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May Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Gould. Board members attending were Jim Czekalski, Alice Ervin, Mike Gould, Bob Hittinger, and Shirley McGraw. Also attending were Treasurer Tom Kehoe & Secretary Jeanne Campbell. Bob Hittinger moved the minutes of the last meeting be approved as submitted. Shirley McGraw seconded and motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Kehoe reported that the operating fund was \$45,191, and the capital reserve fund \$60,466. Expenses for the month include the pool license tax (\$200); pool/spa repair (\$245.50); final billing on new door and extra security camera (\$1,077); and a capital expenditure of \$14,773 for the paving of Pinehurst Road. The latter was less than one half of the cost of the total project. Mike thanked Bob Ahlers for working with the paving project.

• **Landscape:** Jim Czekalski thanked Mary Bausch for her work trimming vines, bushes

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.

* June: Tuesday, June 14th

No MEETING IN JULY

- * August: Tuesday, August 9th
- * September: Tuesday September 13th



COST: A PICNIC SIDE DISH, APPETIZER, OR DESSERT TO SHARE. and underbrush around the back of the Clubhouse. Greenman has planted Knock-Out roses and lantana in the entrance area. The waterfall is working again. The new 10' x 10' pad for the BBQ off the back of the deck has been completed and the BBQ will be moved tomorrow. More camellias have been planted around the height restrictors. Summer flowers will be planted at the entrance areas. The grassy areas around the bridge and entrance have been fertilized. Greenman will be installing drip irrigation for new shrubs behind the tennis courts, as well as replacing one of the shrubs.

- **Caswell Sewer Service (CSS):** Jerry Johnson stated that CSS is out of business. The plant will be demolished tomorrow. Members won't be receiving bills for the last quarter. These bills will be paid out of the final money from the town and/or reserve fund. Final documents will be executed within the month. Mike thanked Jerry for taking over the responsibility for CSS and concluding Howard Newitt's work.
- Building & Grounds: Bob Ahlers thanked Max McGraw for continuing to do the touch up painting on the bridge. Golf carts keep running into bumpers and scuffing up the paint. B&G provided 50% of the manpower for the brush pick up in April. We have added irrigation to the new plantings around the height restrictors. Almost all the islands have irrigations systems up and running. If anyone sees a problem with the lights around the Arboretum, don't try to fix them. Send Jack Cowling an e-mail (cowlingi@ earthlink.net) and tell him the problem and the location. We are basically finished for the summer unless the Board notifies the committee of some need.
- **Social Committee:** Jeanne Campbell said our next event is the Deck Dinner on May 21st. Please remember to sign up and we

look forward to seeing everyone.

- **Pool/Spa:** Mary Bausch said that the pool heater quit causing the temperature to drop. This has been repaired. The Spa failed inspection. New parts were ordered and installed. It was re-inspected and passed.
- **Caswell Beach Liaison:** Marty Hardy said the town is finalizing the sewer system. The connection assessment may be \$1,000 or less. Effluent from CSS system is currently going to Oak Island for processing. Our rates will be lower than Oak Island's. Bob Ahlers said that we would probably be getting sewer bills from Oak Island in the next month. The Town is working on the next budget. Meetings will be held for citizen input.
- Architectural Committee: Permission was given to remove a pine tree and an oak tree from the Bausch's property; and for removal of a tree from the northwest corner of the Clubhouse.
- **Clubhouse Reservations:** In Bo Plant's absence, Mike Gould said we have one reservation for Saturday, May 14th. The pool will be closed from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. that day.
- **Clubhouse Manager:** Rich Walsh said the air conditioning handler was leaking in the attic. It has been repaired and the wet areas dried.
- **Security:** Bob Hittinger reported no problems. However, lights are being left on. Please turn out the lights when leaving the Clubhouse, except for those few on timers.

Old Business

• There is a special meeting scheduled for June 9th regarding the dispersal of funds for sale of the sewer system. However, there is a conflict with a Town Council meeting. Further information will be sent out when

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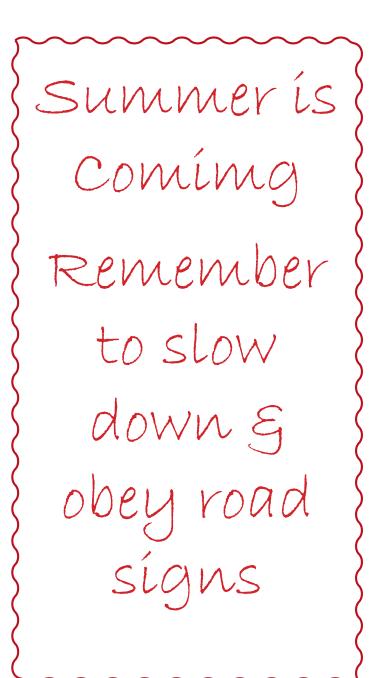
a decision is made whether or not to change our date.

New Business

- Rich Walsh (as Clubhouse Manager) will be chairing a Decorating Committee for the inside and outside of the Clubhouse. This committee will come up with a plan (both short- and long-range) for upgrades to the Clubhouse for budgeting purposes. Bob Ahlers volunteered members of the Building & Grounds Committee to execute parts of the plan. Mary Bausch questioned the need to spend the money on decorating. It was noted that competition in the real estate market makes keeping the Clubhouse updated important to sales within the neighborhood.
- Pat Wells addressed the mosquito spraying program. The Town will be doing the spraying again this year; however, grants were not approved to pay for the cost of fluid which is very costly. Regular spraying will continue for the time being. The State is considering removing the entire spraying program from its budget which could eliminate our spraying. The Town of Caswell Beach has granules for use in such as bird baths and other sources of permanently standing water which they will hand out to those interested. Otherwise, please keep standing water emptied.
- Shirley McGraw presented a \$500 check from Joan Smidlein on behalf of the water aerobics class with the request that it be used only for pool maintenance.
- Marty asked that we use this opportunity to say farewell to Jim and Elsie Hinkhouse. They will be leaving around May 25th for Boise, Idaho after 18 years in the community.

Bob Hittinger moved the meeting be adjourned. Jim Czekalski seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Campbell



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