

# Marion's Garden HOA Meeting Minutes

The monthly MGHA meeting was held Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the A-G-E Conference Room at 5:00 pm. Present were President Mike Weisgram, Vice President Marlin Roseland, Treasurer James Walti, Secretary Todd Bowman & Board Members Matt Mitchell, Gary Johnson, & Reg Nelsen.

Board members read the November Minutes. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes; Nelsen seconded. Motion carried.

## **Financials / Bills**

Walti provide an update on the financials. Cash on hand is \$8,438, and \$40,000 each in the canal and future improvement funds. Expenses paid in the last month included \$44 for lights for the bridge and \$750 for Insurance. Unpaid expenses included reimbursement to Reg Nelsen for Christmas lighting contest gift cards of \$350 & Marso's last bill for park mowing \$511.20. Roseland moved to approve the financials and pay remaining bills, Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

Budget discussion: Board members held an extensive discussion regarding the budget for 2022. Wall repairs and maintenance continue to be the largest expense, and we increased the budget to \$60,000 this year due to material price increases. There is also a wall failure that will need addressed and we may have to use funds from the canal and future improvement funds if the wall repair is completed as well as normal wall maintenance. Highlighting the other major budgeted items include pond weed supplies of \$3,000, mowing and fertilizing parks of \$6,500, and \$10,000 for park improvements. All other anticipated expenditures are smaller and remain the same as the past.

Due to increased material costs and the wall failure, the Board discussed the necessity of raising annual dues to \$1,000 for canal residents, and \$400 for non-canal residents. All materials are costing more, and we have not increased dues for some time. Johnson moved to increase the dues to \$1,000, Nelson Seconded. Motion carried.

With the increase in dues, we will have a positive cash flow of less than \$10,000. Should we repair the wall failure and typical wall maintenance, we will have negative cash flow but still have a positive balance sheet. Nelson moved to approve the 2022 budget, Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

The picnic shelter concrete slab will not happen until 2022.

The townhomes construction on Port Charlotte has begun.

Weisgram recently contacted the City of Fort Pierre (by email) if they were ready for MGHA to ask for dredging reimbursement / participation. Rick Hahn was going to get pertinent information packets to the Council members prior to the request. No response as of yet. – No Update

Christmas light contest – \$350 in gift cards were purchased and judging will happen this week. Winners will be announced next month.

**Committee Reports:**

No reports from Canal, Architectural, Social, Website, and Parks.

**New Business**

Another near miss happened at Skerrols and Port Charlotte when a driver did not yield turning off Port Charlotte. Board members discussed various options to prevent an accident. Due to blind spots along the apartments, it was suggested that one option would be to put two 3-way stops at Skerrols and Port Charlotte and Scherrols and Caol-Ila Court. This would also slow down traffic on Skerrols as the radar display did not seem to deter any speeds. Another option would be just stop signs at Port Charlotte and Caol-Ila Court. Weisgram to discuss with city officials.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> at Walti's storage unit.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Todd Bowman MGHOA Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Bowman", written in a cursive style.