

FEATHER SOUND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT

FYE 2018

Our Charter

PART II - PINELLAS COUNTY CODE

Chapter 114 - SPECIAL DISTRICTS

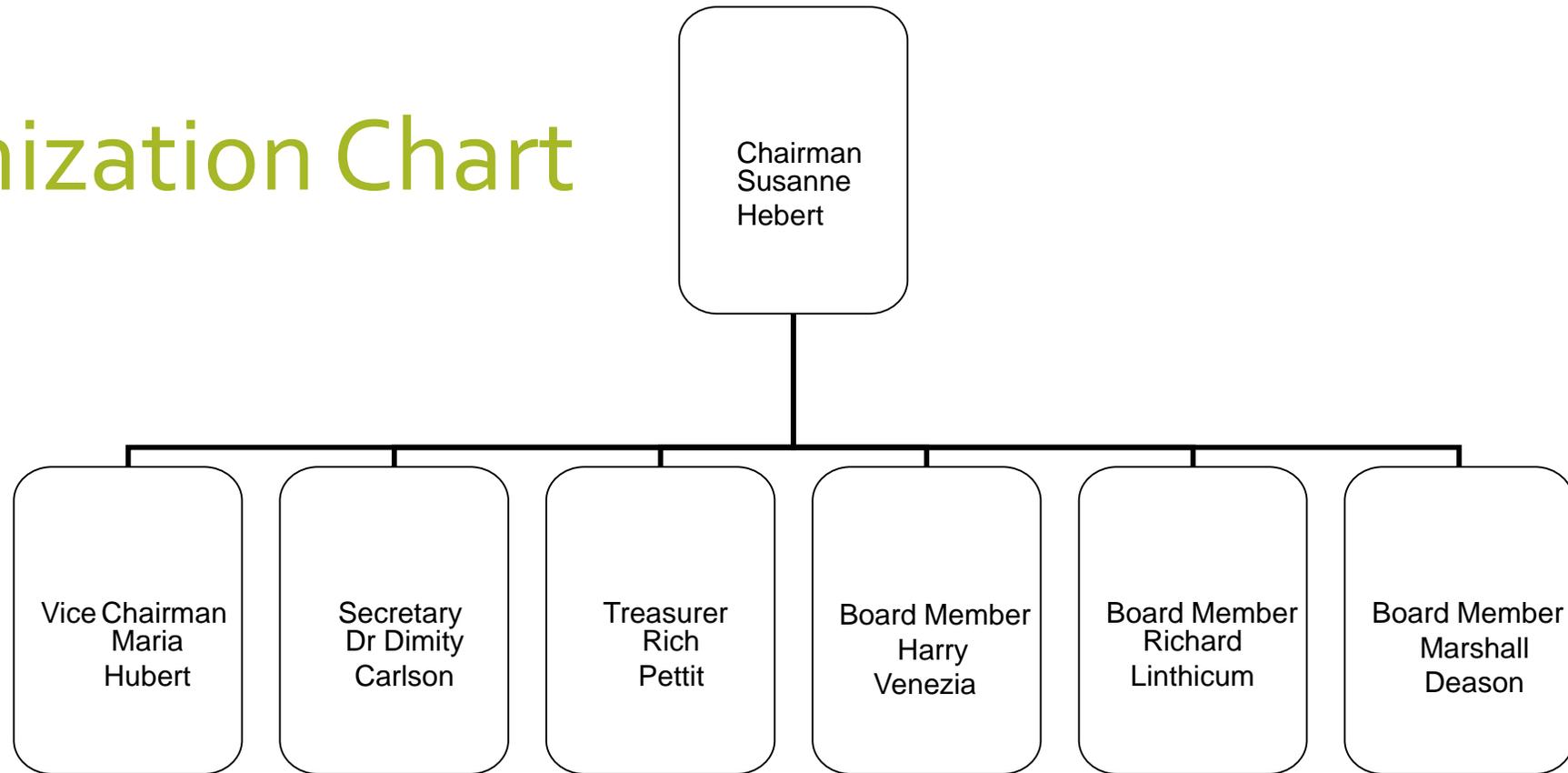
ARTICLE VIII. - FEATHER SOUND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT

Sec. 114-279

....funds derived from the levy of ad valorem taxes shall be utilized only for street lighting and to acquire, develop and maintain recreational areas/greenspace...

MSTU established in 1990.

