

**North Hills Civic Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Mt. Pleasant High School**  
**April 25, 2012**

President Mary Anne Korant began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and introduced officers and board members.

Secretary John Stevenson distributed copies of minutes from the annual meeting held April 20, 2011. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Nancy Nelson reported that the association collected \$2617.99 since the last annual meeting and expended only \$1209.80. Unusually warm weather in 2012 resulted in only one snow plowing event, reducing association costs. Her report was accepted.

President Korant thanked everyone who helped with the association's work during the past year, including the block captains and board members.

As a volunteer organization, nominations were taken from the floor for elected offices. The members elected these officers and trustees for the 2012-2014 term:

President, Mary Anne Korant  
Secretary, John Stevenson  
Trustee, Maureen Bowser

Jonathan Husband, of the New Castle County Special Services Department reported on the two sewer projects of interest to North Hills residents: the pump station north of Washington Street Extension and the sewer main line lining project. The pump station is needed because obsolete sewer lines in Bringhurst Woods will be abandoned and relocated under roads, such as Carr Road. The station will likely be faced with stone and access will be from Washington Street Extension without destroying trees. The design should be finalized in summer 2012. The old sewer lines will be filled with a slurry mix. The county's sewer relining project is ongoing and on track.

Representative Debra Heffernan and County Councilman John Cartier attended the meeting and spoke about issues of interest to the community. Redistricting due to shifts in population will change the Representative and Senator in the State for many residents. Although his district shifted west, John Cartier will remain North Hills' Councilman.

Based on the Treasurer's report and the board's recommendations, household dues for 2013 will be reduced for residents on NHCA-plowed streets from \$25 to \$20 and basic dues remain \$5.

A volunteer is needed to serve as block captain for the 400 block of Marsh Road. The duties are to deliver flyers when the association prints them for distribution.

North Hills had a community picnic in 2011. Any residents interested in organizing a picnic for the community in 2012 are encouraged to contact the association.

The use of the driveway and lawn at the 413 Marsh Road residence for car repair shop parking was discussed and Councilman Cartier expressed his concern for the situation.

Problems with dogs, including barking and leash laws, were discussed. The county requires that dogs be leashed when they are outside the owner's property. Residents are reminded that the

association does not have police powers and contacting appropriate government agencies expedites resolution of some problems.

Due to population shifts within Delaware measured in the 2010 Census, North Hills will be affected by the political redistricting.

Secretary Stevenson distributed a handout entitled *How to Complain (Effectively)*. This list of contacts has been posted to the community website. The association encourages residents to contact their neighbors when conditions cause discomfort or do not comply with county codes, and to let the association know when complaints are taken to the next level (reporting to the county or police) for resolution.

Elected representatives were briefed on long standing traffic problems in the Marsh Road and Washington Street Extension intersection. DelDOT's plans for the Marsh Road / Carr Road / I-95 interchange were thought to be unneeded, unrealistic, and impractical, especially since DelDOT is seen as being short of funds for the large number of projects it is pursuing.