



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: 23 January 2020

TIME: 17H00

VENUE: BOSKO Hall, Fairways Avenue, Eastcliff, Hermanus

CHAIRMAN: Mr Fanie Prins. No association with HSRA and not a property owner in area. He was invited to chair the meeting. F. Prins credentials approved by Overstrand Municipality.

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: See attendance list attached to minutes. 83 attendees.

Apologies: One apology received.

Mr Michael Farr (HSRA SC Chairman) and Mr Errol van Staden (HPP Chairman). HSRA Steering Committee and the HPP Board are represented. M. Bown – Minutes Secretary.

2. WELCOME

Public Meeting Chairman welcomes all the attendees.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Meeting Chairman outlines the Order of Business, stating there will an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentations given by Mr. E. van Staden and Mr. M. Farr respectively.

4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- a. Inform all attendees of relevant information pertaining to the application;
- b. Discuss the practical implications relating thereto; and
- c. Allow the Hermanus Public Protection (HPP) to present their interim plan for the provision of services until the SRA is successfully established.

5. HERMANUS PUBLIC PROTECTION (HPP) PRESENTATION BY MR ERROL VAN STADEN

E. van Staden presents the current status of HPP, states that is a reduced service due to funding. Presentation is available on HPP website:

<http://www.hppsecurity.co.za/>



17H20 Questions and Answer session. Question and answers listed below.

6. PROPOSED HSRA PRESENTATION BY MR MICHAEL FARR

M.F welcomes and thanks attendees.

M.F proceed with presentation on the proposed HSRA. The full presentation is available on the HSRA website:

<https://hermanussra.co.za/notices/>

Key Points Highlighted by M.F:

- The HSRA geographical area will be the same as the HPP.
- The HSRA establishment must comply with various National and Municipal legislation. The pertinent legislation for Special Rating Areas is available on the HSRA website.
- M.F. confirms that the Business Plan is aligned with the Overstrand Municipality IDP.
- M.F outlines the process for establishing the HSRA, what has been achieved to date and what needs to be achieved to submit the application to the OM in terms of the by-law. M.F further states that there is a 30 day objection period following the application submission. Should the application be successful, the levy will only be payable in August.
- M.F outlined the findings of the perception survey results. It is highlighted that property owners are concerned about safety in the area and that Neighbourhood Watches, the HPP and private security are integral to safety in the area.
- M.F stated that foot patrols are not effective in residential areas due to the size. Vehicle patrols are the preferred method to respond to and identify crime. Foot patrols are effective in the CBD and along the Cliff Path.
- M.F outlines the cleansing services that will be provided.
- Terry McCarthy (T.McC) (Steering Committee Member) outlined the 5-year budget and reiterates that supplementary safety and cleansing services are the key features of the Business Plan based on the survey outcomes.
- T.McC then outlined the predicted costs to ratepayers and unpacks the calculation of the rates.
- T.McC stated that the HSRA SC has raised a query with the Overstrand Municipality regarding VAT on the rate.



7. Question & Answers

A summary of questions and answers follows:

Question	Answer
Questions following the HPP presentation	
Q1. What is the relationship between HPP and OM Law Enforcement?	E.v.S – Currently OM has oversight and Council member is a non-voting member of HPP. Going forward, hope for a more collaborative and integrated relationship to be more efficient and effective.
Q2. Why does the OM not support the HPP? What the alternative?	E.v.S – The amendment to the by-law and policy has meant that the HPP ceased receiving funding. The OM has been supportive in establishing the SRA as well as additional services such as OM Law Enforcement patrolling the Cliff Path during the holiday season and looking to supplement patrolling with K9 unit.
Q3. Why is HPP not more transparent about its services and successes?	E.v.S – The HPP does not have a current database of property owners so communications is difficult. A weekly report is received from ADT and is shared on property owners, who have signed up, WhatsApp group.
Q4. What other ways is the HPP communicating what they do?	E.v.S – The HPP use other forms of social media, such as Facebook, to communicate to signed up property owners.
Q5. Why and when were the HPP levies stopped?	E.v.S – The HPP lacked 'legality'. The levy was never specified as a line item on the OM rates bill. The levy ceased on 1 July 2019; at the same time the new rates increase was implemented.
Q6. There is little value to the HPP if they do not work closely with other Law Enforcement and SAPS.	E.v.S – Agree, need an integrated solution that ensures effective collaboration between all parties. SRA will work to ensure that is in place.
Questions following M. Farr and T.McC Presentation	
Q1. Why don't tourists pay a tourism levy or tax?	T.McC – Does not believe the OM has been canvassed on the issue.
Q2. Was VAT charged on the HPP levy?	T.McC – VAT was zero rated on the HPP levy.
Q3. How many votes do I have if I own multiple properties?	T.McC – One vote per erf, even if there are multiple owners.
Q4. Does the HSRA budget allow for patrols to receive training?	T.McC – Yes training is included, the services will be outsourced, the



	subcontractor must ensure that the staff are qualified and received ongoing training.
Q5. I am concerned about the OM being uncooperative, what if they force the closure of the new SRA like they did the HPP and do not consult the community?	T.McC – The MOI of the SRA NPC will ensure that property owners are eligible facilitated to be voting members so that the best interest of the community is served.
Q6. How can I find out the precise cost of the rate? Will the rate increase?	T.McC – if you live in residential property you can apply 0.00048 cents in the Rand to your municipal rate, as it includes the discounts and will give you a very close estimate. Yes, the HSRA budget increases every year by 5.5%.
Q7. Does consent have to be given again after the 5-year period?	M.F. – The OM SRA By-law and Policy state that an application must be submitted again to extend the SRA term.
Q8. What issues have established SRA's experienced?	T.McC – most have had success particularly where property owners who have taken an active interest in the operations of the SRA. Hence the importance for property owners sign up to be members of the NPC to ensure oversight. In addition the applicable municipality have an oversight function to ensure compliance with the agreed business plan
Q9. The budget is lacking detail and the first year will not be a full year?	T.McC – The request for proposal from sub-contractors will be more detailed.
Q10. What will we get for R8.3m a year?	T.McC – the services offered are listed in the business plan, the detail and key performance indicators will be detailed in the request for proposal to service contractors.
Q11. The SRA by-law and policy state that the OM CFO will prescribe the MOI for the NPC, thereby giving the CFO full control over the SRA.	T.McC – the SRA SC will draft the MOI which will include reference to voting members.

8. Closing

Chairman thanks all attendees for their participation.

Meeting is closed at 18H49.

CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____