

## January Board Meeting

Sometimes you tackle a subject so messed up that once you're in the middle of it, you come to the realization that the B.S. level is way deeper than you thought. This is one of those times.

### Meeting Kickoff!

The usual kickoff featured the obligatory nod to the notice requirement of Florida Statute 718, (one of the only statutes recognized by the board, the others are just too damn inconvenient). Then we get the notice made of a quorum, ignoring the fact that only four of the required five members are seated for the start of this rodeo.<sup>1</sup> This is like an invocation at the Holy Church of Antioch by an agnostic minister.

### New Management Company

*"We are in the last days of the transition... We can't rely on Leland to complete what we need completed"*-A true testament to a "good" working relationship developed over time. Who is the new company? -Pinnacle, well almost, it's Hamilton Association Management. Look them up at AllBiz.com<sup>2</sup>. (you may be unimpressed)... You can't be choosy when you've pissed off a lot of companies.

### Treasurer's Report...NOT

*"So we won't be presenting any treasurer's report ...at this meeting because obviously the books for 2025 are not closed and they can't close them until all expenses for 2025 are entered and the books get closed."* -And "we" haven't posted a check register since July 2025 either.

### Well Update!!!

This boondoggle is sooo deep, we could have devoted an entire website to how screwed up it appears to be. Look in the dictionary under "mismanaged" and you'll see a picture of this project engineering and implementation plan (or maybe it doesn't exist).

Where to start?...

*"The other thing is we had hoped that we would have our Dyco underway for the pool situation to correct the heaters and the chillers... There has been some delays in that"*-Let's see... voted on and approved in March, 2025<sup>3</sup> with a set and quoted price from Dyco<sup>4</sup>, right down to the dollar. DYCO applied for a permit in April<sup>5</sup>, and it was denied in December.<sup>5</sup>...yep, "some delays".

*"The Dyco company is putting in their... the engineers report from Dyco has been completed now and the new application will be going in shortly."*- And we didn't have this last March when it was originally approved?...Inept!

## Well Debacle (cont.)

We're going to fast forward to the question and answer portion of this "deep" subject...

**Unk:** "How many associations in the area has coolers for the pool in the summertime?"

[Now here comes a *royal* diversion]...

**Shadowboard:** *"Are you asking in the community of Sarasota have that?"*

**Unk:** "No, just in this area."

**SB:** *"In our section?"*

**Unk:** "In our community"

**SB:** *"I don't know that number"*

*-[SB didn't know any of the numbers... Now, more diversion]...*

**SB:** *"I can tell you this, there's only two master associations in this area"*

[That's not what the question was]

**SB:** *"So Centergate has seven swimming pools"*

**Unk:** "And the pools chilled?"

**SB:** *"You could walk there and see"*

[in other words, I don't know...probably not]

**SB:** *"The reason that we have to chill the water is because we are going through 30 gallons of acid and chlorine every three days"*

[Even in the winter, spring and fall?]

**Unk:** "I personally feel that we should run the numbers on what the cost is versus putting in the chemicals"

**SB:** *"It's all being done"*

[why in the hell hasn't it BEEN done before approving to go ahead with this project?]

**Unk:** "Have we run the numbers between what we're trying to do now with drilling new wells and get the amount of water needed over a seven year period?"

**SB:** *"Those are called case studies. And if you go to aquacal.com... they do have case studies on these two different approaches to show you what the difference in cost is"*

[THIS IS BS!!!...go to aquacal.com yourself and try to find a case study. They will give you costs of their units based on a pool size, nothing more]

**SB:** *"Tell you what, I'll produce, I'll produce a case study for you"*

[Wait on that like... we are still waiting on budget justification computation for landscaping. Also, why does one need to do a case study if it's "all being done"?-see above]

**Unk:** "Why can't we have the new management company do it?"

*"That has to be done through us and the CAM and any outside sort of resources that we have"*

**Unk:** "I'd like {SB} to do it"

*"He said he would, and he committed to do that. And you know one thing about {SB}, he will do it for you"*

[Yep, just wait on it]

## Section 7 Update!

This is the big wheel of excuses except you don't have to pick one, you get em' all!

- 1- "We are on the hook to wait for insurance"
- 2- "I never anticipated it taking so long".
- 3- "I can't even apologize, it's out of my control"
- 4- "We are constantly querying them and following up"
- 5- "They submitted the building permits"
- 6- "After getting the draftsman and the structural engineers to produce them"
- 7- "They submitted them I think in November"  
[but remember, we are constantly querying!]
- 8- "The county spent two months to come back to tell them that they're kicking them back for revision"
- 9- "So we're in this back and forth process"

Question: Who in the hell is responsible for providing a carport and getting it fixed after a storm... the association...period. The buck stops right there.

### Front Entrance Planter

*"Also, I don't know if anyone knows this is, but a couple of weeks back, there was a car that almost went through the front entrance wall from Cattlemen"*

[Actually Nov. 23rd, 2025...umm...more like ten weeks, but time must fly when you're ignoring stuff. Plants gone, fixture-laying in the bed, but it's not their corner of CDS...so let's move on to excuses...]

*"And we're waiting on an estimate from Bloomings to replace them"* [ten weeks after the fact? Are you serious?]

### Lights, Camera, Inaction!

After our team of technicians, electricians and wannabe magicians wasted months, FPL is coming to fix and supply parking lot lights.

*"They will be coming out in the next week or so with their engineer to do the plan to replace the pole lights, the seven pole lights that are giving us the problem."*

Look for that about the time that the case study on the chillers is published! (wait...it's coming)

### Good News!

With lights still inoperative in the parking lot, \$44K+ going to a hole in the ground, section 7 carport still open air and no bike shelter, we thought we'd end on a happy note (which should tell you where the board's priorities are).

### We Have a New Pickleball Net!

That's right fellow villagers, your board has directed their laser focused attention to the pickleballer in all of us and we've got a new net.

