

TONTO HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
6:30pm at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lou Frederick, Cheryl Kaufman, Carol Landauer, Denny Maple, Rick Nelson, Rick Pearson, and Bill Victor

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Joel Cohn, Bob Swan

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Richard Pagel, Ralph Spurgin, Charles Civer, Billy Hayes, Rick Ersland, Kirk Landauer, Mary Pearson, Keith Pierce, Kurt & Kathy Finnie.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by President Rick Nelson.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Members made comments and asked questions concerning the following topics:

Billy Hayes asked when the brush dumpsters would be available. Rick Nelson said late March or early April Ralph Spurgin summarized his review of property tax differences between Tonto Hills and Carefree Hills for 2007 – 2008 and 2008 – 2009. Tonto Hills assessments on fifteen ‘matched’ homes increased 62% from 2007 to 2009. Carefree Hills assessments decreased 2%. The County Assessor’s Office explained to Mr. Spurgin that our elevation and lot size were the driving factors. The County Assessor’s Office said they will look at the conflict in rates. If no acceptable answer is provided, Mr. Spurgin suggested this could be a good THIA Board project for 2009.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Rick Pearson moved the minutes for the January Board meeting be approved, Lou Frederick second, motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Rick Pearson presented the Treasurer’s report, Carol Landauer motioned to accept the report, Denny Maple second, motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved the formation of the Tonto Hills Domestic Water Improvement District. The County appointed Bill Victor and Bob Swan to the DWID Board. Both individuals resigned from the THIA Board.

Denny Maple motioned that Rick Ersland and Ralph Spurgin be appointed to the vacant Board seats for the remainder of the term, Cheryl Kaufman second, motion passed.

*COS Annexation Committee* – The committee met with Don Hadder on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Eric Luker, John, Stevens, Ralph Spurgin and Cheryl Kaufman were present. Mr. Hadder stated that

the city staff will recommend against annexation of Tonto Hills. Denny Maple wants the city to provide THIA a written copy of the city's final report and recommendation not to proceed. Cheryl Kaufman will contact the city and request the report. Denny Maple will revise the annexation committees' final report for inclusion in the election material mailing.

A letter addressed to the Board was received asking for assistance in a property line question. The Board decided that we should not be involved in this type issue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*2009 Ballot & Election Preparation* – The Board discussed the content of the election material and ballot. The questions concerning annexation and Kachina were removed from the ballot. These topics will be discussed during the annual general meeting. Denny Maple motioned to accept the election material content and ballot, Rick Pearson second, motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion by Carol Landauer and a second by Rick Pearson, the Board unanimously approved adjournment at 8:25PM.