

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
January 11, 2018**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Lichtenberg, Marilyn Carpenter, David Miles, Robin Eilenberg, Steve Vanderbosch, Gene Gross, Teresa Sutherland, Ray Sullivan, Michael Waters (Absent: Mike Penn, Mike Wurst)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers,

GUESTS: Trish Lyddane, Kevin Green, Brian Cunningham, Willie Basil, Bob Dunn, Phil Jones, Katie Matta

Jerry Lichtenberg called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. No quorum present. Jerry introduced 2018-2019 Board Members Marilyn Carpenter, Robin Eilenberg, David Miles, Ray Sullivan, Teresa Sutherland, Steve Vanderbosch, Mike Waters.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Gross presented the current Treasurer's Report. Through November 30, we currently have \$504,571.22 in the Operating Account; \$92,198.06 in the Special Tax Account; for a total of \$596,769.28. Gene Gross reported that the FY2019 Budget was presented at the November General meeting and mailed to all property owners. We must submit the Budget to the County by January 31. Gene Gross took questions from the floor. Discussion of Special Tax money used at the pool and Special Tax money used for Security. Discussion of the HSIA Property Manager position. Noel Gasparin is our Property Manager and is taking on some of the duties that were performed by the late Bill Anderson.

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch reported that a boat sunk in slip #59. MDE was notified. Volunteers helped winterize the marina and install ice eaters. We have a new dock cart and new bulletin board. We have three new pet waste stations located at the two boat ramps and at the Boat Park. Concrete repairs have been done. There is some space at the Boat Park. Everyone on the Boat Park waitlist has been offered a spot. P&H received a 26% response rate to the Boat Life survey. Eight slips at the marina can have lifts. The survey was sent to slip holders and residents that purchased boat ramp keys. The P&H Committee is looking at different options for financing the lifts. It is the consensus of the Board to proceed with the proposal for boat lifts and the P&H Committee is looking into this further. The Sunset boat ramp needs to be redone and it will cost approximately \$80K to \$100K. Our Sandy Spring bank loan was paid down to \$98,000. The Board approved paying off the loan from the General Fund and financing internally. Piers & Harbor will pay back the General Fund at the same rate, or more, than the Sandy Spring bank loan.

BEACH: Marilyn Carpenter spoke about beach amenities and about the process for reserving the large pavilion. A new roof is needed on the large pavilion. Two dead trees at the beach have been cut down.

SECURITY: Much discussion about Special Tax dollars and security, to include our Anne Arundel County police officer and our contract with Blueguard. Steve Vanderbosch and Marilyn Carpenter spoke highly of Mac, our Blueguard Security Officer, to include all the

security related instances that Mac has helped us with at the marina and the beach, and throughout the community.

NEW RESIDENTS: There were new residents at the meeting that discussed the fact that they felt they were not properly welcomed into the community. They felt that there should be more information provided to new residents. It was suggested that HSIA have a Facebook page. The current Hillsmere Facebook pages are not sponsored, endorsed, monitored, or administered by Hillsmere. The new residents felt that many more people would attend meetings, volunteer, help neighbors and come to events if Hillsmere used social media.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator