

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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Civic Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5th, 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 Dean Gandley, 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, present
 - **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber, present
 - **Sergeant at Arms:** Tina Bogart, present
 - **Trustees:** Alicia Palifka (present), Quentin Palifka (present), and Leah Buttacavoli (present)
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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion to waive the reading and accept the October 1st, 2024, minutes was made by Dean Gandley, seconded by Alicia Palifka, and carried unanimously.

4. Civic Election

The November 2024 meeting included the election of trustees. Both Alicia Palifka and Quentin Palifka ran unopposed for re-election.

- **Results:**
 - Secretary Thomas Buttacavoli cast a ceremonial ballot confirming their re-election by acclamation.
 - Both trustees were officially reinstated for another term.
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5. Report of Officers

President's Report:

- None.

Vice President's Report:

- None.

Secretary's Report:

- Thomas Buttacavoli reported successfully sending an email to the Civic membership regarding the meeting.
- Discussion ensued about ensuring all official communication is approved by the board before being sent. A motion was passed requiring board review of all future membership communication.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Beginning Balance:** \$7,597.93
 - **Deposits:** \$3,963.57
 - **Ending Balance:** \$11,558.50 & PayPal balance of \$145.19
 - Treasurer's expenses included \$490.25 for winter greens and \$39.14 for Halloween decorations.
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6. Report of Committees

Beautification Committee Report:

- Preparations for winter greens planting were discussed, scheduled for the weekend after Thanksgiving.
- Flyers were prepared to call for volunteers for window painting and a potential holiday decoration contest.
- A new pottery business expressed interest in participating in beautification efforts and was approved for a new planter.

Farmer's Market Committee Report:

- The market hosted 24 vendors last weekend, with plans to expand vendor outreach and enhance marketing for next year.
 - Discussions included forming a subcommittee led by a farmer to strengthen the market.
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7. Old Business

Grant Committee:

- The formation of a Grant Committee was revisited.
 - Quentin Palifka was identified as a key member, and the committee will focus on downtown revitalization grants.
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8. New Business

Committee Meeting Requirements:

- A motion was passed requiring all committees to meet at least quarterly or as needed, with meeting reports submitted to the board.
- A motion was introduced by President Gary Pollakusky to establish monthly Executive Board meetings, citing the need for consistent communication, oversight of committee progress, and improved planning for Civic operations. The motion proposed that meetings occur once a month, either in person or virtually, to accommodate schedules and ensure maximum participation. Treasurer Dean Gandley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Moving forward, these meetings will provide a dedicated platform for the board to address internal matters, coordinate initiatives, and streamline decision-making, ensuring greater transparency and effectiveness in Civic governance.

Holiday Committee:

- A motion was passed to establish an ad hoc Holiday Committee to oversee holiday window painting, tree lighting, and decoration contests.
- The committee will coordinate canvassing, supplies, and volunteer efforts.

Veterans Day Observance:

- Ceremony scheduled for November 11th, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the VFW.
 - Additional Veterans Day events at local schools and churches were noted.
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9. Community Events, Announcements, & Initiatives

Historical Society Report:

- Successful fourth-grade field trips were conducted with eight classes from Joseph Edgar School.
- Harvest Fest will be held this Saturday, featuring demonstrations, live music, and refreshments.

International Cities of Peace:

- Sharon Idinson introduced this initiative aimed at fostering community collaboration and addressing local issues.
 - A meeting for the initiative is scheduled for December 11th, 2024, at the Longwood Library.
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10. Volunteer and Community Involvement

Calls for volunteers to assist with upcoming community projects, including:

- Holiday window painting.
 - Tree lighting preparations.
 - Winter greens planting.
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11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Weber, seconded by Tina Bogart, and carried unanimously.

Next Meeting:

- The next scheduled meeting will be on **December 3rd, 2024.**
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