

Strasburg Station Home Owners

Minutes from Meeting August 12th, 2020

The Strasburg Station Owners Association met on August 12th, 2020, at the town park. There were 25 members present with 18 proxies on file. President Rich Luety called the meeting to order and asked for the minutes from the last meeting. Charlotte read the minutes and Bill Craun made a motion the minutes be accepted as read. Sue Mariotti seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted as read. Sue also said she felt a copy of the minutes should be sent out to everyone within a month of the meetings. Rich said he thought that would be okay. Rich asked Henry Himelright to lead us in a prayer, which he did. Rich asked for the treasurer's report. Charlotte gave a present balance of \$11,636.73, with a net gain of \$1372.10 from the last fiscal year. She also gave a list of all expenditures. Henry asked if everyone had paid their HOA dues for the next year, and Charlotte reported they had all paid. Micky Moats made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, and Debbie Whittle seconded. The report was accepted as read.

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Carol Flannagan said nothing has been resolved about the cat issue. She said she understood there was supposed to be a meeting but then nothing happened. Rich said he tried to deal with it to avoid having to have a special meeting, but apparently it hadn't resolved the problem, and will try to have a director's meeting to solve this. Sue said someone put a pile of dog poo in her yard apparently because her husband missed picking up their dog's poo one night when he was walking the dog. Charlotte said the minutes stated that Carol had asked that anyone feeding the cats supply litter boxes or some place for the cats to use in their own yard. Tom and Joan said they had done that. Apparently, it has not solved the problem, and the cats were still using her flower beds as their bathroom. Bill Foster said just to throw some moth balls in the flower bed and cats won't come near it. Carol said she would handle it because she had the right to have them trapped and taken away. Rich told her that was her right. Carol then left the meeting.

Mike Tennett brought up that those bushes are still blocking the view to pull onto Capon Street. Sue Mariotti said she didn't have those planted and they were likely put in by the builder. Some discussion ensued but everyone agreed they needed to be removed for safety. Mike made a motion they be removed, and Donna Himelright seconded. The motion passed and Rich said he would try to pull the bushes out with his truck to save having to hire someone. Sue said she hoped we could replace them with something smaller to maintain the beauty of the entrance.

Margaret Barnett asked if everyone could receive a copy of the treasurer's report when they get the copy of the minutes. It was agreed that both will be sent at the same time. Rich informed everyone that he downloads the bank statement each month then brings it to Charlotte, so two of us are keeping track of the account. Charlotte also reminded everyone that every check written requires two signatures, not just hers. Joan suggested the reports be sent by email and only mailed to those that don't have email. It was agreed.

Sue Mariotti was asked to give the Architectural Committee's Report. She named all those on the committee besides herself, who include Liz Bancroft, Burl Baker, Scott Tucker, and Ed Mills. She passed out reports listing numerous things from new porches, lights and storm doors, to new roofs that has been

done in the last year. She said she wanted everyone to know they aren't against everything new. She said Judy Bly and Debbie Whittle had new lights installed that were different than the original ones and they were very pretty. She asked that everyone keep their homes, walkways and driveways power washed to keep the neighborhood clean. Margaret asked if people would want to go together and get someone to come in to do the majority of them at one time. After a short discussion the consensus was that everyone just take care of their own.

Rich said his wife had brought up the problem with speeding in the neighborhood. It was agreed that there is a problem. Rich said he would check about the possibility of a lighted sign showing how fast you are going. A speed limit sign was also suggested. Henry Himelright said you are wasting your time because those that are speeding now, will continue to speed.

Rich said he had bear cubs on his porch which meant a momma bear was likely close by, so everyone should be aware of leaving out any cat food, dog poo, and even birdseed. Debbie Whittle said she has also seen several skunks in her neighbor's yard so watch for those as well.

Rich also announced that Rosalie Bowling, and Betty Stevens from our neighborhood, had passed away this past year.

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Sue passed out information on trees. She suggests the HOA pay to replace trees that are weak or dying once homeowners take down the old ones. She got three different bids for removal of trees that ranged from \$700 to \$165. She wanted the HOA to pay \$100 for the replacement of the pear tree with another pear or cherry tree. Bill Craun wanted to know why we would want to get involved in someone's personal property. She said it would make the neighborhood look better. Bill said he was not for it at all. After some discussion the majority seemed to agree. Rich asked if Sue wanted to put it into a motion, but she declined as it seemed the majority was against it.

There are no homes presently for sale in the neighborhood. There will be no picnic this year due to the Covid 19 virus. Margaret Barnett said she wanted to thank everyone who has been kind enough to bring her trash can back to her house after pickup since her mobility is limited. She said she really appreciated it. Rich Abruzere introduced himself as a new home owner in the neighborhood. Rich thanked Bill Foster for setting up speakers for our use tonight. Henry Himelright made a motion the meeting be adjourned, and Dave Dixon seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Turnmeyer, Sec/Treas.