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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**February 6, 2020**  
**Brock Environmental Center**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**7:00 – 7:30 – Social Half Hour**

President Cochran called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer Jeff Wroblewski provided an update on the recent robberies that took place in the Shore Drive area. The suspect has been apprehended and faces multiple charges, including five counts of robbery and four counts of displaying a firearm. Other than that, there was no other crime reported other than a handful of traffic offenses.

Betty Demers, Secretary, read the minutes from the January 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Blake Norris presented the Treasurer's Report for month ending January 31, 2020. The report was approved as read.

Betty Demers presented the Audit Committee Report. The Committee reviewed all financial transactions for the 2019 year. The only recommendation was for OPCL to remind members to use the Fireworks PayPal account for fireworks donations and not the general account. The Committee report is attached.

Jill Doczi reported that the contract has been signed for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks and the deposit has been made. There was an increase this year due to tariffs on goods from China. For Ocean Park's portion, the increase is \$1280 bringing the total cost to \$17,280. Jill also provided an update on the beach replenishment that is scheduled for this year. The Army Corps of Engineers is expected to sign off in the next few days so the project can be sent out for bids. The work is expected to begin in May. The City is aware that is beach usage time, but the work is expected to take approximately 4 weeks so no single area will be impacted for long.

Lynda Martin announced that the Spring Fling will be held on May 16, at Taste Unlimited. Details will follow as soon as they are finalized. This is a great time to

invite your neighbors to join and participate. The \$20 annual dues cover both the Spring Fling and Fall Fest where members eat and drink at no additional charge.

The members present were asked if they thought another night of the week would be better for general meetings. Cape Story Civic League indicated they felt Monday or Tuesday worked better for them. The Board will explore surveying for a different night to help increase participation.

Chris Gorri, Brock Environmental Center Manager, provided an update on the Brock Center activities. The oyster restoration barges are docked and operating in the Lynnhaven River. There is a shell reclamation site at Brock where citizens can bring their oyster shells once they have enjoyed their oysters. The driftwood arch replacement was discussed. The fire inspector has indicated they have not been able to determine the source of the fire because it burned so hot, but they believe it was a discarded cigarette that may have started the fire. There are plans in development to replace the arch with something representative of the area and will be announced at a future meeting. The Mason and Joan Brock classroom groundbreaking will take place in March 2020. The 50 students for the first class beginning this fall have been selected and are rising juniors. They will participate in the program for two academic years. An additional 50 students will be added in the fall of 2021. The new building will be Net Zero Water and Net Zero Energy. Additional storage is being added for rainwater collection. No new wind turbines will be added, but some solar may be added.

A Proposed Lesner Wharf Use presentation was provided to members. This was emailed to Andrew Broyles on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and presented to City Council in an informal session on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This is scheduled to be presented in the next formal session on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Orsted Wind Power North America, LLC, is working with Dominion Energy, Siemens Gamesa, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to install wind turbines off the coast of Virginia for the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Farm Construction Project. Orsted has requested to lease a portion of City-owned property at Lesner Wharf for a temporary construction office, vessel loading and laydown site in support of the project.

Members expressed concern over the traffic congestion in that area during boating season, the environmental impact, and the continued loss of parking for fishermen and boat trailers. With the closing of Boatel last year, the boat launching traffic is increasing in the area. The City has indicated that this is a preliminary presentation and that a series of public hearings will be held before a decision is made. The membership voted to empower the Board to ask the City to defer any action until the City provides a presentation directly to the Ocean Park residents. Several residents indicated they will attend any public hearings and Council meetings as private citizens who are directly impacted because of the location of their property.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Audit Committee Meeting Date: January 13, 2020; 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Danny Murphy, Tim Solanic, Betty Demers  
Blake Norris, Treasurer, was also present

The Committee reviewed transactions and account activity for the fiscal year January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019, for both the Operating Account and the Fireworks Account.

The bank for these accounts is Atlantic Union Bank (previously known as Xenith Bank and Union Bank and Trust)

The records were organized by month and all transactions were documented. The Committee complimented Blake on both the organization and thoroughness of the records.

The Committee made the following observations:

- ⌘ All PayPal transactions were transferred periodically to the operating account and were fully documented. Transfers were, on average, a minimum of monthly but occurred more frequently during months when there was more activity. (For example: January when dues are paid and June-July when fireworks contributions are heaviest.)
- ⌘ Some PayPal donations were made to the general PayPal account but had “fireworks” in the notes or designated in some way (or the payment amount was not \$20.) Blake contacted those donors and confirmed that their payments should be credited toward fireworks and transferred the funds to the Fireworks Account.
- ⌘ There were two (2) receipts missing for expenses for the Spring Fling in April. One appeared on the April statement and one on the May statement. They show as debits on the statements to Kroger and to Party City and the charges were confirmed via email from Lynda Martin that the expenses were for the Spring Fling.
- ⌘ Sales and costs for t-shirts that were ordered and sold during the year are included in the operating account. Blake keeps a record in Quicken of all activity

and included a yearly Quicken summary for both operating accounts in the treasurer's records.

The only recommendation by the Committee was to remind donors to use the Fireworks account in PayPal when making fireworks donations.