

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

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The meeting opened at 6 pm at the 1835 Town Hall building. Members present were Vern Gaw, Bob Jones, Phil Nash, Danielle Ray, Ron Pichierri and Joann Drown. Jo-Ann Cummings was absent.

Phil made a motion, seconded by Bob, to accept the Recorder's report as read. The motion passed 6-0.

The Treasurer reported that all accounts have the same balances as last month. Maintenance account \$1,370.49, Paint account \$5,060.11, Window account \$17,800, the Design account \$3,580.35, and the Revolving account as of 6/13/2014 has a balance of \$8,782.54. Bob made a motion, seconded by Phil, to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion passed 6-0.

Vern stated that he met with Jeff Ritter, Judy Janda, Tom Rutherford and Brian Patacchiola last Friday. Vern had the window project quotes ready, but there were several suggestions of what else could be done to the windows, such as sealing them shut, buying new windows, etc. Vern reminded everyone that the people of the town voted to repair the windows, and starting over at this point was not the correct thing to do. Hopefully the contract will be signed Friday, June 20, with Mr. Barwise.

The next subject of the meeting was lights. Tom would like to see new light fixtures in the 1835 building, that would comply with the new federal energy efficiency standards. Tom has an electrician in mind to do the replacement work. Ron questioned what the payback would be, and he also questioned how wise it would be to put in the fixtures when we intend to take out the suspended ceilings all over the building.

Vern said the next subject of the meeting was air conditioning. Tom and Judy would like to buy 4 new air conditioners that are portable and do not sit in a window. Each unit will cost \$579.00 if we purchase them at Home Depot. Judy offered to pay for one air conditioner for her office.

Vern continued with the subjects of the group meeting by stating that Tom wants authorization by phone, from the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, to act in case of an emergency situation that could occur in the building, with approval of up to a certain amount. Vern mentioned that he will check with Jeff Ritter to find out, if the cost of an emergency exceeds the authorized amount, will a telephone vote to all committee members be legal. Ron made a motion, seconded by Phil, to authorize a policy where-by in an emergency situation, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman can authorize an expenditure of up to \$400.00 for an emergency repair. The committee voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Danielle mentioned that she would hope to see money spent on fixing the ceilings instead of replacing light bulbs now.

The subject of the windows was discussed further.

The committee then discussed what to do about a kitchenette.

The committee discussed the septic pipe that will run from the Fire Station to the 1835 Town Hall building, which would be capped at both ends.

Phil made a motion, seconded by Ron, to purchase 1 portable air conditioner, amount not to exceed \$600.00. Upon further discussion, Phil amended his motion to purchase 2 portable air conditioners, not to exceed \$1,200.00. Ron seconded the amended motion, and the committee voted 6-0 in favor of this motion. Money is to be paid from Maintenance account.

Danielle reported that she has been in contact with Sean Hamilton, manager of the Light Dept., about the ugly pole beside the building. Sean stated that it would be difficult to move the pole because it is mainly for Verizon's use. He will look into the issue further.

Old Business:

Danielle asked if the committee members knew who started the face book page for the 1835 a few years ago. Danielle will e-mail Beth for that information.

Bob is concerned about the pillars, and questioned the need for drain holes at the base. Vern remembers the pillars sitting on granite, but since cement has been put down, the pillars are recessed into the cement, and therefore sit in water. Vern had been thinking of getting rid of cement around the bottom of the pillars, so that water would drain away from the bases.

Phil made a motion, seconded by Bob, to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be chaired by Bob, and will take place on July 16, at 6 pm. The committee voted to adjourn at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder