

**Oyster Harbor Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Hillsmere Public Library
July 23, 2009**

Minutes

Present:

Kathy Burk
Daniel Craig
Winston Dunkley
Calvin Kidd
Ian MacKinnon
Jane Miller
Nancy Plaxico

Linda Epps, OHCA resident

Meeting opened at 7:15pm

The Chair called the meeting to order with a moment of silent reflection.

A motion to change the agenda was seconded and approved.

Dan Craig, Chair of the Legal Subcommittee, gave an update on the lawsuit brought against OHCA by several property owners in the Cross-Creek area. Dan motioned that we instruct Kurt Karsten, OHCA's personal counsel, to pursue a stipulation that dismisses the lawsuit against OHCA. Winston Dunkley seconded the motion. All were in favor and it was approved.

The minutes of the 6/11 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was seconded and approved.

Kathy Burk stated that the minutes of 4/09 and 5/09 were due by 7/28 for the audit and would be distributed for vote via email.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Update - Audit

The budget was reviewed and discussed, as was preparation for the audit. Dan Houle, OHCA accountant, will continue to reconcile checks to the voucher log.

The Emergency Fire Fund's allocation of \$3000.00 was discussed. The three families affected by the Shore Drive fires will be updated on donations received, to date. Also, a letter will go out to Jim Sturman, thanking him for his work in relation to the OHCA fires. Lastly, to avoid last minute cutting of checks for vendors, checks will be cut two times per month, the 1st and the 13th.

The President's Report

Public Indemnity Insurance: We received notice that our broker is not recognized by the State of Maryland. Kurt Karsten asked that we bid out our policy for other quotes.

The President handed out an itemized report; review and discussion followed. See attachment: Presidents Report (summarized).

New Business

Piers: We are in the process of investigating the lifespan of the rods in the bulkhead. Mike Kretsch and Gird will investigate and give summaries. Rhoades Whitehill, chair of the Piers committee, will obtain several quotes to replace bulkheads.

Roads: Discussed the Jaicks' property on Shore Drive: Mike Kretsch will confirm property design.

Drainage ditches: Must remove all rocks in swales. Kathy will schedule a special meeting concerning the swales.

Dan Craig motioned that Ian MacKinnon be recognized as the OHCA President and that the position of Acting Vice President remain vacant. Nancy Plaxico seconded and all in favor.

Adjournment

A motion to close the meeting was proposed by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mr. Kidd and was unanimously agreed. The meeting closed at 8:52pm.

Attachment: President's Report

Auditing Committee: The new QuickBooks software and our disciplined management of bill paying should make the audit much more straightforward this year. A thank you goes to Carol Swan, our special Tax Treasurer, for her diligence in managing our accounts.

Beaches: The bacteria count seems to be holding at a steady, low level. The geese are staying away; and, the beach seems to be used more this year. The gazebo has been repaired. It looks really good. We now have a notice board keeping people informed which blends in very well.

Benevolence: The fire at 1313 Washington Drive was a disaster for the affected family. The community has provided a dumpster and Asgard Construction has helped to clear the debris and speed up repairs.

Environment: The 2nd batch of oysters has been purchased from the Horn point Research Labs. Because making cages is expensive and time consuming, the Horn Point folks suggested that we try other techniques to farm oysters. If these techniques work, we will be able to expand our reefs at little cost other the oysters. We are investigating grants to cover this cost.

Community property: No Parking and speeding signs have been installed in the community. A new dingy rack has been built at Fishing Creek and a new dog sanitation installed at Booker Washington Marina.

Compliance: Our new compliance chair, Linda Epps, has "chased up" our outstanding compliance issues. Grass is being cut and derelict vehicles removed. When at all possible, beach goers should park along the beach wall. Signs are now in place

designating the No Parking areas. No one should park in the street, along the silt fence area, the curve in the road along Shore, and definitely not blocking the beach gate.

Residents are encouraged to display their Oyster Harbor pride by obtaining and applying OHCA decals on the driver's side, rear windows of their vehicles for easy residential ID. Contact Linda for decals and visitors passes via email (LNivens64@aol.com).

Piers and Harbors: The damage to the Creek channel has been repaired and a temporary fix using pea gravel to the eroding bulkhead seems to be successful. We are investigating a lower cost solution to maintenance dredging of the channel, but first we need to investigate our permit.

Recreation: A very successful event was held on the beach with live music.

Roads: The survey of the community is complete and the engineer will be giving his recommendations for drainage work by the end of July. A committee meeting was held on Saturday, July 18. The engineer explained the new drainage ditch construction.

Independent of the roads initiative, past President Norm MacLeod, as a member of the Watershed Academy, is working with other members in the Arundel on the Bay community to look at ways to reduce the quantity of water that funnels down Shore Dr. into our community.

Security: Winston Knight has agreed to be our security chair and has already spoken to his opposite number in Arundel on the Bay community to see if there is any way that we can share resources to give better overall service.