VEPOA BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2024

**Attending Board members:** Eric Camplin, Joseph Arthur, David Horn, Mark Thompson, Bob Richards, Erica Martin, Mark Brown Chad Harmon and Carl Bowser.

**Community members:** Attendance not taken

**Location:** The meeting was held at the Regional Water Authority.

**Meeting opened:** 7:00 PM.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the previous Board Meeting: Eric asked for a motion to approve minutes.

Motion by Mark Thompson. David Horn seconded; All approved.

**President’s Remarks**

Eric will be putting out a President’s Letter several times a year, and solicited input

Eric thanked Jon, Angel, Bob and the entire Pool Committee for work performed at the beginning of the season to get the pool opened and keeping it open

Eric recommended a review and improvement to our processes. David suggested that the website be used as an information source in support of this.

Eric suggested a more active clean-up effort, including providing volunteer support. Adding garden committee support suggested. Also mentioned: cleaning-up branches and leaves without calling on the VEPOA to assist.

**Reports and Old Business**

**Treasurers Report** – Carl Bowser

* Personally thanked Karen Jeffreys for all her hard work in providing a clean handoff and ongoing support.
* Will track trends as well as results.
* Needs a new computer to replace the failing one assigned to the treasurer.
* Unexpected road impacts were handled using funds on hand
* Planned capital expenses were discussed, including the overage on Wagon Wheel project (previously approved)
* Balances are excellent (see the villageeast.org website for details)
* End of year review should be discussed at the next meeting
* Recommended considering non-check payments (e.g. Venmo or website pay).

Discussed hiring outside bookkeeping/accounting support. Keeping the books is a must. Filing liens, dues collection and other administrative efforts need to be discussed and cited in any contract.

New computer to be decided at the December meeting.

The motion was made to approve the Treasurers Report by Erica Martin. Chad Harmon seconded; All approved.

**Vice President** – Chad Harmon

List of fines and amount to be levied as an initial draft for review by a committee to be established and nominally available by the board meeting in December. Fines should be limited to items identified in the guidelines. Enforcement methods also TBD.

Recommend approval by the community at large.

Who can be a board member should also be included.

**Architectural Committee** – Joseph Arthur

Tree removal requests on Little Creek, Bacova, and Camelot (lot clearing for construction).

Responded to an email from the Peltons about culvert.

Political yard signs and flags are in season as of 9/21, and can be displayed as desired.

Adding a driveway off Quiet Cove is not approved, though some dispute is shown on the county GIS.

To be included in the Presidents Mailing: maintaining ditches and leaves.

**Grounds Committee** – Mark Thompson

Trees have been marked for removal on VE right of way. Awaiting a quote.

Patricia Points noted that the pear trees near the entryway are failing and asked who is responsible for cleanup and/or removal. The determination: yes, VEPOA is responsible. The trees along Hickory Cove outside VE are our responsibility if outside the state right-of-way. Mark will add to his budget for future work.

**Pool Committee** – Bob Richards

Very active year at the pool: 26 people a day in June and July, though fewer in August and September.

Reviewed the year with Jon and Angel, and recommendations will be provided by them.

Upgrades to the sand filter deferred to next year.

Tree management needs to be addressed to keep the pool cleaner. Trees in right-of-way across Little Creek should be considered for removal.

Furniture for the pool should be upgraded over time to hotel grade.

Bob thanked the Pool Committee for the hard work in the past year.

Salt pool working well at Beachwood Shores and should be considered in the future. Estimate: $3,000 to $5,000 to make the switch.

Pool and club house closing in the near future.

**Roads Committee** – Mark Brown

Mark Thompson will handle road painting and marking.

May need an additional speed bump between the first and second speed bump. Getting a quote recommended.

To do: reminder email to watch one’s speed.

**Communications** – Erica Martin

Email is still an issue. There is a sign-up link on the website for those not getting emails currently.

**New Business**

Marty VandeLinde discussed the deer overpopulation in VE. Marty will continue to remove deer, but it’s costly to him and his hunting companions. He asked for a commitment from the VEPOA for some financial assistance to cover their expenses. Also, they need more support to hunt on other people’s property (Marty supplied the form). Discussion of who pays. Some people don’t want to pay because they disagree with deer harvesting.

Motion to agree to $1,000 stipend by Erica Martin. Seconded by David Horn.

Board agreed with Joseph Arthur voting no.

Mark Thompson will add this to Grounds budget for next year.

Who can be on the board needs to be finalized well in advance of the next annual board election. Patricia Pointer suggested to limit board membership to full-time residents and limit them to two terms. Decision planned for the December meeting

Chad will look into adding Zoom to meetings

**Next meeting**

Scheduled for TBD date in December, 2024.

It will be held at 7pm at the Bedford Water Authority Building.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. By Erica Martin. Second by Carl Bowser. All agreed.