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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 9, 2020
Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members gathered for the chili cook-off tasting and voting prior to the start of the meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with President Ryan Cochran leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. President Cochran introduced himself to the membership as this is his first meeting as the new President. Danny Murphy, who was elected to fill the Vice President position at the November meeting, also provided a brief introduction.
3. Officer Jeff Wroblewski presented the crime report. There have been five robberies in the general area recently: The 7-11 on Shore Drive and Shady Oaks, the Sunoco on Shore Drive, and the Subway, Waffle House and Chanello's Pizza all on Pleasure House Road. The robber has been captured on video, but the description is vague as he wears a hoodie, bandana or other clothing to hide his features. He does wear some type of red gloves each time. Other than that, there has been little or no crime in the neighborhood. A member asked about speed patrols on Shore Drive and Officer Wroblewski indicated that it is usually a manpower issue that keeps the department from having more patrols.
4. President Ryan Cochran introduced the other officers on the OPCL Board of Directors. He presented outgoing President Andrew Broyles with a gift in recognition of his three years of service as President of OPCL.
5. The minutes from the November 2019 meeting were read by Betty Demers, Secretary, and approved as read.
6. President Cochran announced that Don Caskie has been appointed At-Large Representative to fill the vacancy created when Danny Murphy moved into the Vice President position. Mr. Caskie introduced himself to the members.
7. Blake Norris presented the Treasurer's Report. This included the year-end report for 2019. The report was approved as presented. One member suggested that

an article be written and posted about how dues are spent. Jill Doczi indicated that she already had that information written and would provide it for publication.

- a. The 2020 Budget was presented for information and for any questions.
 - b. The budget was previously approved at the November 2019 meeting.
 - c. President Cochran announced that the Audit Committee would be comprised of Danny Murphy, Vice President; Tim Solanic, South Side Representative; and Betty Demers, Secretary. The audit will be completed in the next few weeks.
8. Betty Demers, Chair of the Scholarship Committee reminded members of the March 31 deadline for the George & Louise Lyon Memorial Scholarship. The application is available on OPCL.org and on the Virginia Beach City School Scholarship Central site. https://www.vbschools.com/students/scholarship_central. She also announced that 10th graders can apply now to take classes in September at the new classroom facility adjacent to Brock Environmental Center. Information is available on OPCL.org.
 9. Jill Doczi provided an update on the sand replenishment initiative for the Ocean Park beach based on a recent conversation with the City. The permitting is going well but the Army Corps of Engineers needs to sign off before a request for bids can be submitted. There is no delay anticipated with that approval. The City is hoping the project can be started in the late April to early June timeframe. They realize that is pushing up against the season when the beach has the heaviest use, but the project should not take long on each section of the beach. Grasses will be planted in the fall when it is the appropriate season for planting. The replenishment will be from the Lynnhaven Inlet to Rookery Way and is expected to add an additional 100 feet of beach that will slope from the dunes to the water line. OPCL will assist the City in identifying who owns items that are currently on the beach that will need to be removed for the project. Blake Norris asked if there were any plans to add fencing. Jill indicated that her source with the City said that fencing had a tendency to make the erosion situation worse. One member suggested that additional signs be added to keep folks off the dunes. The City was not able to provide any information on the federal shipping channel dredging that we think will take place in 2022.
 10. Andrew Broyles provided an update on the paving of internal streets in Ocean Park. He stated that if anyone lived on a street that had not been paved but was included in the original CIP, they should contact the City. It was noted that SeeClickFix seems to be the most effective means of communicating and getting results.
 11. Danny Murphy reported that the City is planning to place a LOVE sign in Ocean Park on Mystic Cove near Shore Drive. This is part of the statewide initiative that has LOVE signs placed throughout the state. The call for artists has not gone out, but April is still listed as the timeframe for completion.
 12. Tim Solanic provided an update on Phase IV. Phase IV is the initiative that impacts Shore Drive from the Lesner Bridge to Mystic Cove. It would provide upgraded storm drainage, bike paths and sidewalks on both sides of Shore

Drive. This project has been moved by the City forward and backward on the calendar several times. Phase III, which covers Shore Drive from Great Neck Road to the Lesner Bridge, has also been moved and not yet completed. The recent delay with Phase III was because of additional time needed to obtain property easements. The date given most recently for Phase IV is possibly 2024.

13. Jill Doczi provided an update on the July 3rd fireworks show. We have a guaranteed barge for July 3rd. The contract should be signed sometime in the next few days. Due to increased tariffs imposed on products from China, the cost may be an additional \$2000 more than last year. This amount is divided among the participating neighborhoods.
14. Mary Faust indicated that the next clean-up for Pleasure House Point is scheduled for March 14, 2020.
15. Jay Kerr presented a detailed description of the construction and remodeling plans for the Ocean Park Rescue Squad building, which included items considered to be necessary as well as items that would be desired, but not critical to operations. The Rescue Squad is all volunteer and takes over 10 calls per day on average. The building fund now sits at about \$250K but approximately \$500K is needed for the project. Anyone who is interested can sign up to do a ride-along with one of the teams.
16. Lynda Martin, Chair of the Social Committee, announced the winners of the Chile Cook-off. Andrea Lindemann won for best non-traditional and Sandy Martin for best traditional. They were presented with their OPCL Cook-off Champ aprons.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.