required) **Five (5) Minute Limit per Speaker. None**

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 2nd Reading and PH on Ordinances setting Millage and Budget
1. Adopt Millage (Ord 2017-10)

Read by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE OF 2.0906 FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAX WITHIN THE TOWN OF MALABAR FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1

Recommendation: Adopt Ord 2017-10

PH Opened – none. PH Closed

MOTION: CM Rivet / CM Kohler to adopt Ord 2017-10. Discussion: none

ROLL CALL Vote: 1)CM Ball, Nay; CM Mahoney, Nay; CM Rivet, Aye; CM Korn, Aye; CM Kohler, Aye. Motion carried 3 to 2.

2. Adopt Final Budget (Ord 2017-11)

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2

Recommendation: Adopt Ord 2017-11

Read TITLE and Section 1 of Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET OF \$1,879,053.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1. The Town Council, in regular session duly assembled adopt the final Fiscal Year 17/18 Budget of \$1,879,053.00 consisting of \$1,625,193.00 for general fund expenditures and \$253,860.00 in approved expenditures for Stormwater projects funded through non-ad valorem fees.

PH opened: none. PH closed:

MOTION: CM Kohler / CM Rivet to adopt Ord 2017-11. Discussion: none.

ROLL CALL Vote: CM Ball, Nay; 1)CM Mahoney, Nay; CM Rivet, Aye; CM Korn, Aye; CM Kohler, Aye. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Mayor read statement into record regarding the Council votes. Council approved the Code of Conduct and once a vote is completed on an item like the millage and budget, it becomes the Council action. This also applies to all the actions taken by Council.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/GENERAL ORDERS MAY INCLUDE ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RESIDENTS PRESENT AT MEETING (RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, HOA REQUESTS, RESIDENT GRIEVANCES)

ACTION ITEMS: ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING: 0; RESOLUTIONS: 0

MISCELLANEOUS: 3

3. Authorize \$600.00 Expenditure for Parks & Rec Dept.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3

Recommendation: Request Action

Chair asked for Representative from Park and Rec Board to speak. Annalie spoke on behalf of the Park Board and went through the presentation on the fitness course and the benefits to the community. Her friend, Joy Peters also worked on this and lives on Hardway Lane. She went through the benefits to the residents, the fire department and the community. It could become a meeting place. She would propose they also set up programs that change every week. Personal trainers and the fire Dept could use the programs. Working the legs – one time and the next time it could be changed around. As more donations come in – couple big tires – change it around to keep it interesting.

Encourage people to do a workout and encourage people to work out together. Encourage people to meet up there use as a starting place for a jogging course. Also, would like to encourage other people to use that as a starting point such as 5K groups that run through the park. Yoga or Zumba users could also use it as well as using as place to start a scavenger hunt. They are trying to come up with a maintenance dollar amount. She is looking for some commitment from Fire Dept to keep some attention on it as it benefits them as well. Annalie said they would like to use the dome at the Fire Dept and relocate it to the area where the course will be developed to protect items from the weather.

CM Ball has done the existing course. Some of the stations are worn out. He would like to know the new course would be maintained. Franklin said the exercise course around the lake consisted of 12 fitness stations and five stations for handicap and were purchased by FRDAP (Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program) grant funds in 1995-1996 and were installed by Town Public Works staff. They are 22 years old.

CM Rivet asked if there was money in current budget. Clerk Franklin stated that in the Agenda Report she reported that there were sufficient funds remaining in the current year to commit to this expenditure.

CM Mahoney asked if this could be a self-funded and tie it into the memorial wall they are going to do for people that have contributed to Malabar's development.

Mayor asked what would be stored in the dome – jumping ropes, kettle bells, etc. nothing of value and it would not be locked.

MOTION: CM Rivet / CM Kohler to approve the expenditure of \$600.00 as requested from current budget.

Discussion:

Vote: Ayes, 4 Nay 1. (CM Mahoney) Motion carried 4 to 1.

4. Authorization to Proceed with Paving of Eva Lane

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4

Recommendation: Request Action

Chair asked TA to introduce – a properly prepared road with proper asphalt in order to last many years before needing addressing. Be done with this only because it is the only unpaved collector in the town. There was a question about speed bumps and that could be incorporated in the plan. He wasn't sure at the time of the last meeting but has since found out that we can. Speaker's Card: -

Skip Hard, We just came through a minor hurricane and yet saw significant flooding in this Town. He would ask you people to not spend a dime on roads when we can't drain the Town in less than three days.