Organization Chart



Street Lights



THE TAXING DISTRICT LEASES APPROXIMATELY 300 LIGHT POLES AND FIXTURES FROM DUKE ENERGY AND PAYS FOR ELECTIC POWER ON A MONTHLY BASIS

Green-spaces: Easements, Medians, Main Entrance

- THE TAXING DISTRICT MAINTAINS GREENSPACES WITH MOWING, IRRIGATION AND TREE SERVICES



Green-spaces: Earl Maize Recreation Area

- The recreation area includes a children's playground, basketball court, picnic shelters, a baseball/soccer field and boardwalk.



TAXING DISTRICT FUNDING FROM PINELLAS COUNTY

2008	\$266,000
2009	\$240,000
2010	\$150,000
2011	\$124,000
2012	\$120,000
2013	\$148,070
2014	\$115,000
2015	\$115,000
2016	\$119,600
2017	\$166,000

TAXING DISTRICT NON DISCRETIONARY DISBURSEMENTS

	UTILITIES		GREENSPACES		
	ELECTRIC	WATER	MOWING	MAINTENANCE	NOTES
2008	77,393	3,786	68,520	62,918	resod and level rec field, playground fence
2009	76,959	1,998	68,520	6,720	fencing, trash cans
2010	83,836	338	64,263	41,520	water fountains, median light repairs. Boardwalk repairs
2011	80,511	551	59,800	15,909	new roof for gazebo, other repairs
2012	83,517	867	59,800	6,437	
2013	83,467	1,269	59,800	72,114	2 orders of mulch playgrnd and boardwalk
2014	84,104	1,140	59,800	28,240	paint front sign, trim trees, clean playgrd, lighting repairs
2015	84,167	2,820	59,800	6,464	
2016	81,680	106	59,800	6,383	
2017	82,000	1,000	59,800	62,383	50k boardwalk replanking

ADMINISTRATIVE: INSURANCE, AUDIT & TAX AND OTHER

	ADMINISTRATIVE		
	INSURANCE	AUDIT&TX	OTHER
2008	3,649	4,127	1,569
2009	3,025	2,561	270
2010	4,297	2,561	1,540
2011	3,875	2,561	1,163
2012	2,011	2,650	1,755
2013	3,148	2,650	154
2014	1,086	2,750	143
2015	1,970	3,750	367
2016	1,725	4,000	629
2017	2,080	4,000	1,122

DISCRETIONARY DISBURSEMENTS

	IMPROVEMENTS	NOTES
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011	23,992	added street lights
2012		
2013	11,741	Park benches
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		

NET CASH FLOW / FUNDING DEFICITS

	FUNDING	UTILITIES	GREENSPACES		NET	CASH	
		TOTAL	MAINTENANCE	ADMIN	CASHFLOW	RESERVES	MILLAGE
2008	\$266,000	81,179	131,438	9,345	44,038		0.900
2009	\$240,000	78,957	75,240	5,856	79,947		0.567
2010	\$150,000	84,174	105,783	8,398	-48,355		0.567
2011	\$124,000	81,062	75,709	7,599	-64,362	634,491	0.567
2012	\$120,000	84,384	66,237	6,416	-37,037	601,110	0.500
2013	\$148,070	84,736	131,914	5,952	-86,273	504,510	0.500
2014	\$115,000	85,244	88,040	3,979	-62,263	413,436	0.500
2015	\$115,000	86,987	66,264	6,087	-44,338	365,237	0.500
2016	\$119,600	81,786	66,183	6,354	-34,723	341,721	0.500
2017	\$166,000	83,000	122,183	7,202	-46,385	265,419	0.500

Do you support a millage/tax increase for Feather Sound?

The Feather Sound Community Services Taxing District (FSCSTD) is preparing a new annual budget to submit to the Board of County Commissioners for the fiscal year ending September 30th 2018. As part of the budget presentation the Taxing District Board will be asking county commissioners to approve an increase in the Feather Sound taxing district millage rate from .5 to .6

The taxing district has been operating at a deficit for almost 10 years, drawing on past accumulated tax collections to pay expenses but the reserves are now nearly gone. See

http://feathersound.org/fscsd/annual_report.htm

The Taxing District Board believes it is time to increase the millage/tax rate. An increase in the tax rate would allow us to support community improvements such as a new front entrance sign which is now 40 years old, needed repairs to the Earl Maize Recreation Area and other community improvement projects. This increase represents approximately \$30 per year for a home valued at \$300,000.

