

**HSIA BOARD MEETING  
THE KEY SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 13, 2007**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shuman, Bruce Walker, Ray Sullivan, Bill Anderson, Kate Penn, Noel Gasparin

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Jim Schwallenberg

**GUESTS:** Rob Steinberg, Phil Jones, Judy Steinberg, Betty Pahr, Kathy Ballman, Colleen O'Connell-Mitchell, Jeri Singleton

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes from the November Board Meeting were distributed and accepted and amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bruce Walker reported on the following:

**General Fund:**

1. We have received a donation from the Key School for this fiscal year.
2. Rental income totals \$2593 through Nov. versus budget of \$5400 so income will come in under plan for year.
3. Rental property maintenance totals \$4550 YTD versus year budget of \$3600 so expenses will come in over budget for year.
4. Rental property utilities total \$494 versus budget of \$307 so expenses will come in over budget for year.

**Piers and Harbors:**

1. Still have two occupied slips that have not paid their yearly fee.

**Special Tax Fund:**

1. Newsletter ads continue to come in well ahead of budget plan.
2. The County gave us the first payment of the Special Tax money.
2. Dumpster expenses will come in over budget for the year.

We will transfer in December the remaining owed \$11,962 from the ST fund to the General Fund to repay for 2007 legal fees. Noel Gasparin will contact Annapolis Property Services to check rental agreement regarding furnace maintenance and the clarification on the December statement.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Becky Lund will head up a good neighbor program to help elderly and challenged Hillsmere residents with simple day-to-day chores and assist them in the event of an emergency – three volunteers have already come forward. The Key School reported vandalism this past Sunday night – several automobiles had their tires slashed and the police were notified. The Key School may increase their security patrols and possibly install security cameras. Bill will talk further with them.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Bill Shuman reported in Jean Somers absence that we currently have 648 members. Come and Get it Day will be on March 1, 2008.

**ANNAPOLIS NECK PENINSULA FEDERATION:** Ray Sullivan reported that the sewer bill currently before the county could cause future problems. Ray will attend the meeting and keep the board advised. Regarding the county's general development plan, the county is also looking for volunteers to be part of a citizen's advisory committee and he urges someone from Hillsmere be part of that group. Ray also reported on the Annapolis City Comprehensive Plan, calls for public housing and decreased lack of services along Forest Drive.

**PROPERTY:** Noel Gasparin reported that the landscaping at the entrance sign has been completed.

**BEACH:** Kate Penn has nothing to report. Bruce Walker took exception to the beach plan being put into the December *Sea Breeze* as well as stating "we will move forward on the east side of the project". Bruce's objection to this was that the Board had not approved the plan nor had the Board approved moving ahead on the east side of the project and that it should not go into *the Sea Breeze* before that is done or, at the very least, it should have been marked as a Beach Committee proposal - not as a Board approved plan.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** Bill Anderson reported that 42 building permits have been issued YTD and we will hit our budgeted number. Two additional permits are pending.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There has been a request from a group of concerned Hillsmere residents to place a letter to the editor in *the Sea Breeze*. **Noel Gasparin made a motion to deny the letter in *the Sea Breeze* and not accept it as a paid for by author insert into *the Sea Breeze*, as it has not be our policy or practice to do so and in doing so would open up *the Sea Breeze* to anyone on any topic. Seconded by Bruce Walker. Voted unanimously to deny.**

**Kate Penn made a motion to create an online forum to facilitate discussion on any Hillsmere related topics and issues on our existing HSIA website. Bruce Walker seconded the motion. Vote - 5 approved and 1 abstained, motion approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Bill Anderson asked about the vacant Zoning Chairperson position and stated that communal housing situations (homes with more then one family residing in them) are a concern for the neighborhood. Regarding the request to allow the owner of a vacant lot in Hillsmere to rent out space for storage, investigated by Michael Ragland, is legal in the county. Ray Sullivan suggested we meet with county officials to discuss community concerns and extend an invitation for them to speak at a general meeting. Bruce Walker asked that all future beach restoration proposals address storm water management at the beach.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Noel Gasparin