

Brookside Civic Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2015

the meeting was called to order by Pres. Vic Enos followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were read and motion to approve by Donna Metzgar and seconded by Mr. Wheatley.

Senator Bryan Townsend reported that legislature was on the six weeks break and it was quiet in the community. Residents ask about the senior subsidized tax on homes and he explained. His opinion is that the tax system should be on an auto pilot which they are not and that the taxes should be tied to the income of seniors. Also he doesn't support the governor's plan and doesn't think that it will pass. He also spoke on the priority schools and that they finally are trying to redirect the Christina School District lines so K-12 will only be Newark residence within 1 to 2 years. So little of the federal grant money is actually getting into the classrooms.

Representative Ed Osienski spoke on the trash removal from Old Newark Road .He has contacted DNREC to investigate to go through the trash bags to see if they can find out who is dumping off the trash. He reported they have received funds for a community building block grant. He is working with Vic to apply for it for the community. He could see about installing maybe new cameras, Playground equipment etc. here in our community.

Ed checked with New Castle County about Cool Run Creek they had removed a meter device which was clogging the overflow lines. That's been fixed and we shouldn't see anymore sewer coming from the manhole covers. He announced the ramps on I-95 will be closing next week so anybody traveling that area should check with him after the meeting he'll give you more details. He announced that the governor's proposal is to cut CTF funds from \$ 250,000 to 125,000 for paving roads. - He thanked the Atty. Gen.'s Representative Mr. Curtin for coming to our community meeting. Christiana High School will host a meeting on Thursday at 6:00 PM to discuss the referendum. They discussed senior help for taxes and exemptions. Also those property assessments have not been changed since the 70 & 80's. Residents concerned- What happened to the Christiana payroll website? Also that Christina needs clear-cut policies in schools to help control classrooms.

Sue from New Castle County had a couple issues. The heroin meeting on the 28th was canceled. They will notify us when they reschedule with a follow up on the dates and times. No updated information on 37 Carlisle Rd, she will follow up at the end of February and give us a report at the next meeting. They need to follow certain guidelines to take someone's home and this does take time. The code report looks good. The crimes were from the beginning of December for a couple abandoned vehicles, accident investigations, couple burglaries, a domestic violence, a couple of warnings and citations, 12 drug arrest and one bodily harm investigation. The New Castle County did come out and remove the trees along the creek.

Vic handed out awards to thank Fernando and Alexander for installing cameras. They are inferred cameras with high resolution and hopefully will be more helpful if there are any crimes.

Mr. Wheatley introduced Deputy Atty. Gen. Chris Curtain. He's here to discuss the New Ombudsman Act.

He explained and discussed the Act then handed out brochures for everyone to take home to reference.

Heard on the Streets, the Electric bill has gone up this month due to an additional five days added to the bill. It should be back to normal on the next billing.

The meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully,

Barbara Smith