9 Thanks · 45 Replies

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- Brad Dinkmeyer, Feather Sound · on 11 Apr What are the needed repairs at Earl Maize Recreation Center/Park? Is a new entrance sign to Feather Sound necessary?
- Biff Baker, Feather Sound · on 11 Apr Yes. This small increase is reasonable and needed. Biff Baker
- Mitch Golden, Feather Sound · on 11 Apr Yes. I would support .6 or higher and I encourage the Board to consider asking for a higher increase. Thank you for your volunteer service.
- Heather Dixon, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr yes, there are definite improvements that need to be made, and this would help make that happen.
- Ronnie Crider, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Yep
- James Marsh, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Yes, I support such an increase
- Michael Schlensker, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr I support the increase as well.
- Joni Dalgard, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr \$30 a year? Why is there even discussion? That's a no brainer given that it goes directly to protecting the upkeep and enhancement of our communities' common areas (and therefore the value of our homes).

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- Barbara Williams, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Yes, I support this increase to keep our community well maintained. One area I would like to see receive extra care is the cleaning out of the ditches along Feather Sound Drive, especially before rainy season.
- Suzann Clark, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Absolutely support an increase. Could this extra money also be used to incorporate the proposed dog park @ Earl Maize? Since not all have children it would be nice to see money applied to "fur children"
- Jim Clesas, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr I would like to review the ledger sheet supporting the financial statement to see where the money is being disbursed. Perhaps services could be re bid. What are projects?
- Julie Upman, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr It appears an increase is needed because the revenue doesn't cover even the two largest expense, utilities and maintenance.
- Cheryl Piencykoski, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Need a dog park and more benches to sit on when walking the feather sound circle road. I support the increase even it is more than proposed. We need to keep up with other areas.

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- Michele Papineau, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Totally support a higher increase, well worth the money!
- Pete Accetturo, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Feather Sound has a brilliant and talented community. Those who own pets and take care of them, deeply value pet related projects. While I support our furry friends, I want to support a balanced budget first. Otherwise, based on what Rich has stated, we're going to outspend whatever our millage rate is given the current spending habits. I don't question the need, I question the spending practices. Jim Clesas raised several good points about reviewing current vendors or considering other sources of revenue income for our beloved community.
- Pique Hodge, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Yes....
- Brad Dinkmeyer, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr I agree 100%!!! Sometimes the answer is to research and make better choices with \$\$\$. Not just keep raising taxes.
- Ron Whitaker, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr Taxes are high enough. Why is raising taxes always the answer? They should either cut expenses or reallocate the budget based on need. I'm sure there is a lot of fluff in the budget.
- Rob Copenhaver, Feather Sound · on 12 Apr I know there has been verbal traction with the dog park on this forum, and I want to continue to echo that a dog park would be great for Feather Sound. Let me be clear that I do also understand the need for and support a tax increase. These things cost money, are great investments, and need our support.
- James Hoskins, Feather Sound · on 13 Apr I think the tax raise should also be put towards having more local law enforcement presence where these break ins are occurring. I bothers me when I read another post about break-ins

PINELLAS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION VENUES



COUNTY FUNDED PARKS



ALL PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

FYE 9.30.18 REQUEST

- MILLAGE INCREASE TO AT LEAST .6 INCREASE TO .7 PREFERRED
- FUNDING FROM COUNTY RESERVES OF \$240,000 TO SUPPORT FYE 9.30.18 EXPENSES FOR
 - DOG PARK INSTALLATION EST AT \$80K
 - MULCH FOR PLAYGROUND EST AT \$20k
 - PLANNING AND DESIGN OF COMMUNITY SIGNAGE \$40K

ALTERNATIVES TO MILLAGE INCREASE

- FUNDING IN FY2017 OR FYE2018 FOR PROJECTS AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED
- PINELLAS COUNTY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINANCE AND SERVICES COSTS FOR EARL MAIZE RECREATION AREA
- PINELLAS COUNTY OWNS THE PROPERTY
- BURDEN OF MONITORING AND SERVICING AND REPAIRS BY VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS WILL INCREASE OVER TIME AS FACILITIES AGE
- THERE ARE NO OTHER COUNTY MAINTAINED PARKS OR RECREATION AREAS NEAR THE FEATHER SOUND TAX DISTRICT