

## MINUTES

### VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

Walden Woods Meeting House

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Palladino, at 7:02 PM.

**Roll call:** Present were Council members, Joe Palladino, Joe Sikora, and Marlene Towers.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the November 14, 2018 Village Council meeting were approved as written.

**Financials:** Presently financials are on budget with snow removal. Of note was the necessity of using approximately \$4000 out of the tree budget to clear storm damaged trees on Knollwood North, which posed a danger to residents in that area.

#### Old Business:

- 1) **Boundaries Status:** The Boundaries Amendment has been signed, notarized, and taken off the Conservancy agenda. Therefore, it will be off the Village agenda going forward.
- 2) **Paving project:** So far Council members have met with one engineer, who has decided to pass on the job. Chris Kohnle, from Elite, is trying to discover his reasons to pass on the project. The plan is to meet with other engineers, who do require a consultation fee prior to the next meeting.
- 3) **Irrigation system:** Additional irrigation work is expected in the summer of 2019. It is basically an ongoing need to patch an antiquated system.

#### New Business:

- 1) **Change to street lighting:** The Ridge homes, duplexes and townhomes are changing their lighting to one more environmentally friendly and less costly by a company which does an analysis as part of their proposal. At this time there are 24 street lights in the Village (16 in the upper Village and 8 On The Green). Council members felt more information is needed prior to consideration of this change.
- 2) **Landscaping:** Chairman, Joe Palladino, announced that Russo Landscaping has been acquired by a national company, Brightview. Mark Stupcenski, the current account manager, has decided to leave the firm to pursue another opportunity. Joe Jones

will become our new account manager. At present, there is no anticipated change to our contract with Russo or current level of service.

**3) Consideration of proposed work:**

- a) WO #7735, repair walks at 40 Sagewood (\$1,178.00) and 131 Primrose (\$1,421.00) , was tabled until they can be further evaluated in the Spring.
- b) WO #7736, remove and replace bushes at 40 Sagewood at a cost of \$106.35, was approved by all Council members.
- c) WO #7598, repair of irrigation issues at a cost of \$7,993.00, had been budgeted and, therefore, was approved by all Council members.
- d) WO #7599, landscaping work at 131 Primrose, 330 and 334 Mercer at a cost of \$1,297.47, was approved by all Council members.
- e) WO #7601, landscaping repair at 105 Knollwood South at a cost of \$935.88, was approved by all Council members.
- f) WO #7605, mulch installation at a cost of \$12,543.98, is budgeted every other year and was, therefore, approved.
- g) WO #5848, work at 33 Knollwood North to address drainage issues at a cost of \$1,621.84, was approved by all Council members.

Chairman, Joe Palladino, will contact Elite regarding approvals so they can be placed on the Brightview/Russo schedule.

- 4) Take pool out of Walden Woods Budget:** Chair, Joe Palladino, presented his idea of taking the pool out of the Conservancy budget, forming a separate pool membership.

**Owners Forum**

Several residents voiced their opinions regarding the removal of the pool from the Conservancy budget. Mike (Knollwood N) did not think it was a good idea. Ruth (Ivy) felt attorneys would need to be consulted before this could be considered. Marlene (On The Green) noted that the documents would have to undergo another change. Joe (Pierce Blvd.) felt there would not be enough people who would sign up for a separate pool membership to cover the cost of the pool. Warren (Ivy) felt it was a bad idea for many of the reasons presented. Due to the consensus of opinion against the idea, Chair Palladino decided to withdraw the idea from future consideration.

Mike (Knollwood N) indicated that a tree in front of 33 and 35 Knollwood North needs trimming, as well as an overgrown Arbor Vitae which is growing over the gutter at 35 Knollwood North. He feels more attention should be given to the heights of bushes and trees

by the landscapers. Paul (Morning Glory) pointed out that the entry to his driveway is crumbling and needs to be patched.

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Towers, Secretary.