

CIVIC MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:32. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes for February were read and motion to approve as read was made and second.

Community Service Officer Jeff Gautier informed us that Brookside will be getting a foot patrol team of two officers maybe (Byair and Sorrell) working four days on and four days off schedule. Possibly starting the middle of the month. The county has an ATV operation which rotates areas within the county to try and control this problem. They now have drones they can use in this effort to know where the offenders live. The police report had nothing serious that happened mostly were self initiated by the police. They also now have a 911 text direct to dispatch you can use anonymously but if it's serious call 911 on the phone. He addressed in length issues about the basketball court. Basically, if there are concerns call they need to know or they can't do anything to help and we won't be fined. Resident had a question about fireworks and you need to call right then while there being put off. They are illegal and someone can get hurt.

Lisa gave the code report 49 reported 25 vacant homes. An update on 41 Montvale there is an active building permit there. 57 Montrose has one rule to show case hearing and waiting for two more penalty letters before a hearing can take place. Lisa said this step is taking too long before action is taken. There will be no tax increase this year. April 9 they will be starting their budget hearings, three each Monday through April. She left her newsletter, Happenings and Youth Employment Program which will meet March 24th. She suggested discussing the basketball court with Perry. He will be good to get involved.

Ed Osienski reported he spoke with The Contractors Association and gave us two names of contractors for estimates on the footbridge repairs. He spoke with Delmarva Powers Vince DeJacano about using the pole at the basketball court for electric to a camera and possibly a reader. He estimated \$12 a month for the meter plus electric used. He reported a work order is in place for the stop signs needed. Chapman Rd. will be closed 3/16 & 17. On Rt. 273 & Old Alexandra there will be a Compassion Care Center opening in May or June. They are hiring. The Dunkin Donuts planning is going well. There are changing some of the original plans to accommodate the residents behind adjoining their property. Ed will check with Del Dot about a traffic study of the lights at N. Kingston & Rt. 4 Stopping rt. 4 for a right hand turn. Ed & Brian submitted a letter to the governor that Brookside is eligible for the private investment revitalization opportunity he is sponsoring.

Brian thinks it should be a relatively calm year. An update on Vince's and Lidl's a new sidewalk, open space, fence backing up to Scottfield, and a coffee shop are some of the things proposed. He suggested that you all take getting the flu vaccination serious and get one. He is working with the Delaware Horticulture Society about getting plants that work well for this area for the section of Rt. 4 from Marrow Rd. To Rt. 72. They have given an estimate. The secretary of Del Dot will be meeting with them also. No information on the Shell Station. Mr. Dash ask if he would speak to Del Dot about eliminating the light after dark like around 9:00. He requested a letter from the board that we the residents are requesting this to be done. Brian and Ed both spoke on the school districts consolidating. He doesn't think that lowering the drinking level will pass.

The Easter Egg Hunt & meet the Easter Bunny on Sunday March 25th at 1:00. Check with Kelly about volunteering to help or make something.

Question if we were going to discuss the audit, or will it be discussed next month. Gale will post it. Statement about using the permit instead of stamps when sending the statements it's cheaper. When is the added fence above the nets going up, It will be when the weather breaks and we add a maintenance man.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully,

Barbara Smith