Karen Moravecky – drainage issues are legitimate concerns. The town does have money – there is the means there. There has to be more than one issue that gets addressed. They were on the list when all the others that were being considered – it has the name as *lane* but it is a *collector*. It is a truly a Town road that can be used by everyone – not just the residents. When you look up Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons you can see the potential health hazards. The average speed is 35 – the dust is incredible; you can't even see the cars. If it truly a health hazard, they are all being harmed. The Council should honor the commitment made years ago. The residents are told they get the traffic and they get the dust – but the Town never wanted to maintain it. She recommends the Council approve this paving project.

David Ruip – 1830 Eave Lane, it was him and Karen and three others that went into the road improvement process together in 1984 for the north half of Eva Lane. When they put down base, it was shell from the shell pit on 192. That road was built to last and it could handle a hurricane and leave no puddles. But after years of grading the shell was pushed off and down and is gone – the Town put down the asphalt millings and that helped initially, but after potholes developed it couldn't be graded. He went around and got and got petitions signed and brought it back and presented it to Council and they have been waiting 14 years. He understands Skip's comments and the drainage issues will take more planning. The water has to be dealt with separately. Regarding speed bumps; they asked for an received reduced speed limit signs of 20 or 25 mph and at one time and it was enforceable by the BCSO. So, they could do that again.

MOTION: CM Rivet / CM Kohler to authorize TA to proceed with Paving of Eva Lane project as proposed. Discussion:

CM Mahoney read from a paper and handed it down to Clerk. (attached) CM Mahoney continued that the packet came out Friday evening. She has asked the P&Z Board and will attend their meeting on Wednesday and ask if the P&Z Council approved this paving project.

CM Mahoney stated she had been briefed all year, that we need to correct the stormwater before paving. She has heard from 20 people that are against this paving going forward and has only heard one in favor of it - tonight. She asked TA in email before hurricane for more information.

CM Rivet said whatever you call it it is a collector between Malabar and Hall Road. It is something that needs to be done. And if you look at the road criteria it is a collector. Take care of it now.

CM Korn – Back in 1987 when he moved here there was a CM that lived on that road. He had met many of the people on that road and it was their understanding that it was to be paved. At that time Weber Road was an unpaved road.

Mayor – 2 points: P&Z does not approve the pavement of roads; and this was discussed at several prior meetings.

CM Mahoney asked for the residents to be heard. Why has she been told for months that we have to do stormwater first.

TA responded to her regarding the stormwater. It is a major outfall but the ditches that flow on Eva Lane must travel under Malabar Road onto property that the Town has no jurisdiction over.

CM Ball is in support of paving Eva Lane and for years he has heard about it. The speed bumps are a concern for him. He stated the issue the Town had with speed bumps in Brook Hollow. If people want them they should have to deal with them.

CM Ball would like to start something that has not been done and that is to determine when the repaving will be needed and the estimated amount we need to do that and put a line item in budget – so that when that time arrives the money is there. It is high time to get this road paved.

CM Kohler said they all agreed that the drainage and roads are the two most critical issues. Show the residents that we are serious about tackling these issues.

CM Korn was asked what his platform was and he stated that it has always been the health, welfare and comfort of the residents. He suggests TA make sure the plans for the drainage don't create additional rework on the road paving. Regarding speed bumps they work but they also caused noise. Communicate their needs to BCSO and let them do speed enforcement.

Clerk Franklin stated about SW grant funding from the IRL tax – it was reviewed but not funded because they did not like the road paving included. The SW grant will be resubmitted and staff is looking at hopefully a favorable result.

Mayor asked about existing driveways and potential impact to existing residents. TA assured them that the elevations would not create adverse conditions for their driveways.

CM Mahoney said the safety money from FDOT will improve SR514 at Corey and Weber Roads. She hopes Malabar uses its road money to make improvements on the Town's portion of those intersections.

Vote: Ayes, 4; Nay, 1 (CM Mahoney). Motion carried 4 to 1.

