

OVIS Minutes of October 3, 2016

Those in attendance at the meeting at the hall: Brian Smith, Jerry Edmonds, Julie Longen, Stephen Marcinek, Pamela Kelsch, Bill and Elaine Schilp, Dave Ennis, Beau Plessner, Dianna Runyons, Patt Adams, Steve Wiseman, Todd Guarino, and T.Carl Jackson.

Brian convened the meeting at 7:05 and gave everyone a chance to introduce themselves.

Brian indicated that the August minutes had been emailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

Brian said that Jim Wiesner, the treasurer, was traveling and could not attend the meeting. He provided the financial statement to Brian who reviewed that with all outstanding bills paid the balance was \$11,594.69. This report was received.

Brian indicated the next item was the Village Hall. Dennis said the hall had been tented on September 29 for termites. The pest control contract covers this so there is no expense to OVIS. The group thanked Dennis for making this happen.

Donna reported that the hall was rented for this month with several events.

Brian then reported on the hall drainage project. He said the County had received the DEP permit and was wrapping up the Corps of Engineers permit. The County will then be able to do the drainage project.

The next item was the hall fix- it. Brian reviewed that based upon the last meeting's direction an estimate from Norman Cullen had been obtained to do the support beam repair for a cost of \$9000. He noted that subsequently through email it was concluded that another estimate would be desired if it could be obtained. A discussion followed about how to obtain this additional information. Bill recommended a general contractor CMK Construction which had done work for their residential project. He agreed to provide that information to Brian. Brian noted that OVIS

did have the funds for the expenditure of \$9000 and it would not cut into the operating money needed for the year. However he also said it was prudent once the project is defined to then have a fundraising initiative with an objective of something like \$7500 to replace the money taken out of the OVIS budget for this project. This would maintain a good balance for future unexpected expenditures. The discussion was concluded with the intent that the decision would be made at the next OVIS meeting concerning a general contractor since it was agreed this process should not be protracted in light of the temporary stairway on the side door.

Brian indicated that the historic wall panels project has been initiated with Terry Fortner placing the order for the panels to be installed in the hall. Jim was able to obtain a sales tax exemption certificate for OVIS and that was applied to this project so that the total cost will be \$401 and change. Terry is taking care of the logistics. Steve asked whether two of the panels concerning Ozona Elementary could be ordered for the school and that he would be willing to sponsor that. Brian said he would make contact with Terry to facilitate that.

Brian said the OVIS membership drive and sponsorship drive will now begin with outreach activities. The membership year begins January 1.

Brian then reviewed upcoming events. He said as a follow-up from the last meeting concerning the December 11 holiday golf cart parade he has obtained the County permit, the event insurance, and the Sheriff's contract. He said he was using the same route from last year. He said he was given the contact of Ricky Butler with the Sheriff's Office to obtain an official ceremonial vehicle. He said he made that contact and was able to confirm that a historic 1961 Fury of the Sheriff's Office would lead the parade. A discussion followed about logistics in such protocols as the signing in or the login procedure for the participating golf carts. Susan, Pam, and Julie agreed to form a committee to work out this important step including a sign-in sheet and the organization of its use at the event. Brian noted it will be useful to give people a parade route map and a handout indicating some safe practices for

the carts in the parade. It was recognized that several people will be needed to perform this function. Jerry Edmonds said he planned to have several people from his church helping out with this and other things at the event.

Brian took up the next item which is the holiday potluck which is set for December 6 Tuesday. He said that Connie is well-organized on this and plans to contact the local restaurants as we have done in past for donations of food etc.

Concerning the Halloween at the hall on October 31, the group authorized Susan spend up to \$60 for the trick-or-treats.

Brian reported that the Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch program is set for October 25. He said Dolly Swallow has done the contact work on this. He said the normal OVIS meeting on October 24 was moved to Tuesday (October 25) to fit the participating deputy's schedule. There will therefore be a brief business meeting of OVIS at 7 o'clock followed by the workshop at 7:30 - approximately.

Concerning the community cleanup on November 5, Steve Marcinek has suggested that Ozona Elementary School be invited to participate. He made contact with the principal who was very receptive. Dave Ennis agreed to work with Steve on this and to help with a graphic notice.

Brian said he was contacted by Terry Fortner concerning the Bluegrass Festival that is put on by the Palm Harbor Museum. The group agreed to a sponsorship of \$100 for this very special community event. The event is scheduled for November 12 at John Chesnut Park.

Brian said the next item concerns the Board of Adjustment and the Ozona Spring. He provided the background of community interest over the years in the spring and its relationship to the Ozona Preserve. He noted there was a residential project on Orange Street where the front two lots are being developed. He said the spring was in the vacant land behind these parcels and that the developer could not develop the back area containing the spring

unless a variance was approved by the Board of Adjustment. Because of the way the property had been developed the back area does not have any public access and does not have the required frontage is 75 feet hence the need for a variance. Brian noted that if the variance was not approved the back area would remain undeveloped. The group recognized their focus was the concern for the spring and its protection if the variance was approved.

Following discussion the group approved a position saying that if a variance is approved it should be with the stipulation the spring and a significant environmental buffer should be set aside from the development and it is proposed that the spring and environmental area be dedicated to the County to be considered and managed as part of the Preserve. Brian said he and Dennis plan to attend the Board of Adjustment meeting this Thursday at 9 o'clock in the courthouse and will present this position.

Following this, Brian said the only other item was the next edition of the newsletter would be distributed in November with enough time to promote the December events.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8 o'clock.