***STRATHMERE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION***

**Minutes of General Meeting**

**Saturday, August 22, 2020**

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Linda Bateman, President. This was followed by the flag salute. Board members present included Janice Connell,

Vice-President; Donna Diefenderfer, Member-at-Large; Peggy Kiessling, Treasurer; and

Rosemarie Whelan, Secretary.

**Secretary’s Report**

The minutes of the July 17, 2020 meeting were posted on the SIA website. A motion to approve the Secretary’s report was made by Butch Vandegrift and seconded by Debbie Vandegrift. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 14, 2020**

**OPENING BALANCE JULY 15, 2020: $11,266.65**

**INCOME 7-15-20 to date**

Dues $200.00

Contributions $120.00

Fundraising $885.00

Shipping $7.50

**SUBTOTALS**  **$1,212.50**

Routine Expenses

Office Expenses $96.92

Program Support $435.00

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Coins for Scholarship Presentation $133.95

Fundraising Expenses $1,248.00

Letterhead Modification $130.00

**SUBTOTALS**  **$2,043.87**

**ENDING BALANCE August 21, 2020: $10,435.28**

Bergus-Laurence Savings Account

**OPENING BALANCE July 14, 2020: $392.32**

Interest accrued $0.00

**ENDING BALANCE August 21, 2020: $392.32**

At the present time, there are 167 members in good standing.

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made by Drucilla Schute and seconded by Mark Bateman. All present were in favor. The motion carried.

**President’s Remarks**

**Old Business**

Update on Township News

Linda Bateman reported that there have been multiple interactions with the Township, as a letter was sent to the Township summarizing the comments expressed by residents at our

July 17, 2020 meeting.

Due to increased illegal parking on Commonwealth Avenue, the Township passed a resolution asking the County to designate the west side of Commonwealth from Putnam to the SIC border a “Tow-Away Zone.”

Will Morey is in the process of trying to expedite the stenciling of “No Parking” on the pavements of pedestrian lane sections.

There will be an increased state police presence in town. Non-emergency numbers are 609-861-5698 (Woodbine) and 609-861-5300 (Buena). Use either number.

Ornaments

The sale of osprey ornaments has been very successful. They’ve flown out of here!

Strathmere Stories

The Strathmere Improvement Association was founded in 1951. A highlight of our 70th anniversary will be the video presentation of stories about our town. The video camera is easy to operate if anyone is interested in interviewing a town resident.

Newsletter from 1989

Topics the newsletter contains are survey questions and issues of note during that year.

**New Business**

Bergus-Laurence Honor Roll Awards

CJ Furey and John Pond were presented with certificates and 2020 silver dollars for outstanding academic achievement.

Elizabeth and Donald Bergus established these awards, and her daughter’s family currently maintains them.

David Cummings videotaped the presentation of awards which was shown at the meeting. The event took place on the steps of the Schiavo Library on August 3.

**Address Updates**

Peggy Kiessling reported that we are currently working on preparing a survey and updating the addresses of current members. This will take place after Labor Day.

**Elections**

Lisa Carr, chairman of the nominating committee, asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the positions on the Association. None were forthcoming.

Lisa asked for a vote to approve the current board remaining in office. Those members in attendance unanimously voted approval, and the current board was voted in, with the new term of office beginning January 1, 2021.

The Board welcomed assistance from members, as we look forward to celebrating our 70th anniversary.

**Program**

William McLees, the architect representing Stephen Maloney, owner of the Strathmere Motel, spoke about plans for creating a new boutique hotel, the Strathmere Inn, to replace the existing motel; he then answered numerous questions from meeting attendees. That was followed by a discussion afterwards among the Zoom participants.

**Adjournment**

Lisa Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Paul Trumbull. The motion carried.

Rosemarie Whelan

Recording Secretary