

Tonto Hills Improvement Association

MINUTES
of the MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, February 13, 2007
6:30pm- Christ the Lord Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Rick Nelson.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Nelson, Carol Landauer, Rick Ersland, Terese Fontaine, Richard Smail, Denny Maple, Bill Victor, Chris Camiolo

ABSENT: Ann DiChiara

GUESTS PRESENT: Bill Hayes, Kurt Blick

1. **ITEM OPEN FORUM:** Rick Nelson reported that Bill Hayes offered to repair streets signs damaged by the dumpster at LaPlata and Blue Wash. Bill Hayes also has moved street sign at Deer Trail and Cave Creek Roads for better visibility.

Bill Hayes inquired about promptness of posting minutes after monthly Board meeting. Rick Nelson stated that January minutes were posted at mailbox one week after meeting. Rick Nelson agreed to ask Robert Kroger about any delays in posting minutes on the website.

2. **ITEM JANUARY MINUTES:** Denny Maple moved to approve January minutes. Bill Victor seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved.
3. **ITEM TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rick Nelson reviewed Treasurer's Report, reporting balance to be \$63,184.64. Rick Ersland moved to approve Treasurer's Report. Richard Smail seconded the motion. Report unanimously approved.
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT:**
 - 1) **ITEM FIRE SEASON:** Rick Nelson reported that the Forest Service warns of a high fire season threat. Therefore, it is advised that properties be cleared and dumpsters be put out as soon as possible. Darryl Van Duyn notes that a regional Fire Service representative has offered to speak at the THIA general meeting regarding ways to mitigate fire risk. A notice will be sent to property owners.
 - 2) **ITEM FRONT ENTRANCE:** Frank Villars has billed THIA \$90 for repair of irrigation systems damaged by freeze. Estimated yearly bill for weed control is \$350.
 - 3) **ITEM ROADS:** In mid-January, the County dumped a lime/AB mix on Tonto Road in an effort to control dust. Rick Nelson reported that the mix stayed hard and effective in the middle of the road, but eroded and broke off in chunks on the sides of the road due to water run-off. Scott Smallish is doing an analysis of the

roads. Though the roads are currently below specifications, the County is going to continue to grade.

5. **ITEM WATER COMMITTEE REPORT:** Bill Victor reported on Town Hall Meeting presentation and identified data still needed, including Scottsdale's minimum design standards. Bill Victor also reported that RCAC (Rural Community Assistance Corporation) is federally funded to screen applicants for loans and advise rural communities on financial options. He reports that Tonto Hills is eligible for such a grant.
6. **ITEM DRAFT BUDGET:** A reserve amount of approximately \$13,000 is anticipated by year's end. Left over money goes into general fund.
7. **ITEM ELECTION ISSUES:** Currently five candidates are running for the Board. One candidate is running for ACC. The Board agreed on the following election procedure: a) Ballot votes, including write-ins, will be tallied; b) At the General Meeting, additional candidates will be solicited from the floor and voted upon by Meeting attendees; c) Board will appoint people to any remaining slots. (ACC requires six members; THIA Board needs five – nine members.)
8. **ITEM NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 1) **WATER COMMITTEE:** Bill Victor reported that WIFA offers a technical assistance grant worth up to \$35,000 that could cover expenses for audit, appraisal, and Preliminary Engineering Report of water company. After much discussion, Rick Ersland motioned to proceed with the grant application. Denny Maple seconded. The Board unanimously approved. A March 14 meeting with WIFA will be held to review grant application process. There is no cost to apply. Bill Victor will fill out application and review with Board at next Board meeting.
 - 2) **BOARD MEETING:** Next meeting will be held March 7, 2007 at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church.
9. **ITEM ADJOURNMENT:** Rick Nelson motioned to adjourn general meeting. Rick Ersland seconded. Board voted unanimously to adjourn.