

## MINUTES

### VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 @ 7 PM

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

**Roll Call:** Present were Joe Palladino and Marlene Towers. Absent was Lynne Fitzgerald.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the October 17, 2018 were accepted as written by council members present.

**Financials:** Chair, Joe Palladino, reported that the financials were well within budget. Only line item over budget was irrigation system repairs.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1) **Boundaries Status:** Currently have 226 Conservancy votes, representing 67% of the 336 units. Although 67% represents the amount required for passage of the Boundary Amendment, the attorney feels 10 more votes would solidify approval. Ruth Johnson reported that total votes at this time were 339, as the Welcome Committee was able to garner the additional votes. Still waiting to count votes on Pond Bridge to make sure votes hold due to resales. Ruth Johnson, who is on the Welcome Committee, indicated 6 units in the Village refused to sign.
- 2) **Paving Project:** Engineering consultants, who are being solicited by Elite, will be interviewed by Elite and Village Council members prior to choice of a firm which will assist us in determining the extent of the paving project. As of this date, two firms have expressed an interest in meeting with us. Discussion will include whether or not repeat test borings, originally done by a paving company, are necessary. Once the scope of the project is determined and the cost estimates provided, a decision on method of payment can be made. Financing options to be considered are a loan from a financial institution, special assessments or a Conservancy loan.
- 3) **Russo W/O 6853:** Pothole repair on Primrose Lane has been completed.
- 4) **Russo W/O 6864:** Deals with flooding issues at 14 Aster Pl. at an estimated cost of \$3360.66. Volte tabled as some of this work can be done as part of the paving project. Drainage issues will be monitored over the winter months. Owner feels he can wait as long as the drainage issues are addressed in the paving project.

- 5) Irrigation System: Work this summer repaired faulty valves in several areas. These projects were completed by Russo and Hydropro. Peter Debisschop replaced all rain projects are on the budget for 2019.

**New Business:**

- 1) Village Council meetings in December, January and February: A Motion was made to hold no VC meetings in December, January and February was seconded and passed by the Council members present.
- 2) Lighting on the Knoll: It is unlikely that additional lighting will be considered as part of the paving project. Lighting will remain on Knollwood North and South only. Cost is a major consideration. Residents are urged to keep garage and porch lights on at night.
- 3) Chairman, Joe Palladino, requested that discussion of proposed projects (which were attached to the agenda) follow the Owners Forum, should there be any questions or suggestions.

**Owners Forum:**

Most of the discussion by residents centered on the paving project. On the wish list was lighting on the side roads off Knollwood North and South. Putting down PVC pipes to install wiring in the future was suggested as a consideration when discussing the paving project with the engineering consultants. Warren Johnson felt that we should consider increasing HOA fees now in anticipation of the upcoming paving project.

**New Business:**

Number 3 from above: Chairman, Joe Palladino, went over the projects proposed for 2019 (which were attached to the agenda). As more irrigation work is necessary to keep our aging system viable, budgets were decreased for tree work and landscaping outside the contract. Mulching will be done this year in the Spring, which is also an additional cost every other year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Towers, Secretary.