

Tunbridge Station Civic League

Date: April 19, 2022
Location: Towne Hall
Meeting called by: Joyce Monaghan, President
Type of Meeting: General
Facilitator: Joyce Monaghan
Timekeeper: None
Attendance: See List
CPD Resource Officer: SPO J. J. Saburn and Officer Smith

Board Members: Joyce Monaghan, President, Elsie Pickens, Second Vice President
Art Guertin, Secretary, Chris Fisher, Treasurer

Vice President, Rob Mulvihill was absent

The meeting was called to order.

Welcome and introductions.

Reports of officers: Minutes of the last meeting of January 18, 2022 were read and approved
Treasurer's report was read. The first day of the annual dues drive was held and \$695. was collected. There were expenses of 762.50, 682.50 of that was legal fees. There is a current balance in the general fund of \$780.32, the balance of the emergency fund is 839.66 and \$639.25 remains in the legal fund. Questions were asked and answered following the treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

There was discussion of a website, and it was explained that in 2016 the membership approved a \$200 expenditure to build a TS website. Board members met with a professional website builder who lived in the neighborhood and agreed to do it but then moved out of the neighborhood without ever starting the website. 2-3 people volunteered since but never followed through with the commitment.

There was discussion of the newsletter being placed on Facebook rather than spending civic league dues to print them. It was explained that a survey was distributed to all residents just a few years ago and the majority preference was that the newsletters be printed and distributed. It was also explained that placing the newsletters on Facebook would exclude many residents who do not use Facebook or social media.

There was an announcement that all board positions have expired because Towne Bank closed the meeting room in 2020 and it did not reopen until January of 2022. Elections are normally held in November but will be held this year in October since requests to Towne Bank for the room were backlogged and Tunbridge Station had to take whatever dates were available. The election process was explained and the method by which candidates may seek a position on the board was thoroughly explained as outlined in the Meeting Agenda.

There was not a quorum of board members present. It was announced the four board members in attendance would be resigning at the close of the meeting. The written resignations were with those members and would become part of the meeting minutes. It was announced that the

business of the meeting was concluded since at that time there was no board to move forward with new business.

The president called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was not carried.

One resident stood and thanked the board for their dedication and service and went on to say how difficult it was to get volunteers and attendance at meetings and that the board members have often stayed on for lengthy periods because no one would step up. It was then announced that the meeting was adjourned.

One resident stated, though it had already been stated in the announcement, that he “assumed we were resigning that night and asked what would happen with the funds and the accounts, will it be turned over?” Board members answered that it would. Though it was known that one board member remained he asked, “to who?”. The treasurer answered, “to Rob Mulvihill”, He then asked if he was on the account, the treasurer answered, “yes.” One resident then asked if there was another meeting before October and was told July 6th. (Every meeting date for 2022 was posted on the front page of the last newsletter that was distributed to every single resident).

A group of people in the back of the room began to talk among themselves and speak out of order. The president then stated that the meeting stands adjourned.

A resident at the back said there’s no motion to adjourn so we can’t adjourn. Everyone remained seated. The resident who questioned how the funds would be turned over spoke out again and asked if we had bylaws. The president told him that there are bylaws, but we did not have them with us. He then began asking questions to the president in a manner that could likened to the cross examination of a hostile witness. “Do you have the bylaws? The response: “I do but I do not have them with me.” He then asked, “Do you have them on your computer that you can send them to me?” Response “No, I do not. I do not have them on my computer” Resident then asked, “Does Rob have the bylaws?” Response: “All board members have the bylaws.” He then asked, “Does Rob have them on his computer?” Response: “You’re asking me a question you should be asking Rob I have no way of knowing what Rob has on his computer. Anyone who wants a copy of the bylaws will get them.”

Some residents continued to talk among themselves, speak out and were getting louder. The President again stated the meeting is adjourned. Resource Officer, SPO Saburn then said to attendees. “The meeting is adjourned, please stand and leave.” Officer Saburn advised via message to the president that the board should now leave first until the room could be cleared and the person responsible for closing could then return and lock up. All board members left the building and the parking lot except for the president who waited to close. After the room emptied, Officer Saburn gave the okay to close. The building was then secured, and the two Police officers remained in the parking lot as the last board member left.

Turnbridge Station Civic League Inc.
Town Hall, 137 Mr. Pleasant Rd, Chesapeake, Va.
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 - 7 pm
AGENDA

1. Call To Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

Board Members:

President, Joyce Monaghan
Vice President, Rob Mulvihill
2nd Vice President, Elsie Pickens
Secretary, Art Guertin
Treasurer, Chris Fisher

Chesapeake Police Department Resource Officer:

S.P.O. J. J. Saburn

3. Speaker: Joyce Monaghan

4. Reports of Officers:

Minutes of January last meeting - Art Guertin
Treasurer's report - Chris Fisher

5. Old Business:

A. In 2015 Joyce proposed to the membership that website be built that would be an informational site where minutes, treasurer's reports, newsletters could be published. It was not passed until by the membership until 2016 with an allowance of \$200 to spend on building the site. One neighbor who does that professionally volunteered but then moved away 3 or 4 people volunteered since that time but did not follow through. Anyone interested in working on that project should contact a member of the Civic League Board

B. Election of Civic League Officers. Elections are held every other year in November. Newly elected officers take their positions in January of the next year. We were not able to get a meeting date in November this year due to the large number of requests for the room following the closing during COVID. Elections this year will therefore be in October. Candidates seeking a position on the board must submit their qualifications in writing to the board for publication in the newsletter, must have attended at least two **regular** meetings prior to the election and be a dues paying member. All current board positions are expired

President

Vice-President appointed in Spring of 2019

Second Vice-President

Secretary - Appointed June 2021 to fill a vacancy

Treasurer - Appointed November 2019 to fill a vacancy

7. Adjournment