

**Druid Hill Board of Directors**  
**Minutes**  
**January 15, 2024**

Present: Paul Morris, Rosalie Gallagher, Josh Kimelman, Jeff Horner.

1. The December minutes were approved.
2. HOA Board
  - i. The HOA membership voted to amend the bylaws to increase the maximum size of the Board to seven.
  - ii. The Board voted Jim Greenfield and Jeanne Cunningham to the two new seats and thanked them for being willing to serve. They have two-year terms and are eligible for re-election at the end of that time, if they wish.
3. Review of year-end 2023 Accounts

We had a budget overrun of approximately \$8,000 which we covered from the operating reserve. The major causes were the higher HOA insurance premium as discussed in the December minutes, and an overrun in the snow removal budget caused by heavy snowfall in early 2023.
4. Review of Work Orders
  - i. The north gate is jammed open and repairs will have to wait for more clement weather.
  - ii. We discussed the problem of opening the gates for emergency vehicles. It turns out that the gates were originally installed without a mechanism for this and hence have always been in violation of city codes. Jeff has talked to the Des Moines emergency dispatchers and has ordered the necessary parts from Access Control, who maintain our gates. The system is not called "Yelp", as stated in the December minutes, but does operate as we thought: it will recognize a siren on the emergency vehicle and open automatically. One complication is that emergency vehicles travelling up and down Fleur use their sirens to warn other traffic of their presence. To prevent our Fleur gates opening every time they do that, a special feature will be installed. Jeff will let us know when the installations complete.
5. The February meeting, scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>, will only be held if required. The March meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

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