

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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I. MEETING DETAILS

President: Gary Pollakusky
Secretary: Thomas Buttacavoli

Date: April 2nd, 2024
Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Rocky Point VFW

II. ATTENDANCE

Salute to the Flag/Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

ROLL CALL

- Gary Pollakusky (President) – PRESENT
- Jennifer Hald (Vice President) – PRESENT
- Thomas Buttacavoli (Secretary) – PRESENT
- Open Seat (Treasurer) – VACANT
- Kathy Weber (Membership Secretary) – PRESENT
- Tina Bogart (Sergeant at Arms) – PRESENT
- Leah Buttacavoli (Trustee) – PRESENT
- Alicia Palifka (Trustee) – PRESENT
- Quentin Palifka (Trustee) – PRESENT

III. CALL TO ORDER

Previous Meeting Minutes – March meeting minutes read by Secretary Buttacavoli.

- Quentin makes the motion to accept the minutes, Jennifer Hald seconds, motion passes.

IV. REPORT OF OFFICERS

President Report (Gary Pollakusky)

- We're discussing having a meet the candidates night for the local Board of Education to have at next month's meeting.
- We should emulate the Sound Beach Civic's meet the candidate night.
- We want to continue adding value, access, & resources.

Secretary Report (Thomas Buttacavoli)

- Insurance company has renewed our professional liability policy.
- We received the historical society newsletter

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Membership Report (Kathy Weber)

- We have a total of 30 paid members.

Treasurer Report (Currently Vacant, Report given by Gary)

- We have in our M&T account, \$11,993.24
- We have in our PayPal account, \$103.22
- Grand total \$12,096.46
- Number of checks have come in and been deposited.
 - Lisa Marie Photography donated \$50
 - Edwin Murphy donated \$100
 - Two checks came from Del Fiore for \$50 each
 - Lomangino family donated \$50
 - Heritage Paint donated \$100
 - Teresa & Peter Goodfellow donated \$50

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business brought up.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Social Media:

- We need someone to help be in charge of the facebook page.
 - All board members should be liking the facebook page.
- We will be adding the correct email to the facebook page.
- Tom & Kathy would like to have access to the gmail account.
- Thomas will help with getting meeting reminders out from Mailchimp.
- Optonline emails are mostly getting bounced now.

Suzanne from the RP Historical Society spoke of the various events that the historical society has held as of late.

- There will be a big event on April 6th with the 3rd NY regiment to camp on the front lawn of the Hallock Homestead.
- New art exhibit on the 2nd floor of the Hallock House.
- 200 tickets sold for the birdhouse raffle.
- They will be dedicating the butterfly garden.
- Will be trying to get designated as a museum by petitioning the State of New York education dept.
 - They are collecting signatures on a petition to seek to place a proposition on the ballot on the school budget vote on May 21st to receive support from the voters.
 - The Historic Society is asking for a \$35,000 annual funding stream which will cost RP residents around \$5.66 cents a year and this

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would appear on your property tax bill.

VFW

- The VFW held an informational seminar to help Veterans.
 - They had a great turnout.
 - The VFW got 5 to 6 new members for the post.
- VFW is having a 5k run on May 26th that will be broken up for walkers and runners.
- The VFW has a golf outing on September 16th.
- Pickleball signup will be live soon.
- The VFW is also looking to set up a BBQ area and possibly have concerts by the museum area.
- Gary suggests the VFW gets sponsors for the PickleBall area to hang banners.

Councilwoman Bonner's Office: Nicole Reaber

- Nothing to report

Legislator's Office: Quentin Palifka

- Nothing to report

Egg Hunt

- Egg hunt was successful with around 400 kids.
- Small businesses and community members really helped make the event run smoothly.
- Long Island Helping Hand donated the baskets.

Rocky Point Day

- May 19th between 10am and 2pm.
- Food trucks and vendors should be there.
- Organizations are invited to come.
- Information about the event can be found on all the local Rocky Point community pages on facebook.

Candidates Night

- Alicia will get the necessary information for candidates night.

RP/SB Chamber

- The Chamber is hosting a non profit day on July 7th.
- July 4th is going to be the hometown heroes program.

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Historical Society Proposition

- The historical society read out the proposition that will be on the May 21st ballot.
- \$35,000 is the amount of money they're seeking to raise for the museum via a tax.
- The historical society worked hard to get the Hallock Homestead designated as a museum and is asking for our support.

VII. COMMITTEES

COPE REPORT: Officer Raspanti

- No report.

LAND USE: Thomas Buttacavoli

- Jane Bonner's office was sending correspondences to the Civic at the wrong email address. This should now be corrected.
- Due to the wrong email address we did not get a chance to review the site plan for the fairfield development between Hallock and 25A.
- Jennifer Hald was able to take a picture of the sign on the rail to trail but it did not provide much information.

FARMERS MARKET: Gary Pollakusky

- Gary says the Farmers Market will be approved by May 5th.
- 7 vendors already signed up.

BEAUTIFICATION: Kathy Weber

- Kathy thanks Jane who had a friend who runs a group home by the Company 1 firehouse help clean out all the planters in under an hour.
- Flowers were ordered for the planters and will be delivered the week after Memorial Day weekend.
- PSEG grant has been submitted.
- Garden tour is June 15th, tickets go on sale the first week of May.
 - \$20 per person, rain or shine.

VETERANS DAY PARADE: Jennifer Hald

- Parade is now set for Veterans Day instead of Memorial Day.
- We're still reaching out to groups who would like to support the parade.
- Parade Route is planned to be from JAE to the Seven-11 on 25A.
 - We will have to make sure the church and funeral home are aware before the parade route is finalized.
- We need to produce flyers and posters for the parade.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Maria Farley and seconded by Gary.