

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association Minutes

Date: April 17, 2013 **Called to Order:** 7:04 pm **Attendance:** 34

Introductions and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Karl E. Biasi (President), Mike Morofosky (Area 1 Rep), Mike Markey (Area 2 Rep), Aaron Beavers (Area 3 Rep), Suzanne Salay (Treasurer), Sara Weeden (Secretary)

Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 20, 2013

Amendments: None

Motioned for approval, Seconded Aye: 34 Nay: 0

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$429.22	<i>Feb.1</i>
Income	\$38.00	-
Expenses	\$95.00	-
Ending Balance	\$372.22	<i>Mar. 31</i>

President's Report

Area Representatives Reports

Area 1: Crime maps distributed

Area 2: Nothing to report

Area 3: Mail in (using the periwinkle-colored postcards) or e-mail City Council with budget questions and ideas. ~ Paper recycling and shredding can be done at Friedland Industries on Center St.

Program

Lansing City Budget: SLCD

Light/Fire Hydrant Fee (proposed): Current: \$4Mil in maintenance costs for the street lights (Public Services Dept.) and \$1.5 mil in maintenance for fire hydrants (Fire Dept.). Proposal: BWL to add fee of 2.5% to electric bill and 8% to water bill to cover maintenance. This would spread the cost among all users, including non-taxable businesses and organizations. Any surplus amount collected by BWL will be prorated to next year's fees.

Planning and Neighborhood Development budget decreased by 66%, mainly because Code Compliance is being moved to the Fire Department, increasing their budget by \$2.5 mil. The fire marshal will oversee Code Compliance and the reorganization will make it easier for the Fire Department to gain access to and information about unsafe buildings. ~ Public Services budget decreased by 37% if the proposed Light/Fire Hydrant fee is approved.

BWL: Current Return on Equity (ROE) from city ownership of BWL is \$17 mil. There is potential to increase the percentage paid to the city by 1%, which would increase ROE by \$3.25 mil. ~IMPORTANT: BWL offers senior rates for usage under 500 KWH. There is a lower KWH cost and a lower flat fee. It is available for people 65 and over. Check your bill and call BWL to get more information.

Budget discussions: Budget hearings are being held each Monday night in front of City Council. A different portion of the budget will be discussed each week. Hearings are also televised. ~ Have ideas, questions or suggestions? Email your Council rep or send in the periwinkle-colored postcards. ~ The city budget will be the topic of Councilmember A'Lynne Robinson's Second Saturday meeting in May.

City Council Reports

Carol Wood: Public Safety Committee reviewed all of the proposed dog ordinance discussions and decided to table the issue for now and focus on enforcement of current city and county ordinances regarding pet safety.

Brian Jeffries: Encourages people to read the Financial Health Team report as there are a lot of interesting recommendations and ideas to move the city finances forward.

New Business

Craig Singer, Colonial Village Shopping Center: Spartan brand's ValuLand Grocery will be opening this summer. The full-line, value oriented supermarket will be the 5th store in the ValuLand concept line. Spartan is a Michigan-based company, specializing in smaller neighborhood grocery stores. Mr. Singer is also working to fill the remaining open leases in the shopping center.

RSVP: RSVP will be serving breakfast and lunch for school-age children this summer. They will also have activities for children during the day. ~ MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine will team up with RSVP to offer cholesterol and blood pressure screenings as well as other health-related classes.

Volunteers are needed to distribute the newsletter. See Anita Beavers to sign up

The neighborhood garage sale will be on May 18 (weekend prior to Memorial Day weekend).

Mayor Bernero is hosting City Hall on the Road events around the city.

There is a dog issue on Cooper. Councilmember Carol Wood will be working to send a letter to the dog owner regarding the issues

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50pm Next Meeting: April 17, 2013