

# Chesopeian Colony Civic League Meeting

October 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm at Beach Ford Dealership by President Jenny Reed.

**Secretary's Report:** Reading of the minutes from 06-227-17 was waived and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** April Brown said that 163 residents have paid their 2017 dues. One person paid 2015 dues, three people paid 2017 dues, five people have paid 2018 dues, and one person paid 2019 dues.

Checking account balance:

Savings account balance:

Scholarship fund:

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## Committee Reports:

- **Security** – No reports.
- **Website** – John Davis put the newest newsletter on the website.
- **Garden Club/Colony Beautification** – Last meeting was at Jenny Reed's house. There was a question about whether men were allowed to be in the garden club. Per the bylaws, men and women can be members. The members had a vote about whether or not to change the front beds. One-third of the members said yes to a change, one-third said no to a change, and one-third said they didn't care. The members who work on the gardens regularly made the deciding vote to change the beds. They will talk more about it in upcoming meetings.
- **Council of Civic Organizations** – Mary Bradley and Robert Oliver sent out an email to the board regarding the VBCCO's position on short term rentals in residential neighborhoods. As of now, these rentals don't have the same guidelines as hotels. The VBCCO wants to present to the city a unified statement concerning the short term rentals and wants the owners to be held responsible for these events.
- **Welcome Committee** – Welcome Committee took a break over the summer. There was a recent meeting, where one family was welcomed. There are at least six more, possibly more families, that need to be welcomed. If you have a new neighbor or want to join the welcome committee, contact Heather Serio at h.serio80@gmail.com.
- **Dredging** – Frank Gurdziel said there is a lot going on with making last minute modifications to the bid proposal. The city is getting the final bid package together. A letter will be sent to residents to sign up for private dredging. Residents will then receive a bill from the treasurer's office. Dredging should begin sometime in late spring/early summer. A resident asked when the city would re-evaluate the tax. Frank said it is undetermined. The original plan was to re-evaluate in four years, but that was before the project went off schedule and why tax payments started later than expected. An application is being prepared for the transfer site at Pep Boys. During Phase Two and Three of the dredging, it will become the city's long term transfer site for the project. A location on Wolf's Neck and the neighborhood boat ramp will be our transfer sites and have been approved. A resident asked whether the legal proceedings against the city and Frank will affect the start date of dredging. Frank said he didn't think so.

Regarding the legal proceedings, lawyers have exchanged briefs and now the judge has them. The judge will decide what happens next in the case. Frank also said you may have received a letter from a woman associated with Old Towne Bank and a special loan offer. He spoke with her and was told there is an opportunity to get a one year loan with 2% interest.

- **Newsletter** – The newsletter has been distributed and is available on the website.
- **Halloween** – Jenny Reed said Kevin Duffan will be our Master of Ceremonies. Cheryl Noyes will be getting the adult drinks. April Brown has the food handled, along with volunteers to cook the food. The judges for the costume contest are Katie Hatcher, Gloria Gurdziel, Jenny Reed, and Heather Serio. More judges are needed. April will bring the prizes for the costume contest winners. Floyd and Nancy Evans are letting us use their trailer again. The trailer is usually decorated by Steve Vigus. He will be asked to decorate again this year.
- **Party Shed** – We had two rentals since last meeting. It was noted that the rentals are for events within the neighborhood only. If you want to rent any of the colony equipment, please contact Heather Serio.

#### **Old Business:**

- April Brown brought up an issue that hasn't been addressed in a while. After it rains, the area around the shed is muddy. There was discussion about adding drainage rocks, pavers or gravel.
- The street signs are in need of sanding and repainting. There was discussion of rounding up neighbors to get this work completed.

#### **New Business:**

- Tom Duckett commented on the fireworks going off on random nights. It has happened five or six times over the course of a couple months. It seems to be causing issues/anxieties with neighbor's dogs and family members. Initially, there was a weekend that someone within the colony set off fireworks, but they have since apologized to neighbors and haven't done it again. Several residents believe the recent events have been coming from some houses or apartments across the water.
- There were several reports of a red car driving erratically through the neighborhood. The issue has been addressed.
- Today at 3:15 pm, a white truck was swerving down Chesapeake Trail and hit a trash can and a recycling can on the opposite side of the road. The police were called and the person was detained.
- If you see something suspicious, call the non-emergency number the first time you see it. The non-emergency number is 757-385-5000. If it is an emergency, call 911.
- It was suggested that at the Halloween party, Kevin Duffan announce to the residents the recent issue with reckless driving and remind them to call the police at the numbers listed above. The numbers will also be added to future newsletters.

#### **Additional comments-**

Nancy McMath discussed an issue she has had with residents running with off-leash dogs. Recently around 4:00 am, a woman was about 20 feet from her front door. The woman was picking up the dog poop, but the dog

was nowhere to be found. It's a concern because the dogs come all the way onto people's porches, poop in their yards, eat cat food that's been left outside, and set off alarm systems/flood lights. It was stated that there is a city leash law. The leash law will be posted in the newsletter and will be announced during the Halloween party.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Serio  
Interim Secretary