

Minutes of the April 25, 2022 of OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Nancy McKibben, Bob Fortner, Terry Fortner, Gregg Beck, Sage Piotrowski, Stu and Diane Williams, Bill and Elaine Schilp, Donna Green, Julie Longen, John Beach, Connie Rieben, Dave Ennis, Todd Guarino, Jeff Fernandes, Lori Bankey, Joanna Bupp, Susan Yoder, Beau Plessner, Stephen Dean, Jake Carl, Anthony Maccaroni, Sue White, and County Commissioner Dave Eggers.

Brian convened the meeting at 7 o'clock at the Hall and gave everyone a chance to introduce themselves.

Bob Fortner then took over the meeting for the Election of Officers and Board members. He provided a nominating committee report recommending Brian Smith as President, Todd Guarino as Vice President, Donna Green as Secretary and Jim Wiesner as Treasurer with Board Members Diane Williams, Sue White, Connie Rieben, Julie Longen, Steve Krout, and Dave Ennis. A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominated group. The group was then sworn in by County Commissioner Dave Eggers.

The minutes for the March OVIS meeting were approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer Jim Wiesner, Brian provided the financial report. He indicated there were 189 paid members with 15 remaining in PayPal to renew with 25 paid sponsors. The current balance is \$22,596.38.

Donna reported that there were two hall rentals scheduled in the coming month.

Brian then reported on the hall drainage project. He reviewed that the Hall needed to be tented for termites, but a problem occurred with respect to grounding the tent on the west side of the Hall, where a recent county drainage initiative created a ditch that is close to the Hall. This raised the question of modifying the drainage design to allow for the tenting. Brian indicated the County has completed the survey work, and the county engineer and stormwater team have inspected the situation and will provide a report next week as to what action should be taken.

Brian then introduced Nancy McKibben, the County Community Liaison, who made a presentation concerning projects of interest to the community. This included a project evaluating the Shore Drive bridge. It is anticipated that the bridge will be replaced and this evaluation will provide answers as to how that will be accomplished. Brian requested that when project specifics are available, a meeting can be scheduled in the Hall to review that with the community. It was noted that there are two brass plaques on the bridge wall commemorating the bridge company that built the bridge and the County Commission that commissioned it. A motion was made and approved to request the County preserve these plaques for installation on the new bridge and further that the bridge design incorporate some features recognizing the historic nature of this facility.

Nancy then proceeded to report on some other projects including both drainage and street improvements. She also indicated how the public can access the County's website to get information about projects they are interested in.

Following this presentation Brian indicated there were subjects under other business that called for some discussion. He noted that there have been concerns in the community about the level of noise associated with the new brewery and its impact on that part of the community. It was recognized that some approach to the owners may be needed, if the problem persists.

This did trigger some discussion on traffic concerns on Orange Street. It was noted that there were pedestrian safety concerns in the restaurant area between Bay Street and Tampa Road. It was also noted that there was speeding concerns on Orange Street above and below that core segment of Orange Street. Commissioner Eggers said he would check into this concern with the county traffic engineer.

Brian said there was interest in installing benches at the west end of Bay Street overlooking the water. Lori Bankey indicated her family would like to put two commemorative benches at that location and was asking about the procedure for that. Commissioner Eggers said he would check on the procedure for that request.

Brian then reported that the proposal to add 10 slips with lifts at the Speckled Trout Marina is on the Board of Adjustment agenda for May 4.

There being no further business to take up the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.