

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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Civic Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1st, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Rocky Point VFW

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by **President Gary Pollakusky**.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the participants, followed by a moment of silence.

2. Roll Call

- **President:** Gary Pollakusky, present.
- **Vice President:** Jennifer Hald, present.
- **Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli, present.
- **Treasurer:** Dean Gandley (appointed at this meeting), present.
- **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber, present.
- **Sergeant at Arms:** Tina Bogart, present.
- **Trustees:** Leah Buttacavoli, Alicia Palifka, and Quentin Palifka (all present).

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A motion to waive the reading and accepting the previous meeting's minutes was made by **Jennifer Hald**, seconded by **Alicia Palifka**. The motion was carried, and the minutes were waived and accepted as written.

4. Report of Officers

- **Secretary's Report:**
 - Reported by Thomas Buttacavoli.
 - **Thomas Buttacavoli** reported that he was unable to access the Civic email account and requested access.
 - **Gary Pollakusky** agreed to provide the necessary login credentials to the **Secretary** and **Vice President**, with a discussion about limiting the number of people accessing the account to prevent it from being locked by Google.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - The current balance in the M&T bank account was reported to be **\$11,558.50**.
 - The PayPal account holds **\$145.19**.

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5. Report of Committees

Nominating Committee Report:

- **Membership Status:**
 - Membership Secretary Kathy Weber confirmed there are **37 paid members in good standing**.
- **Open Positions for Upcoming Election:**
 - Two Trustee positions, currently held by **Quentin Palifka** and **Alicia Palifka**, are up for re-election.
 - Both Quentin and Alicia confirmed their intent to run for re-election.
- **Treasurer Appointment:**
 - **Dean Gandley** was appointed as Treasurer by President **Gary Pollakusky**.
 - The board approved Dean's appointment, effective immediately.
 - Dean will serve as Treasurer until the next formal election, where he may run for a full term.
- **President's Resignation and Transition Plan:**
 - **Gary Pollakusky's Resignation:**
 - Gary announced that he will step down as President in December due to increasing travel obligations.
 - He expressed his appreciation for the board's and the members' support during his tenure.
 - Gary will focus on completing final tasks before resigning, including updating banking signatories and managing any outstanding responsibilities.
 - **Succession of Leadership:**
 - According to the **Civic's bylaws (Article 1, Section 2)**, the Vice President automatically assumes the role of Acting President when the President resigns or is absent.
 - **Vice President Jennifer Hald** will step in as Acting President starting in December.
 - There are no provisions for a special election in the bylaws, ensuring a seamless transition.
 - Gary expressed confidence in **Jennifer Hald's** ability to lead the Civic, ensuring a smooth transition.
- **Membership Secretary's Report:**
 - **Kathy Weber** confirmed there are **37 paid members** as of tonight.
- **Land Use Committee Report:**
 - Nothing new to report at this time.
- **Beautification Committee Report:**
 - The **holiday window painting** was discussed, with plans to involve local businesses and children.
 - **Christmas caroling** was suggested as an additional activity to accompany the window painting.
 - **Kathy Weber** and the committee will look into additional plans to beautify the area,

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including signage projects.

- **Police and COPE Report:**
 - **PO James Anson, badge #6054, provided the COPE report to Thomas Buttacavoli:**
 - **A total of 386 crimes were reported in the 7th Precinct as of September 23rd, 2024, compared to 352 last year, an increase of 9.6%.**
 - **There were 223 motor vehicle accidents, a decrease of 4.5% from last year's 233.**
 - **8 DWI arrests were made, and 945 tickets were issued by officers during this period.**
 - **Rocky Point saw 1 fatal overdose this year to date.**
 - **Residents are encouraged to keep their car doors locked and avoid leaving keys inside vehicles, as 90% of auto thefts involve unlocked cars with keys inside.**

6. Old Business

- No old business discussed.

7. New Business

- **Grant Committee Creation:**
 - **Kathy Weber** was appointed to head a new **Grant Committee** focused on securing grants for signage and beautification projects around the community.
 - A motion to form the committee was made by **Gary Pollakusky** and seconded by an unidentified member. The motion passed.
- **Facebook Page Access:**
 - **Thomas Buttacavoli, Jennifer Hald, and Quentin Palifka** were granted admin access to the Rocky Point Civic Facebook page to post updates and increase engagement with the community.
 - There was discussion about the importance of sharing posts on multiple community groups and platforms to improve visibility.

8. Community Events, Announcements, & Initiatives:

- **Veterans Day Parade:**
 - **November 11th, 2024**, was proposed for the **Veterans Day Parade**. Permits from the town and school use permits were being arranged by the committee.
- **Tree Lighting:**
 - The annual **Tree Lighting Ceremony** was scheduled for **December 7th, 2024**. A motion was made by **Quentin Palifka** and seconded by **Alicia Palifka** to allocate **\$300** towards the event.
- **Trunk or Treat:**
 - **October 20th, 2024**, was confirmed for the **Trunk or Treat** event, organized by Long Island Lending A Helping Hand.

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9. Volunteer and Community Involvement:

- Calls for volunteers for upcoming community projects, including holiday window painting, the tree lighting ceremony, and the Trunk or Treat event.

11. Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Quentin Palifka** and seconded by **Tina Bogart**. The meeting was officially adjourned.

Next Meeting:

- The next scheduled meeting will be on **November 5th, 2024**, where the Nominating Committee will introduce a slate of candidates for the Civic's upcoming election.
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