



OLDE CANAL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Wednesday, March 11 , 2020

1. Opening: The regular board meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.
2. Members Present: Peter Garvey, Jim Hayden, Roger Lange, Bill Williams, and Robin Lavalley
 - 2a. Bill Oncay presented a PowerPoint to the Trustees outlining some of the challenges and details of creating a Community Garden. This presentation will be sent as an email attachment when the minutes are distributed. A preliminary poll of residents showed enough interest to proceed with proposing a plan for implementation. Further information is under item 6a.
 - 2b. Jack Hayes and Susan Lamar met with the Trustees to address the “too close to their building” ornamental pear. The initial board response last fall was to have the tree pruned. The Trustees did not want to cut down a living tree. However, now the inground roots are a threat to the water and sewer lines so the board voted to remove the tree. Relocation of the tree is not feasible. Jack and Susan committed to replace it with a low growing equivalent at their expense.
3. Financial:
 - 3a. Village bills: Bill Williams reviewed and explained the bills paid last month; all were approved as paid. Bill advised of new bills coming this month which were also approved.
 - 3b. Budget expenses: The Village budget was reviewed and expenses fit with anticipated expenditures. All condo fees are paid and up to date.
 - 3c. Reserve fund: The Village reserve fund has a balance of \$137,610. The checking account has a positive balance.
4. Trustee communication forms:

All are completed or are being worked on. See some details under items below.
5. Unfinished business:
 - 5a. Cyber Insurance: Will not be renewed as the cost vs coverage with deductibles is too high.
 - 5b. Lawn Prep: Efforts are under way to get the seasonal start up under way by the end of March or beginning of April. The snow removal vendor has been contacted and requested to begin their repair of the plow damage after which the landscaper will come and do the spring cleanup. The crabgrass prevention treatment will then be done followed by the hydroseeding.
 - 5c. Irrigation: The sprinkler startup will be scheduled to coincide with the lawn cleanup. The new plan is to water the hydroseeded areas daily until the grass takes root.

5d. Election 2020: Jim Hayden and Bill Williams terms expire this June. Bill Williams and Jim Hayden will be running to keep their respective positions. Applications and balloting will be handled by our Election Commissioner Romeo Berthiaume. Other residents may put their applications in since no sitting Trustee is guaranteed re-election. If nothing else get your "oar in" this year as the one opening next year will go to a non-incumbent because Peter Garvey will not run for reelection.

5e. Lighting Circle: Still looking for cost effective solutions including solar powered.

6. New business:

6a. Community Garden: Per 2a from above Bill Oncay, as the voluntary garden master, has taken the lead with investigating the interest of the residents and possible scenarios with costs. If you are interested watch for more details and please make sure Bill O knows so you can be included in the plan.

6b. Website: An RFP was sent to multiple vendors (5 total). Only one was under \$3000 and the lowest monthly cost was \$100. All this was deemed to rich for our blood so the search for a more cost palatable solution continues.

6c. 20th Celebration: Is still under consideration and a future date will be announced. The Trustees will determine if a caterer is a possibility so all could share in the festivities minus the cooking.

6d. Dryer Vents: A resident asked when dryer vents needed cleaning again which brought up establishing a recommended schedule as a guideline. A 4-5 year interval is generally acceptable. Since most of us do not do five loads a day cleaning more frequently may be overkill. Dave Doppler provides this service when he has time should you need it and the typical cost is \$20. The best time to schedule this cleaning is for next winter 2020-21 as they were last done in 2017.

6e. Decks: All decks will be done with paint/stain. Decks on building #8 and #13 will be rebuilt this year. A decision on the horizontal surfaces will be made at the April Trustee meeting.

7. Trustee Comments:

Due to the COVID19 virus the Italian Dinner and Yard Sale have been postponed until further notice.

8. Good of the Association: Thanks to Mary Favereau for the new clubhouse door decorations. They definitely brighten up the place.

9. Closing:

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Robin Lavalley