



The Arboretum News

February 2009

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February Board Meeting

The regular board meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was held February 10, 2009 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Bob Hittinger called the meeting to order. Directors Jim Czekalski, Toby Bronstein, Shirley McGraw were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Jo Hitchuk. Director Joe O'Donnell was absent. The minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Tom Kehoe reported operating fund balance at the end of January was \$28,911, and the long-range fund balance, \$82,337. Included in long-range is \$5,000 for Arboretum roads reserve, \$22,500 for Pinehurst Road, \$22,000 for tennis courts, \$1,000 for roof replacement, and \$1,500 for pool acidizing. Expenses for January included bridge and road repair for the pillar that was pushed over (\$580) and purchase of propane (\$556.43). We used 838 gallons of propane in January of 2009, compared to 879 gallons in January 2008. The cost was about the same. Currently the price is holding steady

at \$1.90/ gal. Long-range expenses included purchase of fans for the clubhouse (\$346) and replacement of pool drain covers (\$161).

At this point, we have 23 unpaid assessments. Monday, February 16 is the last day to pay assessments without penalty. The three that were outstanding in the last assessment period are still outstanding. One of the homes is now in foreclosure.

Committee Reports

- **Landscape** – Jim Czekalski reported that he spoke to Greenman about purchasing bulk pine straw for the Arboretum, and we will be doing it again this year. Pricing should be the same as last year. Jim will be sending out an email at the beginning of March with the details, and the pine straw will be delivered at the beginning of April. He will be meeting with Greenman in early March to go over plantings to be done in the spring and summer.
- **Caswell Sewer Service** - Howard Newett thanked everyone for their cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and meals during his recent hospitalization and return home. The regular Caswell Sewer System meeting was held on Monday, February 10. Two letters had been received from the State. The first cited a violation of a recurring problem at the plant -- the rotar arms not turning. The second cited a violation due to the generator not starting automatically during a power outage. Fines for each were \$1,000. Howard appealed the violations by providing additional information to the inspected and requested that they be re-evaluated. The Governor's office has acknowledged receipt of Howard's letter, but

Upcoming Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Arboretum Clubhouse at 7:00PM. All Arboretum Community Association members are encouraged to come and make your voice heard.

- March: Tuesday, March 10th
- April: Tuesday, April 14th
- May: Tuesday, May 12th

it is unknown how long it will be before a decision has been made.

A meeting had been scheduled February 6 with Elva Jess and the Town Commissioners regarding the dollar offer for the infrastructure of our plant. On February 3, however, a letter was received from Jim Carter, the Town Administrator stating that the Town would not be able to tender an offer to purchase by February 6. Nothing has been heard since then. Discussion followed.

- **Buildings and Grounds** – Joe O'Donnell was absent. Bob said that to his knowledge everything was working well.
- **Social** – Judy O'Donnell was absent. Anh Baginsky stated that the Social Committee has a very busy year planned. On Sunday, February 22 there will be a wine and cheese social. Wine, beer and soda will be provided. Please bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre or snack to share. A pasta dinner night will be held in March. The Flea Market will be held April 25, and items will be collected for the sale during the prior week. While you're doing spring cleaning, please set aside unwanted items for the Flea Market! There will be a Cinco de Mayo party in May.
- **Pool/Spa** – Pat Wells stated that due to federal regulations we had to change the two pool drain covers. Sunshine Pool Service arranged for a person who was able to replace the covers by free-dive. The pool was vacuumed 10 times and was then tested for backwash. Happily, there was no sand in the lines. Everything else is going well. Good, constant pool temperature is being maintained. Diversified was contacted and asked to provide an estimate for replacement of the small fan behind the heater.
- **Caswell Beach Liaison** - Jim Hinkhouse stated that the next Town Council meeting

is Thursday, February 12. One of the agenda items is an additional services proposal on the wastewater sewer project (survey by W. K. Dickson). A discussion will be held on sidewalks, a topic that comes up every so often. Also, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners has teamed up with other nearby counties regarding the coastal insurance increase, and that is an agenda item.

- **Architectural Review Board** – Mike Gould said that there are no pending requests.
- **Clubhouse Reservations** – Bo Plant was absent. Bob Hittinger stated that there are frequent events at the Clubhouse and people come over to watch TV, so we're getting lots of use of the Clubhouse, which is good.
- **Clubhouse Manager** – Pat Wells said she hopes everyone will look at the beautiful new track lighting and the two new fans.

Please turn the lights off when you leave the Clubhouse. When they're on all night long, it's costly for all of us.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 10, at 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes by Jo Hitchuk, Secretary

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