

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bill Thesier, at 7:40 P.M. at the Foundry Methodist Church. 25 residents were present. See attached sign-in sheet.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The reading of the minutes was cancelled at the request of the President due to time restrictions for our guest speaker our guest speaker. A motion was put before the members and they unanimously agreed to have a copy available for anyone who should wish to read the minutes after the meeting. Secretary Tina Knight was unable to be present and Betty Kennedy, board member, took the minutes for this meeting in Tina's absence.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by BJ Taylor, Treasurer.

- \* **Cash on hand:** \$2,776.45 - regular checking account; \$5,667.06 - savings account. **Total \$8,443.54.** Of that amount \$1,463 is for the Scholarship Fund and \$930.37 for the Fence Fund. Minor repairs were made on the fence this year. The total available to the Civic League at this time is \$6,049.43. The majority of this goes to keep our entrance maintained, including the lighting; various events and miscellaneous items necessary to maintain the Civic League and the Colony. **A copy of the budget is available to members.\***
- \* The fiscal year for the Civic League begins on March 1. We are under budget for the year because we saved on our expenses for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Halloween parties due to generous donations by our residents.
- \* Out of 260 residents the Civic League received dues from 202 residents this fiscal year to date, the first since 2003 that we received this many. Before a reminder letter was sent out, only 182 had been received.
- \* A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**\*This is a suggestion that can be discussed at the board meeting.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Bill Thesier, President, introduced James Toscano, HRT (Hampton Roads Transportation) Vice President for Public Affairs Communications. Toscano is a graduate of Old Dominion University, lives in Virginia Beach and takes HRT's MAX Commuter Express buses to work regularly. He is a friend of one of our newer residents, Kevin Duffan. His topic was the Light Rail, which is currently under construction in Norfolk, and is under discussion for extension into Virginia Beach. It is scheduled for opening in Norfolk in mid 2010. The cost for the Norfolk light rail is approximately 288 million dollars. It is 7.4 miles long and will have 11 stations. It goes from Eastern Virginia Medical Center and Sentara Norfolk General through downtown Norfolk to Harbor Park, where it picks up a former Norfolk Southern Railroad right of way, stops at Norfolk State University then travels east where it terminates at Newtown Road at the Norfolk-Virginia Beach city border. If anyone should have questions, you may email Toscano at [jtoscano@hrtransit.org](mailto:jtoscano@hrtransit.org) and he will be glad to assist you. In reference to Virginia Beach, it has not even reached the drawing board and the discussions are just in the beginning stages. No decisions have been reached and no committee with HRT has been formed as yet.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Dredging** – Presented by Frank Gurdziel, Chairman.

- \* After many meetings with attorneys, several options for the signing of the Quit Claim Deed, which includes both the boat ramp and the dirt in the canals owned by Wayne McLeskey, have been delivered to McLeskey so that he may choose the one that is acceptable to him. One of the city lawyers was extremely helpful in assisting with the wording to alleviate McLeskey's concern regarding what would happen if the Chesapeake Colony Civic League should dissolve in the future. Hopefully, we will have an acceptance soon and then it can be presented to the city. This regulatory process could take from 3 to 4 months and then the committee would be ready to collect the money once they have chosen a dredging company. They already have been in touch with several companies and are considering three.
- \* There are 116 residents participating. Anyone not signed up who would like to, they need to indicate their desires immediately. Call Frank Gurdziel at 498-8748 if you have any questions. They anticipate that the cost to the residents will be similar to the original cost years ago, especially since oil is less.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Colony Directory** – President Thesier said that the Board would soon be looking into updating the directory and to please let your block captains know of any changes for your listings and if you know of any new neighbors. Carolyn Ditrack said that several of the residents had requested that the children's names and ages could be put in the directory like we always used to do. Thesier said that times have changed and that because of security issues, after consulting with attorneys, that the Board could not take that liability. It was suggested that perhaps the parents could set up something for themselves.
2. **Nominations for Civic League Officers and Board Members** – Ron Hess presented the slate from the nominating committee for 2009. A list is attached as presented. The President asked for any nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made by Wayne Woolwine to accept the nominees as presented. It was seconded by many and passed unanimously. They were as follows: **Officers:** *Bill Thesier – President; Todd Lovelace – Vice President; BJ Taylor – Treasurer; Susan Thesier – Secretary.* **New Board Members** – *Kevin Duffan* and *John Vest.* *Betty Kennedy* was voted to carry out the balance of Todd Lovelace's term as a director since he moved into Vice President. **Current remaining Directors** are *Robb Wigg, George Coleman, and Audra Flynn*
3. **Garden Club**– Jennifer Colman, the Garden Club representative for the Civic League, announced that they still had some recipe books for sale. Please call her at 244-1689 or Betty Kennedy at 340-8975 if you would like to have one. They also will be on sale at the next Civic League Meeting. They are \$10 and the money goes toward the beautification of the Colony.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Secretaries Minutes** - B. J. Taylor made a motion that in lieu of reading the minutes at the meetings, that they can be attached to the Newsletter prior to the next meeting. This would give members the opportunity to read them in advance and be able to discuss any of the issues and make any necessary corrections. Ron Hess 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. **Newsletters** – Todd Lovelace, current editor of our Newsletter, requested that any member of the Civic League should feel free to contact him if you have anything to contribute to the Newsletter. He welcomes your input. His number is 431-8344 and his email is [toddlovelace@gmail.com](mailto:toddlovelace@gmail.com)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Betty Kennedy, board member (acting in place of secretary)  
1/29/08