5. Authorization to Proceed with SW Imp south side of Atz Road between Smith Lane and Corey Road

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5

Recommendation: Request Action

TA introduced – SW is a larger issue in the town. - he somewhat agrees with Skip Hard. And he has spent a lot of time with the town engineer reviewing elevations, missing culverts, wrong elevations, or collapsed. However, to put things in perspective, the average cost is 5K for a culvert under a driveway – if we have 100 culverts failing – that is ½ million dollars. We also have metal pipes under the roads that are failing at average cost of 12K. They have plenty of places to spend their money. They are looking at two locations – Atz Road south side from Smith to Corey – town will contract out Hall Road from Flashy to Melb Tillman – town PW will do.

Went over his handout and showed the drop of 1/1000 of drop per foot – flat.

Went out for three bids and received one back. CDM submitted bid of \$112,836.00 for the drainage and replacement of the culverts and contour the ditch. It will be proof of concept to show residents that we do know what we are doing and are making forward progress. The Melbourne Tillman Canal is rarely full but we have standing water nearby. So, they can see what it costs to have a contractor do a job and see what it costs Town Staff to do the job. CM Mahoney asked if there was s someone else we could get a competitive price from. TA also said They have a good record with this company and we could have piggybacked. Cason Lane – shot elevations and dug it to grade. Wires still down on Atz Road and asked them to get lines out of ditch but are still waiting.

MOTION: CM Kohler / CM Rivet to authorize TA to proceed with SW projects on Atz Road.

Discussion: CM Mahoney said that the Hall and Flashy to the Melb Tillman. Why are we not improving the very east end of Atz Road That was a small project that we started on the clearing? CM Kohler said the two biggest issues are roads and stormwater and that it is our properties and full support.

TA would urge all the citizens to ride up and down the roads in Town. We do have a SW problem in this town. TA said he put this up on thw website there are 9 outfalls and they all go through someone elses property to get to the ultimate place.

CM Rivet said we can appeal to the property owners civic side to gain access?

CM Korn asked if there was legal way to go through private property. Atty said if they don't give approval, the Town can't access. CM Korn can we use employees to do that work. Atty said yes they could use municipal public funds to benefit the Town.

Franklin said the hold harmless was given over the last 30 years and they were very cooperative. CM Mahoney said that is very interesting – the ditch is in their property. The people at that meeting. :

Vote: All Ayes.

I. DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE ACTION: 0

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 0

K. REPORTS – MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

CM Dist. 1: CM Ball: - hoping when they move forward with the road. – put in cost for future maintenance.

CM Dist. 2: CM Mahoney: Her is mostly questions – status of fall fest. What is being down on Leghorn – PW was observed on that road. She thought the road was being improved.

Asked about John Geil – we have not been unresponsive from town since July. Website is missing Clerks email address and Dep Clerk's email. Suggestion to step up the communication lapse with the public – put the public records on Next Door Malabar as it is their community Center.

CM Dist. 3: CM Rivet: - nothing

CM Dist. 4: CM Korn: nothing.

CM Dist. 5: CM Kohler: Stated tonight was an important meeting and he hopes it sets the tone for the future year – Council knows that stormwater and roads are the major issues and they are taking steps to correct those problems.

Mayor: nothing

He stated that Speakers cards have to be submitted before the section on the agenda. One was submitted during reports and that is too late.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- (1) Vacancy on the Board of Adjustment;
- (1) Vacancies on the Park and Recreation Board;
- (2) Vacancies on the Trails & Greenways

M. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss and without objection, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:50 PM.

BY: Patrick T. Reilly
Mayor Patrick T. Reilly, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Debby K. Franklin

Debby K. Franklin, C.M.C.
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Date Approved: 10/02/2017



Past Year Revenue
Audited Year Ending

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2												
3	Revenue	\$1,694,500.00	\$1,606,481.00	\$1,538,125.00	\$1,554,593.00	\$1,544,766.00	\$1,582,761.00	\$1,240,472.00	\$1,324,101.00	\$1,370,197.00	\$1,499,906.00	\$1,571,633.00
4												
5	Change		(88,019.00)	(68,356.00)	16,468.00	(9,827.00)	37,995.00	(342,289.00)	83,629.00	46,096.00	129,709.00	71,727.00
6												
7	Inflation Adjustment	\$1,735,337.45	\$1,777,159.08	\$1,819,988.62	\$1,863,850.34	\$1,908,769.14	\$1,954,770.47	\$2,001,880.44	\$2,050,125.76	\$2,099,533.79	\$2,150,132.55	
8												
9										----- 11 YEAR	DECREASE	\$122,867.00

The figures as listed above are from the auditors reports and as such represent our actual cash positions. 2016 is taken from the Town's accounting system and the audit is being finalized at this time. That said, the comparison between 2006 to 2016 is the point of concern. The Town in 2016 had \$103,740.00 less income (revenue) than it did 11 years ago. The budgeted income (revenue) for the current year is \$1,563,508.00 or \$130,992.00 less than our income was 11 years ago. Using a conservative inflation figure from the Federal Government of 2.41 percent, we are far from keeping up with inflation. Note that some sources say that the true inflation figure is closer to 3.5%.

