

WHITING VILLAGE AT CRESTWOOD COMM. ASSOC. INC.
SUNSHINE (OPEN) MEETING
AUGUST 17 2023

Meeting opened at 10 AM by Vice President Robert Buonanno. All Trustees present except President Rosetta DeLuca. There was a moment of silence in respect for the passing of past Board President Wes Ritterbusch. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

The Secretary, Barbara D'Averso, read aloud the following " ACCORDING TO THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY, IT IS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE BOARD TO ALLOW OR NOT ALLOW TAPING, RECORDING &/OR VIDEOTAPING OF SUNSHINE (OPEN) MEETINGS. THIS BOARD HAS DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW ANY OF THE ABOVE."

Please note that immediately after this was read, resident Karen Sheahan began recording and videotaping the entire meeting on her cellphone, and refused to cease doing so, even though the Secretary repeated the above statement, and even though a number of people in the audience objected to Ms. Sheahan recording the meeting. A number of residents also complained to Ms. Sheahan that they had not individually given her permission to record or videotape them personally. Please note that Ms. Sheahan continued to record and videotape the entire meeting, assisted by a woman resident who had accompanied her into the meeting.

Secretary read July Sunshine minutes. They were accepted by the Board.

Ken Stebner spoke about the roadwork being performed at this time by EOSSO. Many of the fingers are being seal-coated this year, but due to budget constraints some fingers will be done next year. He informed the audience that the structural damage that is being addressed at this time was egregious due to lack of maintenance oversight over many years by a number of Boards before this one. Ken said he had alerted the Board about the problem last year, and had requested that mulch be removed from being piled up against the outside walls of the auditorium, but that was not accomplished, resulting in more damage. He also gave an update on the ongoing inground trash can project, reminding the residents of the excessive cost of replacements, ie \$445.00 per can PLUS \$450.00 shipping costs per can.

Our Treasurer announced that the ACH will go into effect Sept.1, barring any unforeseen problems. This will afford residents a convenience in paying monthly dues. The office has forms for any residents who would like to participate in this program.

Howard gave the Treasurers report and also informed residents of CDs coming due.

Vice-President Robert Buonanno spoke of various matters, including the building of a Bocce Court and Miniature Golf, of being patient in dealing with neighbors whose homes may not be as well-kept as needs be, and of the anticipated rain most probably holding up the lawn cutting schedule that has just begun; He then opened up the floor for questions, addressing numerous queries from the audience on a number of subjects, including the problem with excessive numbers of deer roaming the village, the fence that still surrounds the ponds and adjacent area, recent, multiple incidents of salespeople approaching Village homes, the fact that our Treasurer had persuaded Trinity Solar to pay for replacements to the clubhouse roof solar panels, etc.

A question concerning the Residents Club: Robert told audience that the Board had asked for resumes from people interested in running for election to the Residents Executive Board, with the intention of reinstating said Club; he said only one resume had been submitted, and so the

idea was tabled. He also informed the audience that tonight, 8/17/23, the Events Committee would be hosting a Wine & Cheese MEET N GREET for all new H/Os resident since April 2020. Members of the audience then interjected with questions for resident Karen Sheahan as to the reason she was still videotaping the proceedings, despite the Secretary repeating the Board decision not to allow that & despite a number of people in the audience expressing their discomfort at being recorded. Ms. Sheahan said she was recording the proceedings in order to attain an exact record of all questions, comments, items of discussion, etc, and that the Meeting Minutes as printed by the Board Secretary were in her opinion always incorrect and not inclusive to her satisfaction.

At this time a member of the audience read from her cellphone that meeting minutes were not intended to be an exact replica of proceedings of a meeting but rather an overview and general outline of it.

During the above Q &A, Karen Sheahan several times answered questions put both to Robert, and to herself by a homeowner, in explanation of her reasons, when she was President of the Board, for decisions concerning a number of items: the Fence around the ponds, the destruction of the outside Shuffleboard & Bocce courts, the Clubhouse renovations, outside bannisters and the new Gym, all of which was accomplished by her Board.

Robert Buonanno closed the meeting at approximately 11:45 AM, seconded by Secretary Barbara D'Averso.

Please note that the next Sunshine Meeting (Open Meeting) is scheduled 10 AM Thursday September 21 2023.