

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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Rocky Point Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4th, 2025

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Rocky Point VFW

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **President Jennifer Hald** at 7:30 PM.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Jennifer Hald, followed by a **moment of silence** for those in our community.

2. Roll Call

- **President:** Jennifer Hald (**Present**)
 - **Vice President & Acting Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli (**Present**)
 - **Treasurer:** Dean Gandley (**Present**)
 - **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber (**Present**)
 - **Sergeant at Arms:** Tina Bogart (**Present**)
 - **Trustees:**
 - Alicia Palifka (**Present**)
 - Quentin Palifka (**Present**)
 - Leah Buttacavoli (**Present**)
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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion to **waive the reading** of the January 7th, 2025, minutes was made by **Kathy Weber** and seconded by **Quentin Palifka**. The motion carried.

A motion to **accept the minutes as written** was made by **Quentin Palifka** and seconded by **Dean Gandley**. The motion carried.

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4. Swearing-In of Board Members

Brookhaven **Councilwoman Jane Bonner** attended the meeting to formally **swear in** board members.

- Board members raised their right hand and took the **oath of office** for their respective positions.
- A **group photo** was taken after the swearing-in.

Councilwoman Bonner encouraged members to **sign up for the Town of Brookhaven email updates** to stay informed about local government programs and community news.

5. Report of Officers

President's Report (Jennifer Hald)

- Acknowledged the **board transitions** and **new responsibilities** for the year.
- Noted that **there is currently a vacancy for Secretary** and encouraged members to recommend potential candidates.

Vice President's Report (Thomas Buttacavoli)

- Expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming year and emphasized **increased community engagement**.
- Mentioned plans for **better communication and responsiveness** to community concerns.

Secretary's Report (Thomas Buttacavoli, Acting Secretary)

- **Mail Received:**
 - **Historical Society Membership Renewal** - A motion was made later in the meeting to renew.
 - **PSEG Payment for Beautification Grant Reimbursement** - Discussed in Beautification Report.
 - **Public Hearing Notice from Town of Brookhaven** regarding the 2025 Annual Plan for housing and community development grants.
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6. Treasurer's Report (Dean Gandley)

Opening Balance (February 2025): \$9,660.00

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Transactions:

- **\$100.00** - Check to **Rocky Point Senior Breakfast** (Written in October 2024, cashed in January 2025).
- **\$300.00** - Check to **Rocky Point-Sound Beach Chamber of Commerce** for **tree lighting expenses** (Cashed on January 13, 2025).
- **\$99.09** - Check to **Kathy Weber** for additional beautification **planter greens** (Cashed on January 9, 2025).

PayPal Balance: \$230.19, reflecting **new membership dues collected**.

A motion was made by **Quentin Palifka** to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by **Kathy Weber**. The motion carried.

7. Report of Committees

Membership Committee (Kathy Weber)

- **Membership dues are due for 2025.**
 - **\$15** for individuals
 - **\$20** for families
- **As of this meeting, 22 paid members** have renewed their membership.
- **Payments can be made via:**
 - **Website:** rpcivic.org
 - **Mail:** Rocky Point Civic Association, P.O. Box 341, Rocky Point, NY
 - **In-person:** At meetings via cash or check

Beautification Committee (Kathy Weber)

- **PSEG Beautification Grant:**
 - \$3,000 was awarded, and reimbursement for winter greens was **successfully received**.
- **Planter Sponsorships:**
 - **\$50 per planter** to cover the cost of flowers.
 - **Sponsorship flyer created** and distributed online and at meetings.
- **Garden Tour:**
 - The **2025 Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 21st**.
 - Looking for **gardens to feature** – members are encouraged to nominate gardens.

COPE Report (7th Precinct - Officer James Anson #6054)

- **Crime Statistics for January 2025:**
 - **396 crimes reported** (↓ 9% from 2024).
 - **144 arrests** (↑ from 125 in 2024).
 - **265 car accidents** (↓ 10% from 2024).

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- 7 DWI arrests.
- 10 stolen vehicles – in 6 cases, the keys were left inside.
- 115-25 search warrant executed in Middle Island leading to confiscation of illegal weapons.
- **Reminder to lock vehicles and secure valuables** to prevent thefts.

Land Use Report

- **Committee reorganization needed.**
- **Missing communications** from the **Town of Brookhaven** regarding permits and zoning updates need to be addressed.

Farmer's Market Report

- **Unclear who is currently managing the market.**
 - **Chamber of Commerce involvement** needs clarification.
 - **Action:** The board will **reach out to Charles Tadaro** for an update.
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8. Old Business

No outstanding items from previous meetings.

9. New Business

- **Motion to pay \$600 to the VFW** for Civic's use of the space in 2024.
 - **Motion made by:** Thomas Buttacavoli
 - **Seconded by:** Kathy Weber
 - **Motion carried**
- **Motion to renew Civic's membership with the Historical Society (\$100).**
 - **Motion made by:** Thomas Buttacavoli
 - **Seconded by:** Dean Gandley
 - **Motion carried**
- **Rocky Point Day (May 10, 2025):**
 - Seeking **Civic participation**.
 - Event will be held at **Rocky Point High School track area**.
- **Spring Cleanup Initiative:**
 - Councilwoman Bonner's office compiling a **list of roads needing cleanup**.
 - Volunteers encouraged to **report problem areas**.
- **Easter Egg Hunt (April 5, 2025; Rain Date: April 12, 2025):**
 - **7th Precinct COPE PAL** assisting.
 - **Seeking volunteers** to help place eggs the morning of the event.
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 16, 2025):**

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- **Start time:** 1:00 PM
 - Road closures begin at 12:00 PM.
 - **Blood Drive (February 10, 2025):**
 - Hosted by **Legislator Chad Lennon** at the **Rocky Point VFW**.
 - **1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.**
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10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by **Quentin Palifka**, seconded by **Dean Gandley**, and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Next Meeting: March 4th, 2025, at 7:30 PM at the Rocky Point VFW.