

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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Civic Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3rd, 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 Gary Pollakusky, followed by a moment of silence for those lost in the community.

2. Roll Call

- **President:** Gary Pollakusky, present
 - **Vice President:** Jennifer Hald, present
 - **Secretary:** Thomas Buttacavoli, present
 - **Treasurer:** Dean Gandlely, present
 - **Membership Secretary:** Kathy Weber, present
 - **Sergeant at Arms:** Tina Bogart, present
 - **Trustees:** Alicia Palifka (present), Quentin Palifka (absent), Leah Buttacavoli (present)
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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November 5th, 2024, meeting were read and approved with the following amendment:

- The **ad hoc Holiday Committee** was dissolved, and its responsibilities were officially incorporated into the Beautification Committee.
 - This amendment was made by a motion from President Gary Pollakusky and seconded by Kathy Weber. The motion passed unanimously.
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4. Report of Officers

- **President's Report:**
President Gary Pollakusky expressed gratitude for the board's volunteer efforts throughout the year and highlighted his pending departure from the board due to personal and professional obligations. He emphasized the importance of continuing community engagement and thanked all volunteers for their contributions to Civic activities.
 - President Gary Pollakusky also thanked the board for their contributions during his tenure as he transitions out of his role and our new President Jennifer Hald takes over.
 - **Vice President's Report:**
No formal report was given.
 - **Secretary's Report:**
Secretary Thomas Buttacavoli reported no new correspondence and noted the need for better communication practices, including board review and approval of all Civic communications.
 - **Treasurer's Report:**
 - **Beginning Balance:** \$11,012.25
 - **Expenses:** \$196.32 for winter greens and \$148.84 for decorations, leaving a balance of \$10,667.09.
 - **PayPal Balance:** \$159.18
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5. Report of Committees

- **Beautification Committee Report:**
Kathy Weber reported the successful winter greens planting and the installation of decorations along Broadway and Route 25A. Volunteers, including local Girl Scouts and community members, assisted with the efforts. The greens will remain until St. Patrick's Day, after which spring planting will begin. The committee will meet in January to plan the annual garden tour.
 - **COPE Report:**
Provided by the 7th Precinct COPE Unit to Secretary Thomas Buttacavoli. Highlights included:
 - Two commercial burglaries and one stolen vehicle in the local area.
 - No reported larcenies from vehicles in November, a positive trend attributed to increased community vigilance.
 - A reminder for residents to lock vehicles and secure valuables.
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6. Old Business

- **Grant Committee:**
Kathy Weber confirmed the submission of necessary documentation for a PSEG grant and expects final reimbursement shortly.

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7. New Business

- **Back Taxes Payment:**
The Civic's back taxes for 2022 and 2023 were successfully filed and paid with the assistance of Jackie, a paid accountant. Jackie reported the Civic had small losses in both years due to reduced revenue from events.
- **Secretary's Communication Role:**
A motion was introduced to establish a formal process requiring the Secretary to manage and distribute all official Civic communications across social media platforms, community groups, and email. The motion was seconded by Tina Bogart and passed unanimously.
- **President's Remarks:**
President Pollakusky expressed his confidence in the incoming leadership and encouraged the board to continue focusing on Civic initiatives and community engagement.

8. Community Events, Announcements, & Initiatives

- **Tree Lighting Ceremony:**
Scheduled for December 7th, 2024, at 6 PM. The event will feature music, caroling, and community participation.
- **Annual Holiday Party:**
Hosted by the VFW on December 14th, 2024, featuring Santa Claus, face painting, and refreshments.

9. Volunteer and Community Involvement

Calls for volunteers to assist with:

- St. Patrick's Day decoration planning.
- Spring garden tour planning in January.

10. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: January 7th, 2025.