

Membership Meeting (Virtual) Minutes
April 30, 2023

The meeting on Zoom was called to order at 11:03 AM by Jeremy Metz, President

Present: 30 Voting Members and 3 other community members.

- 1- Reading of Minutes:
The minutes of the 1/29/23 Membership meeting were read by Dan Fast, Secretary, and accepted as read.

- 2- Selection of Nominating Committee for this year's election
Jeremy Metz, President, called for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Five community members volunteered to form this year's committee: Richard Tauber, Judy Shulman, John Bergherr, Jim Callen, Zingi Mkefa.

- 3- Financial report:
William Edwards, Treasurer, gave the Financial Report as of 4/27/23 as follows:

Sterling Bank – Operating	\$198,241
Sterling Bank – Camp/ Payroll	\$ 64,677
Sterling Bank – Water Capitol	\$227,022
Sterling Bank - Capitol Improvement	\$162,835
 Total	 \$652,775

There are five members in arrears: Harris, Moledo, Burgun, Yun, and Hicks. Harris and Moledo are in legal proceedings. A lien has been placed on Burgun. Yun has made a partial payment, but has not set up a payment plan. Hicks has not paid this year's charges.

William stated that we have a tight budget for the coming year, with several possible unbudgeted expenses, such as resurfacing the basketball court, being needed.

- 3- Committee reports:

Camp:

Rina Slavin reported that a Waterfront Director has been hired, the committee is still hiring counselors, and the community will be notified about the Camp clean up.

Water:

Dan Fast reported on the recent meeting with the Westchester Dept. of Health. The DOH is pushing us to provide a solution to the PFOA/PFOS problem. Dan told them that we are in the process of getting updated pricing for the ion exchange membrane filtering system, which their engineer has told us would be accepted conditionally initially, and permanently if testing is good for 6 months.

A question was asked about the water users going to individual wells. Dan, and Jeremy Metz stated that the Westchester DOH is vehemently opposed to the idea, and a court fight would be required, if it could be done at all.

Beach:

Abaz Nuza reported that the committee is working on refinishing the picnic tables, and will be setting up beach work and clean up days. Community notifications will be sent out by email for the work and cleanup days.

Lake:

Russell Gordon reported that the dredging work is complete, the dewatering bag has been removed from the basketball court, and the court restored to the condition before work started.

Barn:

Mike Brown reported that the back stair work is to start this coming week, the “Take it or Leave it” is going on in the Barn as we speak, and the swings on the ball field have been repaired.

Town & Roads:

Reed Gillen reported that the committee met with Peter Ripperger, the Highway Superintendent, who is retiring at the end of this year. Peter promised that his people would only grade the roads as needed to correct problems, such as potholes. Reed stated that community members who see unneeded grading should call the Highway Dept., and not try to stop the person doing the work. Reed said they discussed the repaving of the paved portion of Hillside Ave., and Peter said it was on the Town’s agenda. Paving of the entrances to Pond St., Main St., and Lake St. was discussed. Peter said, due to budgetary constraints, it could not happen for years.

Reed gave the Highway Dept. phone number: 914-763-3166.

The Town is planning to put “Speed checked by radar” signs on Pond St. and Hall Ave. for at least the first week of Camp.

Reed stated that the Goldens Bridge specific Town Plan meeting will be on 5/13, and he urged all community members to attend.

Sales & Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that 20 Hillside Ave. will be on the market as of May 9th.

Environment:

John Bergherr reported that the “Take It or Leave It” going on at the Barn was doing well, and that the committee was wanted to set up “Take It or Leave It” book drops, which are mini Take / Leave libraries, at the Barn and the Beach. John Bergherr moved, seconded by Natalie Solano, to put mini Take / Leave libraries at the Barn and the Beach. Passed unanimously. The community thanks the Environmental Committee for their good works.

Social:

Elliot Sokolov reported that the summer season was all set, with events scheduled all through July and August in the Barn and at the Beach.

John Bergherr brought up the subject of a Banquet for this year. It was the consensus of the community members present to hold a Banquet this year. A Banquet committee, which will handle setting it up and running it, will be formed in the coming months.

Road 4:

Rina Slavin reported that the staff is looking for nature photos for the next issue.

Communications:

Natalie Solano reported that the committee is trying to have the new GB website up and running next month. Information on accessing and using the new website will be going out to the community in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary