

WOODBIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WOODBIDGE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Tina Brown, who thanked everyone for attending. Each board member in attendance was asked to stand and identify themselves to the group.

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2015

The minutes of last year's meeting were presented for review by Ms. Brown. MSP Joe Brown/Manye Archie

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Dorothy Habersham presented the treasurer's report. There are currently 419 paid members in the Association, with a total of 850 homes in the community at large. The largest expenses this year are for island maintenance and the *Who Done It Night*. The ending membership balance as of April 27, 2016 is \$8,122.00.

Joe Brown moved that the report be moved for audit, seconded by James McFall.

4. PRECINCT 2 REPORT- Officer Alisha Helphenstine

Officer Alisha Helphenstine, Community Outreach Officer from the Randallstown Sub-Station, reported that the Baltimore County Police Department will host a Cops and Kids Basketball clinic. The clinic is free to kids ages 8-14. More information is available via the following: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/policecommunityresources>.

Body Cameras for Police Officers in planned to begin in July 2016. Initially there will be 150 cameras. It is expected that by July 2017, the remainder of the cameras will be rolled out to all officers. The overall purpose of the cameras is to provide for transparency. Officers will have discretion on when cameras are turned on for service. The projected cost for the body cameras is \$7M over a course of 5 years. The data from the cameras will be downloaded daily to the storage cloud. There was a question regarding who monitors the recordings. Officer Helphenstine advise that there is a unit that oversees the downloading of data from the cameras (downloads include both pictures and audio).

There was a question regarding stats on crime and break-ins in the neighborhood. Officer Helphenstine reported that there has not been an increase in crime. Additional information can be obtained via: www.crimereports.com. Residents were advised to report any questionable activity to the police. This includes activities of someone rummaging through unlocked cars and vandalism.

5. Government Officials Reports

Tony Baysmore, Special Assistant to the County Executive – Kevin Kamenetz

Tony Baysmore reported that Baltimore County's has an AAA bond rating. This is good for tax payers because it allows for a better interest rate. There is a continued focus on not

raising property taxes in Baltimore County. Kevin Kamenetz manages a \$2B budget and included in the budget are the building of two new schools and renovations to existing schools. Renovations include adding air conditioning to all Baltimore County Schools.

Public Safety is another focus. There is a roll-out plan to introduce body cameras to Baltimore county Police Officers.

It was noted that people are staying in Baltimore County. Baltimore County is the third largest jurisdiction in the state.

Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam

Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam serves on the Education and health Environment committees. The General Assembly passed a \$42.3B budget this session. Some of the Bills that Senator Nathan-Pulliam sponsored include: Agriculture Cattle, Wine and Poultry use of Microbial Drugs not Passed); Neonicotinoid Pesticides Pollination Bill (passed); Childhood Obesity Bill (bill was terminated). Senator Pulliam also mentioned that she provides in State Scholarships to students.

Senator Nathan-Pulliam provided a published 2016 Legislative update that provides full details on the sponsored bills and the outcomes.

See the 2016 End of Session Letter in the Meeting Minutes on file.

Delegate Charles E. Sydnor, III

Delegate Sydnor represents Legislative District 44B and servers on the Judiciary Committee. Charles Sydnor was appointed to the Commission regarding the implementation and the use of body cameras by Law Enforcement Officers. One of the conditions of the body cameras that will not require the body cameras to be on are situations where it protects the victim. Under the current law, video footage will be made available to the public.

House Bill 904 –criminal Procedure- Cell Site Simulator Technology was not passed but it will be introduced next year after additional research. The plan is to make this a statutory law. The use of cell-site simulators as searches under the 4th amendment will require law enforcement agencies to obtain probable cause warrants.

See the 2016 End of Session Letter in the Meeting Minutes on file.

Delegate Pat Young

Delegate Young serves on the appropriations Committee. He was successful with the passing of a \$42B budget. Delegate Young reported that they were successful with not raising a single tax for two years. He reported that all priorities have been funded and that there is \$11.2B in the rainy day fund. The current bond rating for Baltimore County is AAA. The committee was able to fund Medicaid. The committee has also worked with the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene to approve funding for modernizing the Spring Grove State Hospital.

Two bills turned into 8 bills. They include: The loophole for foster care youth was cleared and now allows for tuition waiver; 3100 acres of space (formerly Bethlehem Steel) in the Dundalk area are available for building; and Returning Student Veterans are to partner with Towson University.

Councilman Tom Quirk

Margaret Stokes reported for Tom that was away on Business. Councilman Quirk focused on Comprehensive Zoning. This includes zoning parks to protect open space and not allow development of park spaces.

There is a concern of speeding on Rolling Road.

There is a zoning concern regarding Powers Lane, (Lotte Market) the Owners want the property to be zoned as commercial property. Margaret Stokes reminded residents to write letters for any matters regarding business activities on non-commercial property.

IHop and Bennigans are both owned by the same Owners. They were both supposed to be part of the Red Line. County Code Enforcement is working to move things along regarding the next steps. Concern regarding the bad conditions of the parking lot at The Security Mall was also raised.

Sharon Johnson received a Resolution from Councilman Tom Quirk for her service to the community. Sharon Johnson is stepping down from her role on the WVICA after 10 years of service.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Welcome

Nicole Smoot and Deborah Ball are responsible for the welcoming of new Neighbors into the community. If you know of any new families who have moved in on your street please contact Nicole and she will see that they get a welcome packet. The Welcome committee is currently regrouping.

b) Island Maintenance

Ms. Brown reported that WVICA is working with a new Landscaping Company.

c) Lamplighter

One Lamplighter will provide per quarter when needed. If you have something to share please contact any member of the Board.

d) Membership

There are currently 419 paid members of the 850 residents. Dorothy Habersham reported that membership is only \$25 annually. The membership fees go towards children's activities, adult outing, and any Attorney fees. The Attorney that we have has changed the amount that we pay and as a result we need to be careful about what the Association litigates. A suggestion to include what the fees cover was raised and will be included in a future *LampLighter*.

e) Social Activities

Nicole Smoot is now the Social Activities Coordinator.

f) Covenants

Charles Springer provided a report but was not present to provide updates. Copies of the report were distributed to residents and will be attached to the meeting notes.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a) Community Sign Lights

Ms. Brown reports that when the lights on the signs were first installed, between BGE and the county, they were not installed correctly. If nothing had ever happened to the signs, everything could remain the same. But since the sign was knocked down and they see how it was wired, BGE says it cannot be set up the same way; it will require that a meter be installed. When the signs were erected 12 years ago, all expenses were covered under a grant that was obtained at that time. Mrs. Brown reported that BGE wants \$7500 per sign to install the lights. Mrs. Brown is in the process of researching a grant to help with the expense.

b) Boat in the Driveway

A boat can remain in the driveway but is cannot remain parked on the street.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Upcoming Events

The Spring Community Yard Sale is May 7, 2016 (Rain date May 14th).

b) Fence Litigation

The Board is perusing litigation against a resident that has erected a non-compliant fence.

c) Election of Officers

Mrs. Brown advised that there are two incumbent positions open for election. If anyone is interested in becoming a board member they should contact Mrs. Brown. The two positions were voted in by acclimation.

Mrs. Brown explained that there are 4 Quarterly meetings and 1 General Meeting per year. Connie Finnie volunteered to support the board. Lavone Ward stated that he was willing to stay on for another year. Myles made a motion to approve Connie Finnie and Lavone Ward, Karla Bressant, and Nicole Smoot made a motion to accept the appointment to the WVICA Board.

d) Neighborhood Concerns

No additional concerns were raised.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Carla Jones, Secretary