# I'On Assembly Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes December 21, 2011

**Members Present** Deborah Bedell, Aryn Linenger, LaVon McNaughton, Craig Wrenn, Ted Webb, Jay

Thompson, and Sally Raver

**AMCS** Jane Gottshalk

Deborah Bedell called the meeting to order.

### **Homeowner Forum**

Fairfield Goodale of 141 Jakes Lane asked the Board of Trustees for an explanation of an anonymous letter that he received earlier in the week. Mr. Goodale also commented about the Annual Meeting. Deborah Bedell advised that no one on the Board of Trustees knows who the author of the letter is or what the author's objective was in writing and distributing the letter. Deborah Bedell advised that "I'On Life" is not a Homeowners Association publication, and that she does not speak for or against anyone in the community who wishes to read it. Deborah Bedell also advised that many community issues were discussed at the annual meeting. The meeting was intense and although none of these issues have been resolved, the Board of Trustees will be addressing each of them.

Mary Margaret Goodale commented that the anonymous letter is very stressful.

Ed Clem of 167 East Shipyard Road expressed disappointment with the tone of the annual meeting. Mr. Clem called the meeting a low point which was inexcusable and discouraging.

Jo Clem stated that she is in agreement with her husband's statements.

Jane Vander Velde of 145 Jakes Lane advised that she is attending the Board of Trustees meeting to listen to other homeowner responses to the annual meeting. She felt that the annual meeting was painful to sit through.

Susie Gorsline of 11 Boathouse Close said that she was disappointed in the tone of the annual meeting, especially the verbal attacks on one of the Board of Trustees members. She indicated the meeting was not civil in tone and was embarrassed that it had occurred.

Michelle McQuillan of 194 North Shelmore Boulevard said that she did not attend the annual meeting. She felt the anonymous letter was mean spirited and asked the Board of Trustees to denounce the letter on the website.

John Bigler of 15 Leeann Lane addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the noise in his neighbor's backyard. The neighbor's yard has a trampoline, basketball goal and a playhouse, all of which are used by the neighborhood children, resulting in what Mr. Bigler considers excessive noise.

Mr. Bigler advised that he can hear the children playing in their yard all during the day. He advised that the covenants and restrictions do not address noise. Mr. Bigler advised that he brought this issue to the Board of Trustees a year ago and nothing was done. He feels that the Board of Trustees should address this issue. He also voiced the opinion that the Annual Meeting was painful.

Dianna Rae of 16 Edenton Road reiterated how much the anonymous letter and the events at the Annual Meeting upset the community. She indicated concern that the events would negatively impact future volunteerism.

Annie Bonk of 31 Eastlake Road read the following statement: "I was so taken aback at the annual meeting that I was unable to speak up and I should have, Ed Clem and I were at the Homeowners Association [sic] meeting

on November 17, 2011. At that meeting the Board of Trustees voted four to two to have AMCS manage the website. It makes sense as they manage the website for all of the communities they serve with the exception of I'On. It was made clear to all in attendance that AMCS's management of the website would not interfere with Cynthia and Barb's web access or work. They were both concerned that they would not be able to continue their work if AMCS was managing the website. They were assured that they would be able to do so as they have in the past. The Board of Trustees encouraged them to continue to do as they have been doing as their efforts were appreciated and supported by the Board of Trustees. Without even trying to see if the new process would work, they both resigned. I was disappointed that they gave up. I lost all respect for the two of them when they created all of this ill will in the community. The annual meeting was disgraceful."

Barry Bonk of 31 Eastlake Road said that he did not feel that the annual meeting was run well. He suggested a parliamentarian would be helpful at future meetings.

Deborah Bedell advised that she would like to see meetings run more efficiently.

#### Officers

Ted Webb moved to have Deborah Bedell as President, Sally Raver as Vice President, Jay Thompson as Secretary, and Craig Wrenn as Treasurer. LaVon McNaughton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

## Infrastructure

Sally Raver advised that the Infrastructure Committee would like to replace five of the crosswalks. \$2,500.00 was allocated for this in the 2012 budget. After obtaining three proposals for this work, the committee found that the replacement cost will be much higher.

Sally Raver moved to transfer \$18,000.00 from the 2011 operating account to a reserve fund to be used in 2012 for the replacement of the five crosswalks. Final authorization of expenditure to be at Board approval. Jay Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

# **Board of Trustees Response to the Annual Meeting Meeting Conduct**

Sally Raver advised that the annual meeting itself and the manner which it was held needs to be addressed. Sally Raver will come back to the Board of Trustees at the January meeting with recommendations on ways to improve future meetings.

### I'On Design Committee

Deborah Bedell asked that any suggestions regarding ways to improve communications between the I'On Community and the I'On Design Committee to be e-mailed to Jay Thompson. Their suggestions will be discussed at the January Board of Trustees meeting.

### **Communications**

Deborah Bedell advised that communication to the community cannot break down during the Communication's Committee transition period.

Deborah Bedell moved for the Board of Trustee's President to be empowered to work with AMCS to provide administrative access to the community website at the level necessary to ensure continued communication to the community during the Communication Committee's transition period. Aryn Linenger seconded the motion. The vote was 6 for and one opposed (LaVon McNaughton). Motion carried.

Jay Thompson advised that the Communication Committee chairperson can be a non-board member. Sally Raver suggested having a meeting of anyone interested in joining the Communications Committee,

# **Anonymous Letter**

Sally Raver advised that she feels that the anonymous letter implies that the Board of Trustees is in agreement with the author. Jay Thompson feels that the Board of Trustees should not take any action towards addressing a letter that was not signed. Deborah Bedell advised that she will draft a statement from the Board of Trustees regarding the anonymous letter to go in the January newsletter stating that the Board of Trustees is neither in favor of the letter nor denouncing it.

Jay Thompson moved for the meeting to adjourn. Ted Webb seconded the motion. All in favor. The vote was 7 for, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2012.