

HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2011

Chairperson Miles Coffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at The Hawthorn Center. Those present included John Bailey, Linda Hitzelberger, Michelle Wood, and Gregg Schwind. Also present was Village Manager Jessamine Duvall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17th MINUTES: The minutes were approved.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT: There were no residents who wished to speak on non-agenda issues.

15-DAY LETTER REQUEST: The board voted to send a 15-day notice letter to the owner of 6663 Buckstone Ct., and to send the violation on to CA if the owner fails to bring the property into compliance.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Duvall reported on the success of the Wine Tasting event on October 28 and updated the Board on various office, staff, and building issues. Ms. Duvall shared the results of her communications with Howard County Recreation and Parks staff regarding the problematic soccer tournament held at Hawthorn Park in early October. She also reported the concerns of some Village Managers regarding the recalculation of the allocation formula for the villages' CA assessment share. Ms. Duvall submitted a request by a Girl Scout Troop to use the Banquet Room for their investiture ceremony, which was approved by the Board.

CA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Schwind mentioned that the CA Board is working on the new CA budget and the Aquatics Master Plan, which may be completed by the end of the year. He updated the Board on his concerns about recent service reductions at CA facilities. Mr. Schwind has requested an accounting of all service reductions that have been enacted over the past year. He also is proposing to the CA Board at their upcoming meeting the CA staff be required to provide notice to members before implementing any service reduction.

PROPOSED HOA LEGISLATION: The Board discussed legislation proposed by CA that would limit the application of the Maryland Homeowners Association Act to CA and the Villages. Miles Coffman stated that he plans to attend the upcoming November 14 meeting with Phil Nelson to discuss the proposed legislation.

BOARD COMMENTS: Ms. Wood remarked that she noticed traffic counts being taken at the intersection of Hickory Ridge Road and Broken Land Parkway. Mr. Schwind explained that traffic surveys are being completed in relation to the development planned in Columbia Town Center.

Mr. Coffman asked that Election Procedures be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, so the Board can discuss ways to get more voter participation in the April 2012 Village Elections.

ACTION ITEMS: Ms. Duvall will inquire about having CA conduct an energy audit at The Hawthorn Center. Ms. Duvall will develop a more detailed Free Use Policy for use of The Hawthorn Center by local scout and community groups.

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

Respectfully submitted, Jessamine Duvall, Village Manager