

Present: Karl Biasi, Mike Morofsky, Jay Knapp, Bill Matt, Shawn Cox, Suzanne Salay and Kathy Miles.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no minutes available; we will approve them at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report-Suzanne reported that we received \$475 in grants and we had expenses of \$509.82. Our current balance is \$759.44.

Police Report -Officer Osborn dropped off crime maps but did not have time to stay for questions.

Area 1- Mike spoke about the need to enforce the snow ordinance on sidewalk shoveling.

Area 2 -Jay is going to work on a Facebook page for the association.

Area 3-Bill had no report.

Karl asked if there was any interest in adding some additional meetings to the agenda. A vote was taken and it was decided to leave the schedule as is.

County Commissioner – Vic Celentino reported that the commission will start budget meetings in March. The startup date for road repair on Waverly road is early June. He and Dale are chairs on the Law Enforcement board.

Code Enforcement - Kevin Goforth is our new contact person. He expressed pleasant surprise and the number of people present and the enthusiasm of our association. His assistant, Walter Allen, is premise inspector. Kevin's contact number is 483-4378. You can reach him by e-mail at kgoforth@lansingmi.gov. His office hours are Monday-Friday from 8-9 and 12-1. He will attend as many meetings as possible.

He was asked if he handles snow removal problems and said that has to be referred to Public Service. There is a concern of inadequate clearing at bus stops. Pat Zue also mentioned her car was damaged by a large hole in the Kroger parking lot. She asked that he contact Kroger to address the problem so that others don't have the same thing happen. He will see what he can do. There was concern about activity behind the Reid machinery site. He will investigate that also.

Paul Kolar spoke about the Moores Park community garden plots that are available at Barnes and Rundle, by St. Casimir. There is plenty of space available and usage is free. Plots are 10x10 or 20x20. Last year they had 45 families participate. If you are interested he can be contacted at 517-214-3931 or at padudar@gamil.com.

Karl Biasi announced CVNA's Board decision to move the annual neighborhood garage sale to May 21st.

Kathy Dunbar, Executive Director, South Lansing Community Development Association (kathie@southlansing.org) reported that 2 grocers are in discussions with the landlord to fill the

L&L site at Colonial Village. No further details can be disclosed until something is finalized. A grant has been received for SLCDA for \$15,000 to hire Chris Herrmann as a full-time staffer to work on filling vacancies at Colonial Village shopping center. This includes all the available spaces as ideas from the previous meetings are still under consideration. Another meeting for address progress will be held 2-24 at 7:00 at Grace church.

Speaker for this evening was Kathy Dunbar, Councilwoman-at-large, reported on Ways and Means Committee proposal to raise the millage. The proposed budget shortfall is expected to be at least 15 million and could be more depending on the Governor's budget. This proposal involves eliminating the Headley cap and raising the assessment from 15.44 mills to 19.44 for a 5 year period. This would be an increase of 1 mil for every \$1,000 of value. The money would be earmarked for police, fire and road repairs. A'Lynne Robinson mentioned that police and fire staff will have cuts even if this millage goes through. There will be 3 categories to this millage. Two will pay less and the third will have an increase. The latter would apply to those who have lived in their house for 20 years or more. To learn more and see Kathy's presentation you can go the City of Lansing's website. A Millage Calculator will be on the City's web site sometime after March 1st. Please take the time to inform yourself on this important issue. The election on this will be May 3rd.

Committees –Volunteer Signup sheets are available. CVNA Committees to sign up for include: By Laws, Newsletter Distribution, Welcome and Refreshments, Holiday lighting, Summer Picnic, Traffic Circle & Island Gardening, Garage Sale, Candidates Night, Grants, and Program. Walkability Audit volunteers also sought for AARP, City of Lansing project. Many hands make small work; please consider helping.

A collection was taken up for flowers for the memorial service for Gary Bush who passed away last week. He was the husband of outgoing vice president, Evie Bush.

Meeting was dismissed at 8:45.