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POA TURNS MEAN, LEAN AND GREEN IN 2010 !

After voting to suspend contributions to the POA Reserve Accounts, the Board still had to cut expenses, any and every way it could creatively do, to continue to survive with continuing (and very surprising) new delinquencies and foreclosures, rather than a special assessment or raising the quarterly maintenance fees to the remaining paying owners to compensate! (The Board is keenly aware that many of the onsite owner-residents are of limited or fixed incomes and they would be driven into delinquency if this POA passed major unplanned expenses to them that other Associations across Florida have been doing!)

So, starting with timers on the lights, recycling everything we possibly can, cutting all major repair projects, we were faced with an increasing expense of pool maintenance or shutting it down. Being winter time and cold, it might seem a good idea, but, the expense of draining it, shutting it down, and getting it going again in warmer weather could eat up any savings. And, shutting it down for the year was not an option to us, because, it is the "only, real amenity" we have! We have no gym, no golf course, no restaurant, no meeting hall, no arcade, not even a soda machine! So, we had to accept an increased expense of chemicals and service from \$200 to \$300/mo., still using our existing Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, while also increasing his officer compensation \$50/week to offset his extreme travel expenses incurred with trips to the courthouse, post office, and retail supply stores, and, cut office expense to compensate. We did. In July 2009, several Board members verbally directed AT+T/Bellsouth to discontinue our DSL service which cost us almost a hundred dollars a month!, which they said was 'because we are a "business"', (*while consumers are quoted 19.95/mo!*), and then, since August, the Board of Directors instructed them at least a half dozen times in writing to cease service, but, they became even sleazier in saying we had an 'automatic 3 year renewal' stated in fine print somewhere on a quickly signed, original 2005, 3-yr. agreement for our 'commercial' phone line, fax line, long distance, etc., and tried to bill us near \$600 bucks last month, (*which we intend to bring legal action against eventually*). In the meantime, we have suspended any use of their services whatsoever and are waiting for them to delete the old website, while we build a much better, user-friendly site at VWP2.COM, which, eventually should allow owners to pay their maintenance fees and application fees and anything else for that matter, online, like other websites! We have seen record internet traffic and praise with the new site and its ease of use now! We believe the degree of information exceeds that of any other Association website around (*at least those that even have them at all!*) We have permanently replaced the old phone number with a new TOLL FREE number that actually spells out "888-POA-VWP2"! And our old fax number (that no one could ever remember) has been permanently changed to spell out "888-FXX-VWP2"! Neat, huh? Both lines are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Every single hang-up is even recorded, with Caller ID! We now have free national long distance and three dozen free monthly services included! Guess how much all that costs us? Try \$20 bucks a month! (*If you are interested in having that kind of service for your own phone line, email us and we will hook you up as a reference!*) * **THESE NEW NUMBERS ARE IN THE NEW LETTERHEAD OF THIS NEWSLETTER - SAVE IT !** *

And finally, our POA President, who also serves as our paid consultant and liaison between the Board and the attorneys and the dozens of court cases going on, has been asked to make use of his own home office more, and, use his own related office supplies, at his expense, so we can slash the original, budgeted, \$4K/yr., POA-office expense, down, to the approved amount of near \$400/yr., (*while keeping his billable hours to 10 hrs/wk.*), and asking him to volunteer more hours than ever to offset and/or save us the \$200 to \$400/hr. attorneys would charge us for dozens of hours per week dealing with the current nightmare of current foreclosures, lawsuits and litigation. (*Two major cases are going on now which could cripple the POA., or, finally turn the tide on our \$160,000.00+ delinquencies & Accts. Receivable. We intend to fight all the way until we win! Stay tuned!*)