

Minutes
Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
November 19, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President, Pam Baker at 9:00 AM. Attendees: Pam Baker, Steve Curson, Clif Hilderley, Susan Gay (Zoom), Sharon Sherwood, Bob Lawrence (Zoom), and Elise Burns (Zoom)

New Business:

Minutes: The draft minutes for the board meeting held on October 15, 2022 were reviewed and approved by motion of the Board.

Treasurer Report: Steve Curson

The Treasury Report for November 19, 2022 was reviewed and discussed. Checking balance was \$5,044.90 and the Reserve Account balance is \$4,000.36 for a total balance of \$9045.26. Steve agreed to review some options that may lead to the reserve account earning a higher interest rate. The expenses associated with the employee breakfast event were reviewed including approximately \$1290 for employee gift cards, and \$450 for food and beverages. Board grants not included on the Treasurer Report were Inland Bays (\$250), Community Unity Dinner (\$300), Rehoboth in Bloom (\$250), and Delaware Humane Association (\$250). The Treasurer Report was approved by motion of the Board.

City Update: John Dewey

Updates were provided on the following topics or property addresses. Additional detailed information may be found on the RBHA Website:

330 Rehoboth Avenue

Sandcastle Hotel redevelopment including the proposed Coastal Restaurant

One Rehoboth Avenue

BeachWalk

Clear space (lots sold)

Old Business

Employee Breakfast. The event was a huge success. Special thanks go to Patrisha Davis for her lead role in planning and staging the event. Others with key roles include Steve Curson (gift cards, refreshments), and Sharon Sherwood (card design and printing). Approximately 72 employees attended the event, out of a total of 107 who were invited. Mayor Stan Mills, and Commissioners Chrzanowski, Lagree and Gossett were also in attendance. Chris Flood, reporter from the Cape Gazette, took pictures and interviewed a number of attendees.

Storm Water Task Force. While there has been one Lines in the Sand article on the subject distributed to residents, more outreach to the residents is needed including education on the

need for the systems improvements. Fee estimates currently range from approximately \$400 per average-sized residence to \$10,000 for commercial properties or condominium buildings. There was a discussion of adding information to the RBHA website including publicly available numbers as well as links to city documents that are now in the public domain.

Code Compliance. Mayor Mills indicated that a new section on Code Compliance may be added to the Building Inspector Monthly Report to the Mayor and Commissioners. A decision was made for a small group of board members to make a presentation at the December 16th Mayor and Commissioners Workshop Meeting. Plans were made to assemble the presentation and identify volunteers. It was also suggested that a separate meeting with Mayor Mills be considered.

Board Officer Duties. This item was deferred to a future meeting.

2023 Meetings. Main Street will be approached about whether the board can continue to use their meeting room. Particulars for planning the schedule of 2023 meetings were considered and it was agreed that June, July, and August would be via Zoom. The July meeting will be held after the annual Candidate Forum. The June and August meetings will move to a 9 a.m. start time. It was also agreed that the Fire Hall would be a preferable location for the Candidate Forum.

Annual Community Donations. Steve Curson provided an update on donations to other organizations to date. The donations budget has been entirely committed as of this meeting. A donation request for Main Street was approved in the amount of \$300.

Newsletter and Membership Communications. It was requested that board members review the draft newsletter and provide feedback. A reminder to members regarding the Rehoboth Volunteer Fire Company Christmas Parade and, separately, the Community Unity Dinner will go out on Constant Contact.

Spring Celebration. It was agreed to not have an annual spring general meeting and instead consider a new type of event perhaps celebrating members of our organization. Board members were requested to come prepared with ideas to a future meetings. The Ice Cream Social was a success and could be considered again after discussion of the target audience. There was discussion of increasing attendance and some possible approaches including a Zoom option as well as surveying members to learn what might be of most interest.

Annual Membership Renewal. This will begin the first week of January. Sharon volunteered to contact Mark Saunders. It was requested that Board members test out the web-based membership system on the RBHA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2023 at Main Street.