## CIVIC MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by president Enos. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes were read for November 2016. Motion to approve as read was made by Mr. Dash and second by Tom.

Mr. Osienski had no pending issues but reported that on Wednesday the De. Energy Asst. Fair would be held at the UAW from 10 to 7 On Old Baltimore Pike. This is for help with your electric bills. The Delmarva office is on I95 and 273 Mon. - Fri. 10-6.

There is free tax preparation help at My Free Taxes for anyone making 62,000 or less. There is a workshop at the Senior Center to discuss the Library Ave. & Cleveland Ave. Project. We are having a Dunkin Donuts being built on rt.72 across from BJ's. Any concerns or want to be on the committee call Ed's cell phone.

Ed will again check out the bug infested light pole at 84 Kenmar Dr.

Lisa passed out copies of her newsletter. She discussed that this is the first time new business are starting to come into the area since 2008. She discussed ATV's & try giving descriptions and addresses if possible. Code violations were 42 with 26 vacant houses which is down and 16 codes not too bad. Weeds, grass and abandoned vehicles. She showed a picture of the new home replacing the burnt out one on Kullen Dr.

Vic introduced Officer Perry who spoke on the community 24/7 program service. He spoke on the ATV's again get descriptions and addresses if possible, but they will not physically chase the ATV's.

Officer Perry introduced Corporal Buell who is the mediator with complaints handling them quickly and effectively. This is an effort to correct the miscommunications when reporting a problem.

A resident spoke about drones and their usefulness.

Another resident ask about the strip of grass beside the sidewalk. This is Del-Dots right of way. If utilities have to come in for repairs and tear the strip up they won't replace rocks or concrete. You are not supposed to park there but they don't police it.

Vic introduced Senator Townsend; he spoke on a big budget gap and a lot of uncertainties this session. Congratulations to the couple they are expecting a boy. He spoke in length about the power serge in October and how to get the power companies to deal with preventing this in the future not putting the cost on the consumer.

Vic introduced Tara manager from TD Bank. She explained several promotion and plans both personal and businesses.

If our web site isn't not working contact Vic so he can check into it. There are new pictures put on there of an electrical fire hazard waiting to happen when we went to wire a new projector.

Preston will be working to get soccer team and the field up and running within the next year or two. Parking issues will be worked out after the bridge work is finished.

A professional audit is underway. They are charging \$2,000. We are planning to have a reserve study done.

A resident ask about business advertising on our web site and if so how much is it? This was actually a good idea for other companies to place ads. This will be discussed further.

Collections are doing well they are at 85 % and it doesn't cost Brookside anything. We now also have a pod cast of the civic meeting. It updates each month.

New business, the whole food store at Vince's is about two years away. The bridge work on Old Newark Rd. should start this spring.

Activities the car show is June 17th rain date June 18th. The vendors pay for the expenses. The community does not pay anything. The second car show is the third week of September. We need volunteers especially for parking and the 50/50's.

The Lions Club does good things for the community but haven't helped Brookside for quite some time. Our maintenance is expanding and could use the space.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully

Barbara Smith