

Supervisor Comments October 2018

Public Hearing of 10/13 ... We had about 45 residents in attendance last Saturday for a Public Hearing hosted by the Planning Commission regarding ordinance revisions. Ordinance 3.8 regarding Accessory Buildings received the most comments from those in attendance that were not in favor of revising the ordinance. The meeting went well when everyone learned the ground rules that it was a "Hearing" for the Commission to "Hear" from the residents and it was not a question and answer type of meeting, although a few questions were answered. The protocol calls for the proposed ordinance changes be forwarded to the County Board along with the "Hearing" comments. The county has 30 days to review and respond, at which point, the subject matter will be presented to the Sims Board for a vote. It just so happens, the 3.8 Accessory Building revision was presented to the Sims Board 15 years ago and was not approved, as it was considered to not be a good fit for the community at large, especially within subdivisions, where space is at a premium.

Water Meters ... The Water Authority has had discussions with water meter manufacturers Neptune and Badger regarding the necessity of replacing all of our water meters. As it turns out, we were given some misinformation months ago by our current supplier Badger Meter. Our service contract with Badger was eliminated as they were not supporting our software and hardware versions, so calls for service were costing us \$250.00 per call. We discovered that they we will require a software and hardware upgrade and maybe not have to upgrade all the meters. Originally the meter upgrade would be about \$300,000. At this time, it is my understanding that just a software and hardware upgrade will be about \$50,000. We have another open meeting with Badger scheduled for 10/29 at 530 at Whitney Township Hall and all residents are invited.

Final Thought ... "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
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