

November 21,2017

1900-2130

Officers/Board Present : Cliff Gibbons, Ashley Salzo, Billy Vavricka , Tony Blumenstetter, Tom Vicedomini

1. Cliff Gibbons called the meeting to order at 1900 and spoke about the membership drive, the Gazette, old business, new business, past events, and upcoming events.
2. It's an important time of the year for the membership drive. There has been talk that George Martin Strip Steak is willing to offer some type discounts to the Platinum members.
3. We are looking for feedback from the community if there is still interest in continuing the Gazette. We might look to have fewer editions or possibly go digital.
4. Old business -The marathon was still an inconvenience but seem to run a little smoother. One community member stated that the resident pass allowed them to leave there property but then could not return. We would like feedback from the community if there were any other inconveniences caused by the marathon. There also seemed to be debris and signs left behind that was not cleaned up.
5. There was no update on the proposed sewer project at this point. A community member read an article in the newspaper about possibly enforcing advanced septic systems.
6. The Oakdale Yacht Club recently sought out the GRCA looking for support in expanding their docks. The GRCA has not taken a position either way and is looking for more feedback from the community. Currently there are some members for it and some members against it. It was proposed to have a separate meeting to discuss the topic. One of the community members suggested a visit from the NYSDEC. Another issue expressed from the members was the noise from across the river.
7. Past Events - The Paint and Sip was a huge success with 75 people in attendance. There was no Treasure report at the meeting, so no figures were discussed, end of year report will be online.
8. The Halloween parade was rained out but all the kids gathered at the fire house for treats and fun.
9. Upcoming Events - The Tree lighting will be held on Dec 2, at 5pm. It was noted that the tree lighting has been moved to the Church. There are currently 150 people registered, which should make for a great event. This will be a free event that will be supplemented by the Paint and Sip fundraiser.
10. For those residents concerned about the new location, we will still be lighting the tree and the menorah at the Veterans Memorial Park.
11. Still looking to secure a date for the Easter egg hunt.
12. There will be a giving tree at the tree lighting where members can donate money for hanging flower baskets, money towards the spring cleanup, the Easter egg hunt, and the Gazette.
13. John Dolan, East Islip School District Superintendent, spoke in great detail about the upcoming bond that the district will be voting on. The bond proposal is currently around 60 million and all of which would go towards fixing our schools. He went through all of the capital improvements that we will have to be addressed in the near future whether the bond passes or not. Some of these improvements include; new roofs for all schools, A.D.A. compliant doors, updating bathrooms, parking lots, stairwells that are no longer code compliant, masonry pointing on all the buildings, updating electrical panels and more. He also discussed other improvements such as new athletic fields, auditorium upgrades, lobby and security upgrades, updated locker rooms, and cafeteria upgrades.

Submitted by Billy Vavricka, Corresponding Secretary