

**Civic Association of West Springfield Village
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2010**

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks: 7:30 PM, President John Cooley. John introduced members now serving on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

2. Presentation: Mr. Evan Braff, Division Supervisor of Senior Services within Fairfax County's Department of Community and Recreation Services, informed the membership about the Burke/Springfield Senior Center without Walls, a public-private partnership that supports activities for senior citizens. Larry and Mary Mark of our association are volunteers with the center. The center depends upon other organizations, such as churches, to provide meeting locations; Mr. Braff asked our members to inform him of potential meeting sites.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Secretary Ed Wyse. Minutes of the October meeting were vetted with those who attended and are posted on the association's web site.

4. Financial Report (attached) – Treasurer Liz Greene. Spending is proceeding according to plan. One new item, approved by the board since the last membership meeting, is landscaping for the association's sign at the corner of Rolling Road and Barnack Drive at a cost of \$102.49 for plants and supplies. James Kriebel donated his labor as part of a Junior Honor Society service project.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Neighborhood Watch – Jeff Carter. In Jeff's absence, John noted that there have been no patrols lately due to lack of volunteers.

b. *The Village Crier* – Larry Mark. The next *Village Crier* is due out in July. As always, we want to include family fun announcements and articles that will be of interest to others.

c. Website – Russell Hilliard. Russ seeks suggestions to improve the web site. An idea that he would like to implement is a new section where residents share what has worked for them.

d. Community Directory – Editor Jane Ray. In Jane's absence, John reported that those who have chosen to have their e-mail addresses published in the directory have not experience unwanted messages as a result.

e. Membership – Julia Hale. The recruitment drive for the next membership year will commence early September and to be again conducted via email, website, and the *The Village Crier*.

5. Old Business:

a. The contract to maintain the Rolling Road median strip through our village was let to Image Works without competition. Image Works has been the incumbent for several years and has provided good service at a reasonable rate. John noted that if any other company would like to bid for the contract in the future they are welcome to do so.

b. Update to Verizon installing antennae on the Village West Pool tower. We don't know the status; the former Verizon contact appears to be gone and we have had no success finding another contact.

c. Widening of Rolling Road. This contentious project remains in both Fairfax County and consequently Virginia plans for future road construction. The civic association leadership spent a great deal of time and energy trying to determine whether the association should try to stop the project or try

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to change certain features of it to lessen the impact on Rolling Road and village residents before, during, and after the construction phase. After negotiating with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the County Board of Supervisors, the leadership represented the mitigation option as our association's position. Later, a group of West Springfield Village neighbors, called the West Springfield Village Committee on Stopping the Project, conducted a door-to-door survey of WSV residents; the committee reported that 83% of villagers indicated support for attempts to stop the project. This information was presented at a Board of Supervisors hearing in 2009.

6. New Business:

a. Membership Dues for the next Fiscal Year (1 Oct 10– 30 Sep 11). After discussion the membership voted to retain annual dues at \$10 for the next membership year. The key issue in the discussion is the availability of county assistance for our June clean-up days. If the county should cease providing this service and we had to lease trash dumpsters, the cost would be about \$5 per member. At this time we expect county assistance to continue, but it could always be cancelled.

b. Yard Sale – A coordinator sought for the rain date. For this weekend, John Cooley will put out the signs Friday night and Liz Greene will collect them after the yard sale ends. The yard sale is an opportunity to get rid of things that you don't want to make the effort to sell but are willing to give away. Just put these items out will a "FREE" sign on them.

c. Community Cleanup, 19 June, at the Rolling Valley Elementary School parking lot. Two features are "curbside pickup" (volunteers with a pick up truck will collect large items at residents' homes, but curbside only) and the "last chance corral" (useful things set aside as turned in for adoption before the end of the pickup period).

d. 4th of July Parade and Pool Party. This major event of the association and Village West Pool is open to all residents of the West Springfield Village, regardless whether they belong to the association or the pool or neither. It is not yet decided whether the event will be held on Sunday, July 4, or Monday, July 5. The decision will be announced via e-news. Sarah Chey will coordinate; she could use some volunteer help for task such as set up, tear down, and road guards.

e. Patriot Ridge Business Center. A recent news article announced the pending construction of a major office park at the location of the former Palone Chevrolet dealership on Backlick Road.

f. Falling trees. There was a discussion about what to do if a neighbor's tree endangers your property and after it falls on your property. Another issue discussed was VDOT's responsibility for clearing trees from the road and whether VDOT has been moving logs far enough off the Rolling Road roadway. Advice for VDOT issues was to use the VDOT web site or phone number to report a problem and, if that fails, to contact our district supervisor, Pat Herrity.

g. Signs on medians. Some noted that recently political signs on Rolling Road near the high school actually blocked driver's sight lines.

h. Solicitors. Recently a young man was introducing himself to residents as part of a radio show stunt to meet a large number of people. To be legal, solicitors need a license; ask to see it! One particular solicitor of which to be wary is the frozen meat truck that frequents our area.

h. Dick Denny commended, and the membership thanked, members of the board who have served for ten or more years: John Cooley, Julia Hale, and Larry Marks.

7. Adjourn 8:30 PM

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Attachments:

1. Financial Statement as of May 17, 2010
2. List of Attendees

Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Secretary

CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF WEST SPRINGFIELD VILLAGE
Financial Statement as of May 17, 2010

	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2010 Budget
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Starting FY Balance	\$4,228.00	\$3,766.92	\$3,765.92
Membership Revenue	3,170.00	3,275.00	3,200.00
Interest Income	7.56	1.96	10.00
Rolling Valley Residents	30.00		
Advertising Income-Crier			
Advertising Income-Directory			
Total Additional Income	<u>37.56</u>	<u>1.96</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Total Revenue	3,207.56	3,276.96	3,210.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>General Operating Expenses:</u>			
The Village Crier (newsletter)	869.40	372.21	1,100.00
Directory			
Rolling Valley Mailing/Copying	30.00		
Membership	14.00	70.46	200.00
Neighborhood Watch			75.00
Meetings	10.60		50.00
State Corp Fees	25.00		25.00
Membership/Council/Federation	40.00		65.00
Banking		5.00	25.00
Miscellaneous/Admin	13.44		100.00
P.O. Box Rental	140.00		145.00
Website Maintenance	29.94	41.94	75.00
<u>Community Services:</u>			
RR Maintenance (Image Works)	1,200.00	300.00	1,260.00
Community Yard Sale	121.77	94.75	175.00
Community Clean-up—Total	43.95		100.00
Pohick	16.83		25.00
Village	27.12		75.00
Community Parties—Total	946.54	87.76	700.00
Fourth of July	660.87		400.00
Halloween	85.67	87.76	100.00
Christmas Party	200.00		200.00
Donations	185.00	50.00	500.00
Village Sign	0	102.49	0
Total Expenses	3,669.64	1,124.11	4,595.00
Net Income	(462.08)	2,152.85	(1,385.00)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>\$6,018.94</u>	<u>\$5,918.77</u>	<u>\$2,380.92</u>

John Cooley
Mattie Couples
Dick Denny
Liz Greene
Julia Hale
Bill Harvey
Deanna Harvey
Bob Havey
Russell Hilliard
Jeanne Jones
Larry Mark
Mary Mark
Patty McKnight
Shirley Morris
Bob Lomax
Bill Stevenson
Thalia Stevenson
Donnie Walker
Ed Wyse
Margaret Wyse