

East Ocean View Civic League

Minutes of meeting held January 5, 2017 at the East Ocean View Recreation Ctr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Bolen, President.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jeff Lewis

Total Assets	\$2793.74
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$2793.74

It was noted that the Board approved \$600 each for the EOV Rec Center and the NLCC for Christmas gifts. Board member, Juanita Snead, reported that the Christmas party held at the Rec Center was a very successful event and she thanked the Civic League and all those who contributed to the success of the event. She added that Jurma Valdez, the Community Affairs Officer of the Police Department, and his department were very generous to this endeavor. There was a strong effort by all in the community to help the children of our area to have a very Merry Christmas.

A detailed financial statement is available on request of Ann Bolen, President.

Police Report

Officer Fulcher reported that the crime in our area was down last month. There were only 17 incidents and he said that is fantastic. These included: 5 residential burglaries, 2 larcenies from autos, and a homicide on 7th Bay. Officer Fulcher reported that 30 cars in the area were written up for various infractions, including inoperable vehicles and having no tags.

Swearing in of the East Ocean View Board of Directors

Delegate Chris Stolle swore the new Civic League Board members into office.

The following people were voted on and approved unanimously for 2017 Officers of the Board.

These officers are elected to a year term and the Board members are elected to two year terms with four members being elected on alternate years:

President: Ann Bolen

Vice President: Steve Chamberlain

Treasurer: Jeff Lewis

Secretary: Ann Freeman

Board of Directors: Jimmy Carter, Alice Webley, Dave Moore, John Hadfield (Michael Phelps, Deborah Lutz, Scott Berry and Juanita Snead will be serving the second year of their term and, thus, were not voted on)

Guest Speaker: Delegate Chris Stolle

Dr. Chris Stolle our delegate to the 83rd District since 2010, is a Naval Academy graduate, a submariner, and William and Mary graduate, and a physician at Riverside Community Hospital. A busy man.

Del. Stolle reminded us that the Virginia General Assembly is a part-time legislature and that the latest session begins next Wednesday and lasts for 45 days but members are engaged year-round. He is on the Transportation Committee which meets monthly throughout the year and he is very happy that this committee has just passed, as a region, legislation to prioritize transportation. There will be a new tunnel from Newport News/Hampton to Norfolk. It will take some time to complete, will have three lanes and, hopefully, reduce the congestion we now have. They have been told that the Navy will not move more jobs here until this is improved.

Del. Stolle is also on the Joint Commission for Health Care and this committee is addressing the opiod addiction. Opioids are a real concern as they are a prescription item and this addiction leads to use of heroin. Heroin is an epidemic in the area and worse in other parts of the State. It is a very powerful drug and is being mixed with Fentanyl leading to a powerful addiction.

To address the Opioid problem we need treatment programs in the jails and Virginia does not handle this issue well. We have a shortage of mental health and addiction facilities in the State and that is due to money issues. Virginia is required to balance the budget by law. We will have a budget shortfall this year. Half of the Virginia budget is spent on education the other half is divided among the other budget items. When we have a short fall, all these budget items are reduced. If we spend more money in Health care it has to come from somewhere. We can take the money for health care from other areas or we can increase the pie. One way to increase the pie is to increase jobs in the area. He states we need to relook at educational programs. He feels that not everyone needs a four year degree. We should put more energy and focus on technical jobs where training can begin in high school.

Del. Stolle chairs the State's Joint Commission on coastal flooding. He feels that our emphasis should be to stop the water from coming in the door. Public safety, national security, economic development are all involved in solving this flooding problem. We need to coordinate efforts in our State before a major storm occurs. Del. Stolle has visited other areas hit by horrible storms and observed that many challenges exist with agencies working together. They are disjointed and have differing goals. We need an identified approach and the same goals.

In response to a question on the budget he noted our current budget gap is greater than 1% of the projection. The Governor requested a 5% cut across all agencies to help bridge this gap.

Infrastructure question, there is no money to fix the problem so we have to begin the 3 by 3 by 3 study so the plan is in place when money becomes available.

Medicare question: there are 2 sides of the issue and both sides are correct but this is not the whole story. The Democrats say we are losing \$5 million dollars a day by not being involved; Republicans say we need to put up a billion, both sides are correct. To get the \$5 million a day

(1.825B) Virginia needs to spend a billion which is not available with our current budget. The challenge is that no one knows what will happen after January 21st. No plans can be made until then.

Del. Stolle, in response to a question on mass transportation, believes the future is in individualized transportation. App based, i.e. Uber.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michelle Covi, PhD, ODU

Dr. Covi is an Assistant Professor with the ODU program, Planning for Resilience that is studying sea level rise, subsidence, and storm surge. The group is part of the Intergovernmental Pilot on Sea Rise program and conducted 90- minute focus groups in the neighborhoods in the Spring of 2016. Their findings were reported in hand-outs and were wide based, academic, and not very specific. The findings are posted on the Living EOY website.

Awards

Ann Bolen, President, presented certificates of commendation to our outgoing President, John Greene, and Board members, Willie Smith and Amanda Skupin for their commendable service to this Civic League the last five years. They will be missed.

Old Business

Juanita Snead (see above) reported on the Rec Center Christmas party.

Steve Chamberlain, our new Vice President, and Ann Bolen attended the Ward 5 Mayor's Task Force meeting on Dec. 15th. Councilman Tommy Smigiel asked that the Civic League to provide five properties that have the worst code violations in our area. With the help of Jimmy Carter and Amanda Skupin the list was compiled. Jimmy Carter and Scott Berry have agreed to take over this committee as Amanda Skupin will be leaving the area due to her husband's military transfer.

Note: we need members to volunteer for tasks needing to be accomplished. Some require more time than others.

New Business

Our By-laws require an internal audit annually. The by-laws require three people, two who can be appointed by the President to conduct said audit. Alice Webley and Willie Smith agreed to be on this committee and during the meeting Frank Johnson volunteered. They will review the 2016 income and expenditures and report to the membership in March.

Our speakers next month will Mr. Eric Hartley of the Virginian Pilot. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 2nd, 2017.

Please check our website regularly for information about our area and what is occurring here.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ann M. Freeman, Secretary