

Juniper Hill Civic Association  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 23, 2013

The meeting commenced at 7:40 pm.

The following officers were present:

**Sue Mirialakis**, President  
**Seth Segall**, Correspondence Secretary  
**Millicent Stewart**, Recording Secretary  
**Arthur Chisolm**, Treasurer  
**Illayne Parker**, Member-at-Large

**Alphonso Leonce**, Vice President, was not present.

Approximately 14 Civic Association residents attended the meeting.

The October 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes were read. Sue motioned that they be accepted and Illayne seconded – the minutes were accepted as read.

Arthur read the Finance Report showing a previous balance of \$827.45 and a new balance of \$838.41, which included \$10 dues collected since last meeting and interest of \$.96.

Sue read some information that was shared by Sharon Maxwell, our School representative and explained much of the information is on the Greenburgh Central 7 website.

- A Woodlands Middle School student was a Spelling Bee winner.
- Central 7 teachers reached an agreement that is retroactive to 2009
- Budget Workshops available and
- Budget Vote is May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Woodlands Gym

**Chief DeCarlo** spoke to us and commended our neighborhood for having only 1 crime (car broken into). He also reinforced the need to “prevent” crimes by keeping homes and cars locked, keep valuable items out of sight, and to be aware of “scams” phone calls.

He said he is working on the new Emergency Medical Dispatch system and gave us information on the new Emergency Notification System, for which we can all sign up for alerts in cases of emergencies. Preparedness was noted to be extremely important with the Chief recommending we make sure we have our own emergency plan in place and that we all have the following supplies on hand: Portable Radio (WFAS, WHUD), Flashlights (shake, crank, or battery operated), Batteries, and our Fire Chief, Anthony Loguidice, reiterated the need to remember and plan for Medicine, Water, and Food and Gasoline.

The proposed Stop Sign is approved to be placed at the corner ON the Walnut Street side, and Juniper Hill will now have the right-of-way. Additional roadway concerns were given to the Chief, i.e., parking on paved areas, which he said is a violation and can be enforced; Russell Street – vision blocked; Lot that was closed now open again. A leaning Verizon pole on

Juniper Hill is a troubling safety hazard, but Verizon has been slow to Town requests for repair.

Paving for Juniper Hill will be done this spring.

**Paul Feiner** was in a previous meeting but spent time with us regarding repaving on Greenvale Circle. He sent a note to the County Health Department and will follow up.

He told us that Reassessment is necessary to have our taxes properly noted and will stop the tax challenges and refunds for companies. It will take two years to complete our reassessment and help us to have accurate taxes but it will help us because we currently may be subsidizing estates that are paying less tax than they should. Reassessment will create two category funds: one commercial and one residential. This will prevent residential properties from having to subsidize claims on commercial properties which raises residential rates – however, it can work conversely.

One of the initiatives to save money is to add a “One Arm Bandit” to handle heavier loads of trash. This will cut our employee costs quite a bit. In addition, they are looking to install LED lighting at the library and Town Hall, which is more efficient. Our Water District is now at a surplus and we have a Water District Advisory Board in place. New, more accurate water meters that can track and measure usage, possible leaks/loss, and usage are being considered. An Electric Car Charger has been donated for use at the Library, and we have TV angels helping to pick up old TVs.

Con Edison is presenting at the Town tomorrow (4/24 at 7:30pm), and Emergency services is first on the agenda. They plan to discuss coordination with the town, state involvement, and communications during emergencies. The Town will put up more signs to help direct residents where to go when there are emergencies. Some residents have experienced problems when contacting Con Ed, and Paul suggested they contact him when this happens. The Town needs to look into contracting with local electricians for helping to reconnect individual homes to electrical service.

Paul shared that the town had trouble getting a supermarket (Fairway) replacement for the A&P in Greenburgh shopping center, but a Pet Kennel is taking that space.

He will look into vines across the road and near the golf course.

### **New Business**

Our President opened the floor for nominations and elections for JHCA officers, and said we need a replacement for the Recording Secretary.

All board members were re-elected unanimously and accepted, with the exception of the Recording Secretary.

It was mentioned that it would be good to have an Emergency Preparedness Plan Committee, however, no one volunteered. We have to get together to address how to address the concerns of elderly residents.

The topic of Generators was brought up, and the feasibility of portable or permanent ones. It was asked if maybe Anthony could get someone to come and speak to us since some of us have them and others would consider purchasing if they had more information. Before leaving, Chief DeCarlo handed out a Preparing for Disaster booklet distributed by FEMA.

It was encouraged that residents use our “NextDoor” website link and tell their neighbors so that everyone can be linked in.

Sue mentioned that we need Block Captains, although there were no volunteers at this meeting. It was mentioned also that we have Spanish-speaking residents who do not understand what is being said, so we need a Rep to translate. Jose and Paula volunteered to help translate parts of our newsletters into Spanish and to help deliver the newsletters on Juniper Hill.

It was suggested that we not have meetings between January and March because of unpredictable weather conditions. It was also suggested having the meetings start at 7:00 pm vs. 7:30 pm. The committee will try that to see if it will help with attendance.

Because of U. S. Postal Service mail delivery issues, Napoleon suggested we all contact Nita Lowey.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Millicent K. Stewart  
Recording Secretary