How has the Town kept up with this dwindling income source?

Simple:

Reduction of personnel, 2006 -- 10 office staff, 6 Public Works. Today -- 4 full time, 2 part time office staff, 5 public works. Offer non competing wages.

Old and tired equipment, the auditors recommend replacement of rolling stock every 5 to 7 years. Malabars' on average is 15 years old or older.

Reduced Maintenance for our Public Facilities

Needed projects not funded or started.

These are just a few of the areas the Town has reduced services to its' citizens. Moreover, as the future is projected there will be a point where continued inflation and the financial needs of the Town cross paths. For example in another ten years the purchasing power of the \$1,694,500.00 in revenue the Town received in 2006 will be reduced to \$850,000.00 in 2027. This presupposes that inflation remains constant at 2.41%. While it is true that our revenue is increased by the construction of new homes, the fact of the matter is that on average, we may see a \$3,000.00 increase in our ad-valorum annually, or \$30,000.00 additional over a ten year period. The Towns ad-valorum average yearly total is less than \$400,000.00 or 25% of the Towns' annual revenue.

Is there a solution? In this writer's opinion the Town should encourage commercial operations to move to Malabar instead of putting roadblocks in their path. Babcock Street, Malabar Road and US-1 are the logical choices. The remainder of the areas in the Town should remain residential. 9 of the top commercial operations in the Town contribute \$6,600.00 each per year vs \$300.00 for a residence. Another possibility is a one time adjustment to the ad-valorum rate to adjust for inflation.

Perhaps the Voters should decide some of the critical questions to the Future of Malabar?

RE: MSTU questions

Sarah Altman <sarah.altman@bcpao.us>

Tue 8/8/2017 10:23 AM

To: Debby Franklin <townclerk@townofmalabar.org>;

The total taxable value for Malabar for 2016 was \$210,625,030 and the millage rate for the law enforcement MSTU was 1.1970. Therefore, the total taxes that should have been collected was about \$252,118.

I hope this information helps. Should you need anything else please let me know.

Thank you,

Sarah Altman
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From: Debby Franklin [mailto:townclerk@townofmalabar.org]

Sent: August 08, 2017 9:44 AM

To: Sarah Altman <sarah.altman@bcpao.us>

Subject: Re: MSTU questions

Perhaps your number would be better because that is the amount that is due for law enforcement MSTU taxing district 34Z.

Debby K. Franklin

Certified Municipal Clerk

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From: Sarah Altman <sarah.altman@bcpao.us>

Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 9:39:09 AM

To: Debby Franklin

Subject: MSTU questions

Table 1
Comparison of Taxes Levied
County and Municipal Governments
Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17

County: BREVARD

Taxing Authority	2015-16		2016-17				
	Millage Rate	Taxes Levied	Rolled-Back Rate		As Adopted		
			RBR Rate	Taxes Levied	Millage Rate	Taxes Levied	% Chng. from 2015-16
CITY OF MELBOURNE	7.6886	\$ 29,715,340	7.3351	\$ 30,650,883	7.6886	\$ 32,128,039	8.1%
CITY OF PALM BAY	8.5000	\$ 25,213,334	7.8365	\$ 25,608,176	8.4500	\$ 27,612,976	9.5%
CITY OF ROCKLEDGE	6.3400	\$ 7,462,863	6.0371	\$ 7,625,247	6.2500	\$ 7,894,154	5.8%
CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH	8.2900	\$ 6,069,332	7.8276	\$ 6,134,019	8.1518	\$ 6,388,075	5.3%
CITY OF TITUSVILLE	7.9011	\$ 11,348,874	7.4579	\$ 11,548,580	7.6575	\$ 11,857,662	4.5%
CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE	2.4633	\$ 2,771,935	2.3296	\$ 2,934,261	2.4633	\$ 3,102,663	11.9%
TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA	1.0603	\$ 333,857	1.0183	\$ 344,377	1.1201	\$ 378,805	13.5%
TOWN OF INDIALANTIC	6.4695	\$ 2,114,823	6.0609	\$ 2,129,784	6.2653	\$ 2,201,610	4.1%
TOWN OF MALABAR	1.9256	\$ 384,417	1.8422	\$ 388,186	2.0260	\$ 426,916	11.1%
TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH	4.1105	\$ 1,372,354	3.8864	\$ 1,373,486	4.2750	\$ 1,510,820	10.1%
TOWN OF MELBOURNE VILLAGE	9.8135	\$ 361,223	9.2339	\$ 365,551	9.7336	\$ 385,333	6.7%
							10.0%
							10.0%
							5.4%

