

MINUTES

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Walden Woods Meeting House

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Palladino, at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call: Council members, Marlene Towers, Joe Palladino, and Joe Sikora, were present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 16, 2019 Council meeting were approved as written.

Financials: Chairman Palladino reported that the Village should finish the year within budget, even though the Council was over budget on tree work and irrigation. At present the Village has \$224,000 in reserves, with an additional \$4,700 being added monthly.

Old Business:

- 1) **Irrigation Heads:** The shutdown of selected irrigation heads in heavily rooted areas and along tree lines was suggested to improve irrigation of grassy areas. A vote to approve this project was tabled until the spring.
- 2) **Plantings at entrance and exit of On The Green:** Plantings in this area have not done well in the last few years. The Council will request recommendations for more hardy plantings from the Landscape Committee and Brightview.
- 3) **Village On The Green Signs:** These signs are discolored and in poor condition. Chairman Palladino will request Elite seek estimates for repair or replacement of this signage.
- 4) **Paving Project:** Once again, Chairman Palladino went over the estimates of three bidding contractors. He indicated that the consultant has worked with all contractors and is not giving any direction in making the final choice. Because a decision needs to be made so financing can be obtained, Chair Palladino, asked for a vote to choose the contractor. After a brief discussion of the submitted bids of the two lead contractors (B&W Landscaping and General Paving), Council member, Joe Sikora, moved to have B&W Landscaping be given the paving project at the Upper Village. An addition to the motion was having a completion bond written into the final contract. Marlene Towers seconded this motion. The motion was passed by all. Other information dealt with the 15% contingency fee coming out of reserves,

and the financing plan being sent to all Village residents for comment prior to any action. Elite will be informed of decisions made at this meeting.

- 5) **Lighting Project:** Still waiting for a start date. Apparently, the Duplex Council has expressed an interest in lighting improvements, which would be done at the same time.
- 6) **Revision of formally approved Section 25D of the Rules that Apply to All Village Council:** What was previously approved ; “Window muntins or grids : All street facing windows (front and side) that originally had grids are to have the grids replaced by 12/30/20.” As revised: “ All street facing windows (front and side) that originally came with muntins or grids are to have muntins or grids again installed if a new AAI is submitted for approval if replacing the existing windows. Furthermore, homeowners are urged to restore existing windows without muntins and grids back to their original look at their earliest convenience and expense.”

New Business:

- 1) **Post election approval:** The election of Russ Devlin to fill the currently vacant Council position was formally approved by all Council members.
- 2) **Post election approval:** The election of Dieter Dostal to serve on the Village Council, filling the position vacated by Joe Sikora (who decided to step down), was formally approved by all Council members.
- 3) **Handrail at 10 Aster:** A handrail along the steps to the residence was discussed. This handrail had been addressed at prior meetings and approved. Chair Palladino will request Elite obtain an estimate and work order for this project.
- 4) **Work Order 7054960:** This work order for \$361.90 was approved for completion in the spring.
- 5) **Work Order 7054971:** This work order for \$488.52 to replace shrubs at 338 Mercer was approved.
- 6) **Work Order 7054945:** This work order for \$4,341.80 to chop back overgrown shrubs was tabled for consideration in the spring.

Owners Forum:

Marlene from On The Green voiced concerns about landscaping services by Brightview. As of this date, shrubs normally cut back at this time of year have not been done. In addition, questioned whether or not brush cutting in the Upper Village will be done as budgeted. Also voiced concerns about the poor supervision of grounds people by Brightview.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM by Chair, Joe Palladino.

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Towers, Secretary.