

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OYSTER HARBOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
JUNE 19, 2008**

**PRESENT:**

Kathy Burk, Chair  
Dan Craig, Vice Chair and acting secretary  
Brooke Doswell, President  
Joe Butcher  
Winston Dunkley  
Calvin Kidd  
Norm MacLeod  
Joanie Stone  
Jeff Wagenmann

**CALL to ORDER** at 7:13 pm by the Chair, followed by a moment of silence.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA** moved and seconded with an amendment that the "Treasurer's Report" be changed to "Budget Report" as called for at a previous board meeting and that acceptance of the "June Minutes" be corrected to read "May Minutes." Adopted unanimously.

**ACCEPTANCE of the MAY MINUTES** was tabled since the Secretary of the Board was out of town and the May Minutes were not available.

Consideration of the BUDGET REPORT was deferred until the arrival of the Association's President.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** items raised by the Chair in the President's absence included:

Geese on the beach. It was agreed that a problem existed and that it was time to bring back the "Geese Police" so their dogs could chase the growing gaggle of geese off the community beach. It was further agreed that no motion was needed and that the Chairman of the Beach Committee would pursue the matter, using existing budget authority to pay for any needed services.

Children playing on boat ramp. There was discussion of the safety factors and liability issues involved in the fact that several unsupervised children were playing on the boat ramp and jumping off the community pier into the water by the ramp. *Craig moved and*

*Wagenmann seconded that three signs with words to the effect that there was "no swimming, diving, or jumping around the boat ramp or piers" would be placed at the boat ramp, the pier at Booker and Washington, and the pier at Fishing Creek (Adopted 6-1).* Joanie Stone, the Chair of the Property Committee, agreed to have the signs made and installed.

## **BUDGET REPORT AND SPENDING UPDATE:**

The President distributed updated 2007-2008 budget numbers to the board, including:

- "Budget vs. Actuals: Budget FY2007-FY08 P&L, July 2007 - June 2008," 2 pages;
- "Voucher Log, Checking Account - BB&T Account Ending 4430, Fiscal Year 2007-2008, Date of Revision 17-Jun-08," 6 pages;
- "FY 2008 Monthly Actual," 2 pages; and
- "Cash on Hand, 6/19/2008," 1 page.

Discussion of the budget started with questions about why the amount of OHCA funds held by the County was published as \$146,000 when our records show it to be \$184,000; the President explained that the figures represent different snap-shots of the surplus at different times.

OHCA has about \$350,000 cash on hand going into FY2009, which begins on July 1st. The President estimates that it will cost about \$120,000 to get to the middle of November (including emergency funds), at which point OHCA will get a large infusion of cash from the County. Hence, OHCA has money (up to \$230,000) to spend on roads and other priorities this summer, once we decide on what issues to attack. The board agreed to take care of the emergency problems immediately.

## **SECURITY ISSUES:**

The Board discussed recent security problems in the community, including

- The theft of two flat screen TVs from Orlando's house by a person using a key placed under the front door mat.
- The recent presence of a transient drinking on the stoop of an abandoned house for sale on Washington Drive.

Wagenmann agreed to call the county police department to request stepped-up patrols in the community. He also agreed to call Rep. Josh Cohen's district office to see what can be done to shut down the activities at three known drug houses in the community.

There was also discussion of cleaning up the overflowing trash bags that the county sanitation workers have refused to pick up. The county was also notified about two more derelict vehicles and the dangers posed by an unattended swimming pool at a vacant house.

## **ROADS/MAINTENANCE:**

There was discussion of the status of pending engineering reports for Shore Drive and other road projects in OHCA. It was agreed that it would be premature to resume swale maintenance and road projects before all the necessary information, engineer reports, and cost estimates are compiled. However, there was also agreement that we should not wait six months or more to address some of the more serious flooding and maintenance issues. There was further agreement that the President and Board should continue working on a plan for community projects which balances the need to address emergencies on a timely basis with the need to identify and fund long-term priorities. In order to compile a priority list, the Chair asked all board members to submit memos by Monday June 23 identifying problem areas.

The President urged people to help community residents help themselves in fixing minor issues like relocating an elderly resident's mail box that is subject to flooding. Butcher recommended that the board commission a reserve study to identify future capital construction needs and their cost. He also suggested taking out a loan against future revenue to complete all of the needed road work now.

## **OTHER:**

There was not enough time to start a discussion of reforming OHCA's Constitution or the Elections Process as called for in the agenda.

Board Member MacLeod announced that he was turning 80 and would resign from the board. Board members expressed regret at his departure and commended him for his contributions to the community.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:50 pm.