**MINUTES**

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

**Walden Woods Meeting House**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Palladino at 7:02 PM.

**Roll call:** Council members Joe Palladino, Marlene Towers and Joe Sikora were all present.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the July 17, 2019 Council meeting were accepted and approved as written by all members.

**Financials:** Village Council remains on budget for this fiscal year. Received projected budget packet for the 2020 fiscal year at the Conservancy budget workshop, which was held Tuesday, August 20. The Council’s projected budget looks good, keeping HOA fees at current level. The Council may need to look at the budget for tree work, as increasing numbers of trees are in need of removal due to the age of our community. At the Conservancy level, there was some discussion of a special assessment vs. an additional $1 increase to the Conservancy HOA fee to cover major landscaping improvements along Walden Meadow Road. After discussion of options, nothing was decided at the meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. **Paving Project –** Council members met with the engineer, Tim Wentzell, who was contracted to oversee the project. Went over any questions members might have had regarding the contract. Also discussed the time frame between issuance of Requests for Proposals and some indication of the total cost of the project, so more definitive financial arrangements could be discussed. The engineer was unwilling to estimate costs without actual bids. At the Council meeting, there was discussion of the type of curbing to use. Cape Cod curbing would decrease road surface by about 2 inches, but would be a flatter surface with less damage by winter snow plows.
2. **Street Lights in Upper and Lower Village –** Replacing the tops of the lights On The Green and Knollwood North and South for more efficient units is being considered in the 2020 budget. Cost of approximately $8000 would be taken out of reserves. Chair, Joe Palladino, has requested a meeting with the contractor. Will need an actual count of the number of replacements needed.
3. **Power Washing of Fences –** Power washing of all fences will be budgeted for 2020, as no mulching will be needed next year. At his point, only one quote has been received by Certapro, Chair Palladino has requested further quotes from Elite.
4. **Tree work –** Tree work, approved at the July meeting, should be done within the next two weeks.

**New Business:**

1. **Annual Meeting –** The annual meeting will be held at the September Council meeting with nomination and election of Council members for 2020. Anyone interested in serving can contact Council members and/or Elite.
2. **Village Home Windows –** The Standards Committee has requested guidance regarding new window replacement in the Village. At this point, while most have mullions, some have been installed without mullions. At present, document rules require mullions. This was briefly discussed along with the condition of roofs and installation of the new “ring” doorbells. Chair Palladino will work on developing proposals for Standards.
3. **Irrigation and Lawn Care Options –** Council member Towers presented some cost saving suggestions from resident, Peter DeBisschop, to possibly decrease water costs from ineffective irrigation heads. He also proposed a tree trimming day, with volunteers cutting low lying branches. After minimal discussion, no decision was made on either proposal.

**Owners Forum:**

Marilyn (Ivy) – Wanted more information on a possible assessment by the Conservancy. Chair Palladino indicated that the amount assessed would be no more than $50. She also wanted to address the neglect of bushes and landscaping in general especially around the large pond. Chair Palladino informed those present that Brightview management would be attending the August Conservancy meeting and urged residents to attend to voice their complaints.

A few residents indicated that the Cape Cod curbing might be a better option when paving is done, as it might cut down on curb replacement after winter plowing.

Use of solar lights on the unlit side streets on the Knoll was also briefly discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Towers, Secretary.