Table 2
Distribution of Taxes Levied by Property Type
County and Municipal Governments
Fiscal Year 2016-17

County: BREVARD

Taxing Authority	2016-17 Taxes Levied	Percent of Taxes Levied by Property Type											Centrally Assessed Property	Percent of Taxes Levied on New Construction	
		Real Property							Non-Residential						
		Residential			Commercial				Industrial		Agricultural				Other
		Homestead	Non-Homestead	Vacant Lots	Commercial	Industrial	Institutional	Agricultural	Other						
TOWN OF MALABAR	\$ 426,916	50.0%	15.4%	7.1%	14.1%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	2.3%	5.8%	1.4%	1.3%		
TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH	\$ 1,510,820	56.9%	36.5%	2.2%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.6%		
TOWN OF MELBOURNE VILLAGE	\$ 385,333	48.0%	18.6%	0.9%	30.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.8%		

This was originally sent to Richard Kohler. I am now sharing it with others of the Town Council - for their consideration too.

Thank you,

Drew Thompson
President, Brook Hollow Community Association, Inc. (BHCA)

Richard,

With TC Budget Workshops upcoming on Monday 7/24 and Tuesday 8/15, I wanted to convey a request for serious consideration by the TC – Reinvestment in TOM street surfaces of TOM high density communities.

Conveyance of this request goes beyond my duty as a TOM HOA president. My concern is additionally from my perspective as a private citizen of Malabar. Essentially, my concern is for the protection of the tax base of TOM. The ticking of the “time bomb” is already quite loud. There are a few high density residential areas

Research (<http://www.engineering.com/Ask@/qactid/1/qaqid/4074.aspx>) on the average life time of standard asphalt pavement indicates that “an asphalt road should last at least 15 years before a major rehabilitation or full depth reconstruction is needed. However, surface treatments or thin overlays every 7-10 years can extend that to 20 years between major work. It is much cheaper to keep a good road in good repair than it is to rebuild a poor road.” Brook Hollow roads were last resurfaced around 1991. The road was initially put in 1988 and then the final surface added after construction was completed around 1991 or 1992. The cost of the project was \$80k/ mile. Brook Hollow has about three miles of road, so the cost (money put in escrow by the developer for the Town) was \$240k.

The above means that the current road surface of Brook Hollow is about 26 years old and therefore in need of being resurfaced. Other high density communities of Malabar face a similar need. Unless streets in TOM communities such as Brook Hollow are soon resurfaced, damage from years of normal wear and rainfall will soon further undermine the road base to a point where major road work, with a major price tag, is needed. If such normal maintenance is postponed much longer, the property values of such communities will drop and their respective tax base will fall. Looking positively, if TOM makes the investment to prioritize first the maintenance of its high density communities, that part of the tax base will not only be protected, but will rise.

To summarize, I request that you please convey to others of the TC, the importance of prioritizing investment in the maintenance of the public roads of highest density communities of the town. Focused support of these property values will equate to protection of the tax base at the least cost per mile for the town.

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or need additional actions by me at this time. I have copied the BHCA BOD on this important request.

Thank you,

Drew Thompson
President, Brook Hollow Community Association, Inc. (BHCA)

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Governing Unit	Operating Millage Rate
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners	4.1550
Cape Canaveral	3.9555
Cocoa	5.9790
Cocoa Beach	5.7298
Indialantic	6.2653
Indian Harbour Beach	5.6401
Grant Valkaria	1.1490
Malabar	2.0906
Melbourne	7.1878
Melbourne Beach	4.2766
Melbourne Village	No Response
Palm Bay	8.45
Rockledge	6.20
Satellite Beach	8.1518
Titusville	7.95
West Melbourne	2.4633