

**North Hills Civic Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Mt. Pleasant High School**  
**April 16, 2014**

President Mary Anne Korant began the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and introduced officers and board members. 21 people attended and 17 residents signed the attendance list.

Secretary John Stevenson distributed copies of minutes from the annual meeting held April 24, 2013. Minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer Maureen Bower reported that the association's financial records were reviewed by Mark Desmond on April 16, 2014. The Association paid \$7754.65 for snow removal during the unusually stormy winter and collected only \$2366 in dues. The Association redeemed its certificate of deposit to ensure that funds for snow removal remain available in its checking account. She reported the Association's assets as \$13,938.83 as of 4/16/2014.

President Korant thanked everyone who helped with the association's work during the past year, including the block captains and board members, who are Maureen Bowser (treasurer), John Stevenson (secretary), Teri Lovell (vice president), and trustees Valerie Cesna Cartolano, Marilyn Green, and Gigi Kelleher. Teri Lovell was thanked for hosting the community picnic which held on Brighton Road in 2013. Treasurer Maureen Bowser, was thanked for her decision-making during the many snowstorms which allowed the community to keep the roads cleared.

As a volunteer organization, nominations were taken from the floor for elected offices. The members elected these officers and trustees for the term spanning 2014-2016:

President, Mary Anne Korant  
Secretary, John Stevenson  
Trustees, Marilyn Green, RuthAnn Christophersen, Dan Kerreck

Elected representatives Debra Hefferman (6th Representative District), John Cartier (8th Councilmanic District), and Charles Potter, Jr. (1st Representative District) spoke briefly and were available to constituents following the meeting.

**Community Issues**

Residents voted for 2015 household dues to increase to \$30 for residents on NHCA-plowed streets and to \$8 for those on streets plowed by the State, based on the Treasurer's report and the board's recommendations. The reserve, built over many years, was expended quickly and won't be replenished immediately but the increased dues rates will help meet the increased costs of the Association.

Valerie Cartolano reported on attending a trails committee meeting on behalf of her employer. She noted that North Hills is 3/10 of a mile from Bellevue State Park and that DelDOT is drafting a map to show gaps in trails, bad intersections, and other impediments to pedestrians. This community has many issues, including students crossing roads, school zones, blind drives and access to the DART bus stops.

Valerie Cartolano also reported on the sewer project, which has seven components. Lateral line cleanout installations are now complete and cure-in-place pipe lining is scheduled for fall 2014. The promised sewer later line rehabilitation has not been bid or funded and may not occur until September 2015. Sewer projects affecting North Hills may continue until 2018. She noted that sewer rates cover county-wide projects. The lateral lining project is on hold. Manhole rehabilitation is planned for fall 2016. Sewer capacity improvements will include new lines along Carr Road, with Carr Road construction taking place in fall 2014 and the new pump station near Northside Drive being designed for spring 2015.

Marilyn Green proposes a Neighborhood Directory for North Hills. She notes that some communities compile them and share them with dues-paying members as a benefit. She noted that paid dues lists encourage membership. She will coordinate an opt-in list for North Hills residents.

Attendees expressed interest in an annual picnic. Leon Wentz will speak to Mike Guertin about hosting a picnic.

Among the issues from the floor was a question about the status of Bringhurst Woods. Julie Bell stated that the County leases this park from the City of Wilmington.

The farmhouse property on Weldin Lane was recently sold. It was surveyed because a new septic system requires it. The property's owners may subdivide the property into many base-sized property units, with yellow signs posted for minor subdivision. In this area, the minimum size would be  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre to use a septic field and public water, or one acre to use well water. A house located 200' from a sewer line must connect to that line.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm with elected representatives remaining to speak with constituents.