

Minutes of the January 22, 2024 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Jim Wiesner, Connie Rieben, Terry Fortner, Diane Williams, Skip LeFleur, Ron Girard, Julie Longen, Dave Ennis, and Todd Guarino.

Brian convened the meeting at 7 o'clock at the Hall.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Jim, the Treasurer, provided the Financial Report, reviewing the revenue and expenditures and concluded with a current balance of \$19,120.65.

Connie reported on the Potluck Dinner in December, indicating they were 45 in attendance. She noted that the Ozona restaurants participated along with a number of homemade dishes.

Jim provided an in-depth report on the Holiday Golf Cart Parade, noting that the revenue did cover the expenses for this event, even though the weather was inclement.

Brian said he had talked to Susan White about the Halloween Open House and indicated that it was much more popular than he thought. They had a number of craft projects for the attendees with possibly 40 people engaged during the evening.

Brian reported on the meetup with the Palm Harbor Museum volunteers and thanked Terry for organizing the event.

Brian then reported on the progress being made with respect to the County MSTU grant. The project will include painting of the exterior of the hall, and the refinishing of the floor in the hall. Todd provided the details of the grant. Brian noted that we would have discussion for next year concerning elevating the hall for flood protection.

Brian indicated that the County contacted him concerning a presentation on the reclaimed water program. He said the County will make a presentation at the February OVIS meeting on this program and some changes that are on the way.

It was recognized that a volunteer is needed to be the point person for Ozona for the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Brian said he was contacted by the University of Florida Extension Service about using the Hall on April 8 for a community workshop. The workshop would focus on trees in public spaces. They indicated the program would be at 10 o'clock in the morning, and there was discussion about asking if this could be an evening meeting. Brian will pursue that.

Julie brought up the subject of striping as a follow-up to the road resurfacing project. She noted that there are some locations, where striping was not installed in locations of stop signs, and other questions. Brian said he would check into that.

Diane said there was a program outreach program through the FBI office in Tampa that makes presentations to communities. It was great to check this out.

Skip said he had several items, updating that we only lost 4 trees from the planting effort due to the drought, and in the future it may be better to plant 10 trees at one time, not 25, due to the effort of planting and maintaining. In addition, getting the go ahead for a donation revenue outreach with a QR code, which is already on the OVIS website <https://www.ozonavillagefl.us/fundraisers>. We will look to print out some of the codes to post around the Village businesses and restaurants.

In the next newsletter there will be an article reporting on the local women's rowing feat crossing the Atlantic.

Skip will also look to build a shelf in the Hall's main closet to store the tree water bags.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.