

**OYSTER HARBOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HILLSMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY
JANUARY 22, 2009
MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Kathy Burk, Chair
Dan Craig, Vice Chair and Acting Secretary
Winston Dunkley, Board Member
Calvin Kidd, Board Member
Jane Miller, Board Member
Nancy Plaxico, Board Member
Joanie Stone, Board Member

Joe Butcher, OHCA resident
Patricia Cannon, OHCA resident
Linda Epps, OHCA resident

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm with a moment of silent prayer.

AGENDA (standard): motion to adopt seconded and approved unanimously.

MINUTES:

December 8, 2008, draft minutes, page 2, 3rd sentence from bottom: Craig motion to strike "Councilman Cohen" and replace with "authorities" approved without dissent, so that the sentence will read: "Mr. Craig agreed to make a copy for authorities to review." Motion to adopt December 8, 2008, minutes, as amended, seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion to adopt December 15, 2008, minutes seconded and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT/SPENDING UPDATE:

In the absence of the President, who was out of town, the Chair distributed the latest balance sheet showing the Association's assets and the fact that OHCA is solvent. No year-to-date expenditures or check voucher logs were distributed but will be at the next meeting when the President returns. It was clarified that OHCA's finances are stored online (password protected) at QuickBooks and are therefore accessible to all key officers anywhere, anytime; data are not kept on a single computer that could fail or be stolen.

DRAFT MINUTES 2-18-2009

It was announced that OHCA's annual budget meeting will occur the following Tuesday, January 27, at 7:30pm at St Anne's school; a quorum of 25 residents is required to approve the Association's budget submission to the county for FY2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

On behalf of the President, the Chair reported that a new roads master plan will be available February 15, with a board meeting scheduled for February 19 and a community meeting to follow on February 24.

The Board agreed to encourage the use of OHCA decals (already distributed) for parking on Shore Drive, but after debate, it was agreed that the use of decals would not be made mandatory (it was agreed to proceed on the parking/security issue with "baby steps" – nothing draconian). Ms. Epps asked about guest passes for visitors parking along Shore. Ms. Stone indicated that car mirror hang tags have been ordered and will be available within a month; their use will be encouraged in a newsletter, online, and in emails.

After input from Ms. Cannon and Ms. Epps, it was agreed to eventually post OHCA's parking and no trespassing policies on the community bulletin board, which will be erected at the gate this spring by the beach entrance: this way police can be shown what is accepted community policy, and they can help escort trespassers out of OHCA after residents complain.

BOARD ACTION: It was agreed to add two more 15 MPH speed limit signs on Washington Drive, as per a previous general community meeting discussion, and five more "no parking" signs in front of the Epps home and along the west side of Shore.

The Chair reviewed the status of the decision, approved by the Board on December 8, 2008, to take down the beach fence behind the three houses along the east side of Shore (which had been damaged during the fire on December 7 and represented a safety hazard). The fence between 3305 Shore and the community playground has been fixed and will remain in place, as will the fence between the beach and the eastern side of Shore Drive. The damaged fence behind the three houses has been removed and will be replaced with an aesthetically pleasing, low-rise post and rope system to delineate the boundary of the community beach. The issue of erecting boundary signs along with the ropes and posts was discussed but ultimately tabled.

The Board also discussed the need for an additional dinghy rack at Fishing Creek: the webmaster agreed to poll the community by way of email. Ms. Plaxico suggested that a reminder be added to the email about upcoming OHCA meetings – especially the budget meeting. It was also suggested that the webmaster check the status of documents/links on OHCA's new website since some individuals were having trouble opening them.

Finally, the issue of freezing sump pump effluent on the crest of Washington Drive was discussed. That led to a discussion of the need to assess the impact of recent swale work on water flow along that portion of Washington Drive. **BOARD ACTION:** Both issues were remanded to the President for inclusion in the new road master plan.

FIRE UPDATE

The Chair led the Board through a thorough review of the timeline and questions raised by the community fire on December 7, 2008. She noted that there would be a community meeting with the Anne Arundel Fire Department on February 7. She also noted that the Fire Department had agreed to cooperate with an independent review of the events on December 7 and that Gerald Winegrad is the point person for OHCA on this issue.

From the Floor, Ms. Epps presented cost estimates and a request for three new lights on Shore Drive. Mr. Kidd moved, and the Board agreed, to table the issue pending further discussion with the property committee, which has been investigating this issue and working with BG&E for the past year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN seconded and approved at 8:50 pm.