

**Property Owners Association of The Villages  
General Membership Meeting  
June 21, 2022**

**Called to order:** by Cliff Wiener, President at 7:00 pm.

- Board members present: All.
- Members present: Approximately 90, with unknown number watching via live-streaming, due to problems with the live-stream feed.
- Organizations present: Hospital Auxiliary, Seniors vs. Crime and Realty Executives.
- May membership meeting minutes and Treasurers Report deferred to save time.
- Raffle: Three winners of \$30 each announced, all donating funds back to Support Our Soldiers.

**Announcements:**

- Deferred to save time, but Cliff did mention there will be another POA Candidate's Night on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Laurel Manor for District Supervisor, NSCUDD and AAC candidates.

**Questions:**

- Deferred to save time.

**Speaker:** Candidates Night.

- Cliff and Sal Torname made some opening comments. Cliff and Deb Butterfield, POA Bulletin Editor, went over the ground rules; stating that each candidate will have 2 minutes for introduction, 2 minutes to answer each question and 1 minute for closing comments (after all questions). To control time, there is a yellow card (30 seconds) and red card with bell (time up). All questions (based on those developed, sent in, etc. and vetted by the POA) will be asked by Cliff or Deb.
- Cliff stated after introductions, we would start with State Representative candidates and when done (closing comments) then go to Sumter County Commissioner candidates. He asked the audience to be courteous and respectful of the candidates' comments.
- State Representative highlights:
  - Candidates: John Temple (Educator/Administrator), Rock Daze (Retired Navy Captain/leader), Andrew Curtis (Attorney) and Ash Marwah (Small Business owner).
  - What do you hope to accomplish as State Rep? **Ans:** Rock - protect children and election integrity; Andrew - protect grandparents rights, address financial abuse of seniors and revamp disability; Ash - reverse impact fee law and do what the citizens want; John - address rapid growth infrastructure issues and cost of living issues, plus save money within the budget.
  - There was a question on the impact fee bill and property insurance bill; with all basically stating the impact fee needs to be addressed and the property insurance incentives were a good first step, but more has to be done there. Ash mentioned addressing coastal properties with John and Rock stating fraud has driven up insurance and Andrew saying there should be a property tax reduction for those paying too much for insurance.
  - There was a question on top 5 contributors and another on direct/indirect involvement with the developer. All said they and/or family and friends were the main top contributors and all said they did not have direct or indirect involvement with the developer.
  - Closing comments: Andrew said he knows a lot about the senior population of The Villages and will represent them and all residents well; Ash said he will work for you and fight against the north extension of the Florida Turnpike – widen I-75 instead; John said with over 3,500 legislative bills, he knows what it takes to be an effective representative; Rock said he will be a fulltime representative and we need someone like him who knows how to get things done at the state legislation level.
- Sumter County Commissioner highlights:
  - Candidates: Roberta Ulrich (current Commissioner) and Reed Panos (Medical Doctor/Retired Air Force Colonel), Seat 1; Doug Gilpin (current Commissioner) and Andrew Bilardello (Law Enforcement Officer), Seat 2; James Morris (CEMEX Regional Environmental Manager), Sharyl

Anderson (family business manager) and Jeff Bogue (Advent Health EMS Director/retired firefighter), Seat 4; and, Dan Myslakowski (former Michigan County Commissioner) and Don Wiley (current Commissioner), Seat 5.

- What is the #1 issue facing Sumter County residence and how do you plan to address it? **Ans:** Reed – don't have a developer involved elected official, look at possibly redistricting; Doug – quality of life, smart growth and improve roads; Andrew – zero based budget, make impact fee fair for everyone; James – independent fire district resolution, improve work force housing, correct budget and tax picture based on good planning; Sharyl – improve current lack of civility and manage growth, don't have it run over us; Jeff - Independent Fire District resolution, improve roads and fair impact fee; Dan – quality of life and the county living within a budget; Don – focus on whole county, plus reality of Village growth in other county areas, and improve communications; Roberta – our taxes are one of the lowest in the state, keep it that way.
- There was a question on rolling back the 25% increase and another on support for previous or future regional road improvement agreements. Most all agreed that it would be good to roll back the increase if you could, but the budget has already absorbed most of the increase. All agreed with future regional road agreements, that they make good business sense, and that they must address all of the County not just the Villages. When it comes to budgets, James mentioned focusing on planning; Doug said get back to core items and away from pet projects; Sharyl mentioned get creative with the budget; and, Andrew said take care of people first.
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- Closing comments: Don said even though Governor appointed he owes nobody anything, he is here for the people and businesses; Dan said as a former commissioner he knows what it takes to get the job done right while representing the people; Jeff said he will be your commissioner plus be transparent and accessible, holding quarterly town meetings; Sharyl said she will provide service with civility and fight for the residents; James said he will keep Sumter free and promote smart growth; Andrew reiterated he had nothing to do with the developer and will work for a zero based budget; Doug said he would work for higher good sustainable growth; Reed said he will take up projects the people want (to include expansion of Morse Blvd north of CR-466); and, Roberta said she has the knowledge to do the job and has accomplished many good things for the county in the 3 months she has been in the governor-appointed position.

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm that was seconded and unanimously approved.  
Submitted by: Reb Benson, Secretary