

BAYCLIFF CIVIC LEAGUE MINUTES

March 17, 2010

President Hogan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. There were 17 in attendance. The President introduced Capt. John L. Bell, Jr. , representing the Professional Standards Office, VB Police Dept. Capt. Bell has been in law enforcement since 1976, with five years in the detective bureau. Internal Affairs maintain integrity of the police department. Part of their job is to check how officers testify in court and to monitor officers in court. They are a fact finding unit, and they do not recommend disciplinary action. They maintain a data base of complaints with respect to police officers, and do a follow up by letter to involved parties. Complaints are accepted in person, by letter, phone and email on a 24/7 basis.

If an allegation is criminal, it is given to detective bureau.

President Hogan then introduced Sharon Haring, a VBSPCA representative. Sharon is a Baycliff resident, and after retiring from the teaching profession has become a volunteer with the SPCA. She reported that they get no funding by the City, all monies are from private citizens. Their aim is to keep animals and arrange for placements. The can always use volunteers and children 13 and up are needed. Sharon stressed that no one should buy animals from puppy mills, and that the SPCA welcomes everyone to visit their facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

No quorum present; minutes of January 20, 2010 were read. Treasurer's Report was given to all in attendance.

Traffic Calming: Hogan stated that it was successful with the plan as implemented.

Nominating Committee: Bob Swink reported that his Committee was successful in securing the following for next year's officers: President, Candy Swink; 1st VP, Frank Cunningham; 2nd VP Jan

Haworth; Rec. Secty, Priscilla Kinley, Corresponding Secty, Christine Westendorf; Treasurer, Martin Tom.

OLD BUSINESS: Volunteers are needed to head up several committees, especially needed is a chairman for the Advertising. In the event of no chairperson, the alternative could be the cessation of the Bugle and/or newsletter.

President Hogan, in his role as the Baycliff VBCCO representative, presented an informative briefing on the city's budget issues. The problem is with the downturn in the economy and the falling real estate appraisals; the city is facing an \$84.1 million shortfall. Discussions with various city council and staff officers revealed likely ways to address this shortfall including raising the real estate tax and imposing/increasing fees for services. Of note was the expected total revenue for 2011 is equal to the revenue in FY 06 and 07. Public hearings on the budget are scheduled for April 22 and 27. For further details, the entire briefing is available on the Baycliff web site.

No further business; meeting adjourned at 8:40