

CICA Board Meeting August 13, 2009

Board Members Present: Art Wood, Karen Dryden, Bill Tucker, Janet McKenna, Andrea Gilde, Diana Hawley, Joan Ferrick, Dave Byler

Board Members Absent: Brian Clare, Beth High, John Trainor, Sonny Hayes

Community Members Present: Bill Chase, Bill Day, Don Manges, Pat Day, Bill Dryden, and others.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report – the minutes from the July meeting were approved as written & will be posted.

Treasurer's Report –

- July 09 Treasurers reports were distributed for CICA and Community Maintenance
- Proposed budgets were distributed & reviewed. These budgets will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on August 23rd.
- Auditors report was distributed and reviewed. Ed Turner found no discrepancies for the 2008-09 period in our books

Art Wood moved that the Treasurer's Reports be approved. Karen Dryden seconded. All approved.

Committee Reports

Roads – Bill Chase, Roads Committee chairperson, presented estimates he had obtained concerning the hiring of an outside contractor to bring the roads to an acceptable standard.

- There is one contractor, Meadows, who would bring in equipment and manpower to scrape up and grind the existing millings, which have packed into hard surfaces in an irregular manner. These millings, along with an additional 40 loads, would be re-spread, graded, and rolled to create a smoother, consistent road surface. This would be at a cost of approximately \$34000.
- Meadows would also be available on an on-call basis for major maintenance of the roads, at an approximate cost of \$7000 per incident of maintenance.
- Another contractor, Dennis Reynolds, submitted a plan to scrape, break-up, and respread, grade, and roll the existing millings, as well as bringing in 40 loads of additional refined millings. This would be at a cost of \$130 per hour for the grader (3 days at \$3900) and \$100 per hour for the roller (\$3000 for 3 days).
- Using the above plan, refined millings would be brought in by Edgemoor Materials (\$22.16 per ton, 880 tons, approximately \$19500 for millings).
- Neither contractor would disturb the areas of roadway which are currently in good shape.
- Both plans would ensure that all 3.4 miles of Chesapeake Isle-owned roads would be brought up to an acceptable standard. Some details need to be confirmed. Bill Chase will have more info by the annual meeting. Areas of road that are in good shape will not be re-ground. (submitted by Bill Chase)

BUDGETS/FINANCE

At the July board meeting, the proposed budgets to be presented at the annual meeting were finalized. There is one line item on the Community Maintenance Budget about which we anticipate a major discussion: Whether to pave 1 or 2 sections of roads which are continually hard to maintain.

1. We have budgeted \$34000 for Roads, which includes the millings project as described above.
2. There is a separate line item for asphalt paving of the hill where Rolling Ave. meets with Rollins, and/or the section of Cliffview where it meets Rolling and connects to Darrel Rd. This is budgeted at \$15000. We have received a couple of estimates for paving these areas, from T&A paving, who paved the section of Rollins Rd., by the school bus shelter, last year, and from Meadows Contracting.

A question was raised as to why we are looking to pave these areas when the community voted against paving. However, it was part of the plan of the Roads Committee to pave 1 or 2 problem sections of road each year if the complete road paving wasn't approved.

3. Why can't we just add extra millings to the 2 problem spots? This may not solve the problem. There are washouts in these areas every time there is a heavy rain. Paving will be less expensive in the long run and we don't have the manpower for extensive repair.
4. To pave with T & A, it would be approx. \$17425 for both areas. If \$15000 is approved, can we allocate some money out of the roads budget to cover both areas? Yes, since we won't need to re-mill these areas.
5. A sample ballot had been prepared. The ballots have 3 line items (approve with the extra paving expenditure, approve without the extra paving expenditure, don't approve). A question was raised about what happens if we are unable to get a clear majority with 3 possible outcomes. Are we able to have a valid vote without a clear 50% majority?
 - a. After some discussion, it was decided that we should consult our attorney to get a clear answer about the voting validity.
 - b. Note: upon the suggestion of our attorney, two sets of ballots will be prepared. One ballot will be for the ballot containing the extra paving expense and one will be for the budget not containing the extra paving expense. At the Annual Meeting, the two choices will be explained and we will take a "show-of-hands" vote to determine which budget to vote for.

ARCH REVIEW – Approved since the last Board Meeting:

- Zamas Lam: E-17, 18 Gull Circle. Plans to enlarge upper bedroom and close in the hothouse on the end of the house. There will be no change in the present footprint. (submitted by Bill Dryden)

BEACH – since the tractor was out of commission for a couple of weeks and seaweed has not been removed for several weeks, the Friday Clean up Crew needs help clearing the beach on Friday 8/14. An email was sent out. (Submitted by Gary Gilde)

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Thanks to Bill and Janice Newkirk for chairing the July 31st Summer Night Social, and to Susan Clare for chairing the two Ice Cream Socials/BINGOs this year (July 10 and August 7). All events were very well attended.

Upcoming events include the following:

- Potluck Dinner (after Annual Meeting) (Saturday, August 23, 2009): Our committee will be providing the main dish, paper products, utensils, and beverages following the Annual Meeting. Thanks to Mab Finch, Pat Day, and Karen Dryden for volunteering to help with this event.
- Summer Night Social (Friday, August 28, 2009): This is the last Summer Night social of the year. It is being chaired by Harry and Sue Seeley.
- Chesapeake Isle Oktoberfest and Chili Cook-off (September 26): We currently have 9 chili chefs participating in the cook-off. If you plan to attend, please contact Charlotte Hallett, Event Chair, so we know how many to prepare for. We will be developing a flyer for distribution via the tube drop.

We are no longer attempting to produce the Chesapeake Isle calendar by the Annual Meeting, so we therefore did not need to finalize the 2010 Calendar of Events by August 1. I am awaiting feedback regarding some dates, and will forward the final draft to the Board for approval in the next couple of weeks. (If anyone has pictures to be considered for inclusion in the CI Calendar, please submit them to Iva Burroughs as soon as possible.)

The next CE committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion.

(submitted by Diana Hawley)

HARBOR – Art Wood is resigning as Harbormaster & will be replaced by co-Harbormasters Jim Duckenfield & Bob Hartman. Activity dates for the harbor are being placed in the CICA calendar. Art Wood will continue with boat ramp replacement activities. The permit is good until next spring and an extension can be obtained if necessary. Current quote is +/- \$40000, and the plan is to start in March of 2010. Underwater grass was cut in harbor, and we so far have not received the bill. We still have plans to have it done again in August. One boat got loose in the harbor & was found nearby, caught on a crabtrap. (submitted by Art Wood)

LEGAL – nothing to report (submitted by David Byler)

LIBRARY – the library remains active. There are about 4 or 5 visitors a week, and people with access to the pavilion take & leave books as well. (submitted by Joan Ferrick)

MEMBERSHIP – Recap:

- 2008 – One property owner (Crowetz) has not paid their required 2008 (nor 2009) maintenance fees and did not pick up the registered letter sent by Bill Dryden on May 13.
- 2009 - Invoices and forms were sent to all property owners including Mason exempt and 11 renters on Jan 1.
 - 79 second notices for 2009 were sent March 1.
 - 34 third notices were sent April 15.
 - All bathhouse and shuffleboard keys have been hand delivered or mailed.

2009 Responses to Date

- CI Community
 - Maintenance
 - Required 316 full & 3 partial of 326 lots (95%)
 - Optional (Mason Lane) 5 of 5 paid (100%)
 - Bath House 124
 - CICA
 - Membership
 - Owner 236 of 301 owners (78%)
 - Renters 2 renter paid membership
 - Shuffle Board 52
 - Boat Storage 92
 - Mooring Set & Pull* 87
 - Mooring Pick up & Return 79
 - Donations/Late fees \$53.06
- * includes 2 special mooring fees from Murray (submitted by Jean Tucker)

NEWSLETTER – next newsletter goes out in October (submitted by Andrea Gilde)

NOMINATING – we will ask for additional candidates at the beginning of the annual meeting. We currently have 4 candidates. If there are additional candidates, they will need to have 5 CICA members sign for them. A form will be created to make this process easier, if necessary. (submitted by Diana Hawley)

TRACTOR – the tractor was out of commission for a couple of weeks due to waiting for delivery of a part to repair a broken wheel. It was repaired by Mike Burroughs. (submitted by Mike Burroughs)

OLD BUSINESS –

A chemical commonly used in driveway sealant has been banned in Washington DC, as reported in July 2009 issue of Chesapeake Bay Magazine.

FISCAL YEAR -- Current FY is July-June. It can be changed by a simple resolution of the board, according to the bylaws. Section 6.1. Need IRS permission to change Fiscal Year. The 2009-10 Board will pursue this fiscal year change.

NEW BUSINESS

ALTERCATION AT HARBOR – On Sunday, August 9, a minor interaction at the harbor between 2 CI couples returning from boating and a group of young men also pulling a boat in turned into an altercation. Two men from Chesapeake Isle were “sucker-punched” and their wives were threatened. One of the young men in the other group tried to intervene. They also claimed to live in Chesapeake Isle.

The two couples involved were able to get to their vehicles and called 911. They received the runaround, and were passed along to the sheriff’s department, state police, emergency services, etc. They couldn’t get an officer to respond to the situation & in order to file a report that night, they had to travel out to the county magistrate’s office in Elkton. They had gotten a tag number off the truck, but

couldn't get an officer to run the tag & ID the owner. The magistrate's office told them they couldn't file a report without the name of the assailant.

This is quite a concern for us in Chesapeake Isle, knowing that calling 911 for an emergency situation can bring no response. Even several days after the incident, those involved were unable to get more than a cursory response from law enforcement.

The two couples were present at the meeting and described the incident. Janet McKenna will follow up to find out about what we can expect as a response from calling 911.

ANNUAL MEETING – we need to get a group of willing volunteers to count ballots at the annual meeting.

All committee chairs should submit their reports, in writing, to the secretary. Committee sign up sheets will be prepared.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on August 23, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Gilde, CICA Secretary