

MINUTES OF THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING: ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL RATING AREA IN ONRUS AND VERMONT (WARD 13, OVERSTRAND MUNICIPALITY.)

DATE: 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019 @ 18:00

VENUE: DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH. ONRUS.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Piet Vorster: No association with SRA and not a property owner in area. He was invited to chair the meeting. His credentials were approved by Overstrand Municipality.

1) ATTENDANCE :

Present: See Attendance list attached to minutes. 217 attendees.

Apologies: Jan Vorster, Michiel De Kock, Christ Terblanche, Russell and Ali Truter, Johan and Elzette Visser, Louis Minitzer. Various other community members as received by phone & email.

2) LANGUAGE OF MEETING: Meeting will be conducted in English. Chairman asked if anyone does not understand English. No-one put their hand up. It was then confirmed that the meeting will be conducted in English. However, if there is a question in Afrikaans, it will be answered in Afrikaans and translated.

3) WELCOMING: The Chairman welcomed all the attendees.

4) PURPOSE OF MEETING: The meeting was arranged to introduce the details and procedure for the application to declare Onrus/Vermont special rating's area. All the info from the meeting will be sent out to ratepayers.

5) PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED: Please hold questions during presentation or write them on the supplied forms. Questions to be answered after the presentation. Abner Inghels will be given a chance to give a presentation on the proposed SRA.

6) SRA PRESENTATION: PROPOSED SRA PRESENTED BY A INGHELS

Abner thanked everyone who is present for the good turnout at the meeting.

Presentation also uploaded to website under Public Meeting heading:

<http://www.onsdorp.com/onrusvermontsra/index.html>

Important points which were noted in the Presentation presented by Abner:

Abner gave the example/analogy of the need for a Medical Aid to supplement important services and the need to set up entity to assist to provide certain services. The SRA would play a support role in the usual Municipality services.

A steering committee had to be created in the community.

Important documents will be sent out tomorrow concerning the establishment of the Steering Committee. After the public meetings, we will vote. After the voting has been completed. The result has to be to be 50% plus 1 for successful outcome for SRA to be established. (The old % of 60% is not applicable anymore) See "The SRA Steering Committee" slide.

A separate Non-profit company will be set up.

Every 5 year cycle: the SRA will be reviewed.

See Slide on the SRA: Steering Committee. These people need not be in the new NP Company.

We can only try to improve local services. We cannot include National Services.

See priorities which will be addressed.

Perception Survey: Sept 2017 to November 2017.

It took us from those dates to now, to proceed the adoption of the SRA.

See findings of "The Perception Survey" – Results.

Onrus-Vermont SRA - (find main reasons for why SRA).

Many SRAs have been established in many Municipalities.

Everyone will share in a fair way to formalize the funding.

SRA: Rate. - The Steering committee drew up a Budget of what we needed. This was sent to Municipality to assess. The levy has to be a % according to the Act and not a fixed figure.

All the Property owners can vote. If you have more than one property you can have more than one vote.

Electronic voting allowed.

Currently 4188 Erven in OVSRA. Proposed Rate for SRA is noted in the presentation. The amount is 0.00035 cents to the rand of municipal property valuation.

See grid in presentation of How much you will have to pay.

Main projects:

CCTV Project is one of the Projects – See details of this project.

Cameras and Monitoring, a dedicated Vehicle with patrollers, 2 patrollers on foot.

Cleansing: Additional refuse removal, cleaning of dumped rubbish etc.

Ad hoc Lifeguards at Onrus Beach.

Proposed Timeline: 2 months to complete voting. This is by 29th November. Then independent auditing. See Link for further time line entries.

Plan has been through 7 departments at Municipality.

Application then lies at Municipality. If the process is approved at the meeting on the 28th February 2020. There are other dates after that date which are relevant
Idea is have it finalized by the December 2020.

If Property in Trust for Company – we need proof that you are the owner.

Conclusion.

7) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS :

- Bernard Teuterberg - he does not feel represented. Quest: 1) Will it be an a-political organization. 2) Will other groups disappear ie. OnVerWag, Ratepayers etc. Answer: Other organisations will probably continue. SRA will be a support. 3) We have a problem with Security – if the SRA can only supplement local government. National government has failed. Answer: SRA will be support and work with Local government (Law enforcement) and all other role-players. Will be set up to monitor all public spaces.
- Ian Holdworth – Vermont. Question is regarding the Budget – felt that this was not discussed in detail. Make sure there is no conflict of Interest. Abner Answered: He said the Budget will be sent out afterwards. The first Public meeting is only to launch the SRA and give people the information.
Conflict of Interest: All the directors will be elected from our Community and held accountable by Community.
- Johan Du Preez : question - Only 60 days allowed to vote but the problem is a property is being registered in new owner name, it takes 90 days, so new owner will not be able to vote. The property takes 90 days to register. Answer: this date cannot be changed at this stage, otherwise the application to the municipality cannot be made in time.

- Hettie Van der Spuy: Is it legal to have electronic voting. When was the Perception Survey done – he was not living in this area. How was steering committee created. He is worried about what the contribution will be in 5 years. It will be tough times. Answer: Electronic Voting is done through “Survey Monkey”. It was approved by Municipality. Perception survey done from Sept to November 2017. How the Steering committee was created: Different community organisations got together to choose a steering committee.
- Linda Musson: How could the Steering Committee be elected 3 years ago and how will service providers be appointed. Answer: They were not elected, it was formed by a group of concerned citizens from community organisations. Services will be put out to Tender.
- Another question from floor: Information of Ratepayers was given out. She is not happy with her info being shared. Abner assured her that only he was given names. This was necessary to set the wheels in motion for the application of the SRA. Confidentiality contracts signed with municipality in this regard.
- Eddie Du Plessis: Question - The Council may pay over – MAY pay over (wording of National act, afraid that municipality will hold SRA money back). This is worrying. Second question: Why can people who get rebates still vote if they are not going to pay? Answer: The NPC and community must keep the Municipality accountable for the money paid for SRA. Every property Owner has the right to vote.
- Mike Hertzville: Is this the first attempt at SRA? What will the directors be paid? Are the rates Vatable? Answer: There was an attempt to create a CID in 2007/2008. This was not successful. Directors will not be paid – only operational manager & employees will be paid. Member of community confirmed that there was no VAT on rates.
- Peter Bakker: Quest – Who will be monitoring the CCTV cameras. Answer: Will be out for Tenders. Any company will be able to tender. No info on the cameras will be divulged to the public. There has to be a police report.
- Frans : The first issue is that the Survey is more than 3 years ago. Info out of date. How is this cameras & patrols going to benefit us as permanent residents? Answer: Suspicious actions or people will be picked up as they enter our Area.
- Ferdinand May – Meetings can be arranged.
- Spatsels – Mr Theron - . The Budget is five year business plan. Any changes have to be approved again. The community will have a say in what changes they want. The rate will remain the same 0.00035 for 5 years.
- Steve Sargeant - Mentioned that there was no change in services after SRA implement was implemented in his area where his son lives. He asked what will happen with ADT and other security companies. Donovan took microphone - He said ADT will work closely with SRA Npo Company. Abner said that the Community must hold the SRA entity accountable for services requested.
- Mr Horst. He wants safety but he is assessing the rates. He is paying annually R10 000 rates to the Overstrand and wants to know why the Municipality does not give an excellent service. In Germany he receives excellent services and is paying less in rates. Question: Why is the Municipality not going to subsidise part of the SRA. Answer: the municipality does not allow this. We are doing it ourselves.
- Mrs Sargeant: A positive comment who thanked all concerned for setting the wheels in motion.
- Eric Smidt: How are you going to get the people out of Green Belts in Vermont. Answer: We have had some success already with our present cameras.
- Erich Schultz – What happens if Municipality changes from one political party to another. Answer: Laws have to be changed then before a new SRA is set up.
- Daniel Reddie. He is question what about people who don't live in our area. Why can they vote? Answer: all property owners can vote whether they stay permanently or not.
- David Wilson: We do know that we do not get a fair share of services. He is afraid that we will not get our fair share of Municipal budget if we have SRA. Answer: It is stated in law that Municipality cannot stop services. The ward allocation also stays the same.

8) **Closing:** Chairman thanked everyone for attendance. **Meeting ended at 7.45pm.**

CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE:

DATED **place**