

Minutes of the meeting Thursday June 13, 2024

The meeting was opened at 6:11 pm.

It was brought to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a request for the members to remember those servicemen and servicewomen that are currently serving and those that gave their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Roll call the Board of Trustees: Adrian Corrigan: Yes, Rich Bowen is absent, but sends his best, he's on the mend. Fran Hurley. Is absent and on the mend, she had knee replacement. Linda Hendricks: Here Vince DeChiaro: Here, John Faye: Here and myself, Mike Signorile. We have enough in attendance for quorum.

After the business portion of the meeting, the floor will be turned over to the chairperson of the election committee who's sitting in in the front row. She will conduct the candidate portion of the meeting. Now I'll move on to the monthly business meeting.

I'm going to read the treasures report for Fran since she's not here.

**Treasury report:** As of today, we have **\$418 543.94** in the operating account. The reserve account has **\$790 889.14** and the deferred account for building C currently has **\$213,022.74** (we have not made the final payment for the rehab of building C, so that money will remain in the account until we get approval for final payment from architect/engineers.) I need a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion Made by Vince DeChiaro, second by Adrian Corrigan. All in favor, non-opposed.

The minutes from the last homeowners meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They were printed in the Southwind, it should be noted that the minutes as were transcribed were not verbatim. There were sections where the recording was not clear, and a short description was printed with details as best as it could be heard and understood. Can I have a motion to accept those minutes as printed. Adrian Corrigan - so moved. Can I have a second: Vince DeChiaro - second. All in favor. Non opposed.

Old Business:

The restoration of the auditorium is now truly old business!!

We are finally here! I want to thank everyone for their patience during this process, but here we are, in the auditorium, where we belong.

Legislative matters. The petitions that are being signed for the Social Security bill that was introduced into Congress, HR 7084 are being forwarded to our congressmen and the sponsor of the bill in Minnesota. I had a meeting with Ocean County Senior Services the other day and they are pushing the bill. Even though there's some add-ons, like I mentioned at the last meeting, they still think that the bill might have a shot after the election, so they're going to keep on it and continue to send the petitions to congressional representatives.

There doesn't appear to be any further old business at this time. Does anyone have anything they would like to add.

With no further old business we will move onto new business.

There were some matters that were voted on during the executive session today. They will need to be brought to the floor and read into the minutes.

The first matter pertains to the many emails we received and personal requests from members about extending the hours at the pool. Starting tomorrow, Friday 6/14, through the end of the month the hours will be extended to 9:00 pm and in July, they're going to go to 10 o'clock. In light of the hot weather everyone on the Board voted unanimously to extend the pool hours.

I see Mike (from the Movie Committee) is in the audience. He and his committee are moving forward with the movie night and I'm excited about that as many of us should be. We purchased a new screen that will allow movies to be shown in the tent.

As we know, there's been a lot of back and forth with posts on Nextdoor and Facebook regarding transparency of the board and the fact that there's allegations there's money missing or misappropriated. With that being said the Board took it upon itself to research forensic audit companies to complete a deep dive audit of the association's financials over the last 2 to 5 years. There's an annual audit being conducted right now. In addition to that audit the Board has decided to move forward with a forensic audit to assure the members that the association's finances are in order. We received three bids that were reviewed by the Board and a unanimous decision was made to accept the bid presented by McKenzie Forensic Auditors. They're well known throughout the industry. This forensic audit is being conducted so everyone can have a clear head and know that there's no funds that have been misappropriated, including the funds that were given to us by the insurance company to rehab the auditorium. It will take between 60 to 90 days to complete the forensic audit.

There's a seminar that's going to be given on Wednesday, July 17th at 10 A.M. It's in Whiting at Village Five, Hilltop Hall. The seminar is about scammers. There's going to be people from Ocean County Consumer Affairs, the State and the Manchester police. It's a free seminar. We're finding more and more people in our age group are getting scammed and the scammers are getting better at it. We have got to be aware of what's going on and they're going to put it all in front of you. I'll get John to see if we can get some of these people here for our neighborhood watch.

Do any of the Trustees have anything else?

Since there the Trustees don't have anything to add I have something I want to read. This is to the members of the election committee. But it's also meant to be heard by everyone.

*The Board would like to thank the members of the election committee who have dedicated their time and efforts to ensure that all the proper protocols for our election have and are being followed. These individuals should be commended for their efforts and commitment. The Board would like to add that the election committee members have worked diligently to ensure the upcoming election is run in a fair and unbiased manner and should not be subject to criticism or harassment. They, like all of us, are volunteers. Their efforts should be recognized and appreciated.*

**Mike Signorile:** Now I have something that I would like to cover that involves the Board, but is also personal.

*The past several years have been difficult at best. First, we spent two years locked down during COVID and upon our return to normalcy, the trusses in our auditorium failed.*

*With that being said, The Board would like to address some accusations and statements made by a few homeowners over the past few months and hopefully provide a better understanding for everyone.*

*It has been said that the current Board is not transparent, that we are spending money without apprising the membership. Then there is the matter of slander and defamation that is constantly being perpetrated on social media with continuous false allegations. All these statements and allegations made with no evidence or facts to back them up.*

*We would like to set the record straight. Presently, this organization is in the best financial shape it has ever been. There have been no large expenditures other than the remediation of the auditorium and that was covered by an insurance settlement. All other expenditures have been normal maintenance projects listed in the reserve study and were necessary to provide this membership with the best community possible.*

*There have been questions as to the publishing of financials in the Southwind. Financials **should not** and **will not** be published until there is a provisional audit completed by the Association's independent auditor. The audit is usually completed by the end of the first quarter. Generally, any time between April or July, depending on the time frame of the annual audit, the financials can be published. This year there has been a delay in publishing the financials. This is due to a restructuring of the office staff which required our CPA to apply for an extension for this year's tax filing. We would like to remind the membership that for the past 8 years we have always had clean audits and our hope is to continue on that path. Once we have preliminary audit findings, the financials will be published.*

*With that in mind, every year when the financial and audit findings are published, we invite the members to take some time, make an appointment and sit with members of the Board to review them. In the past, the Board has entertained many members who have had an interest in reviewing the financials and this Board is more than happy to continue taking the time for those reviews. What this Board finds remarkable is the same individuals who continually spew slanderous and defaming remarks, have never reached out or asked to review the available financial documents but instead continue to make statements and remarks without any facts to back them up.*

*Those few individuals have specifically raised questions of transparency related to the rehabilitation of the auditorium. To those questions of transparency, the Board provided updates every month in the Southwind relaying all information that was available or could be provided without compromising the insurance negotiations.*

*We would also like to remind everyone that during the negotiations with the insurance company, we received a call from our attorney and the insurance company's attorney, advising us that a member of our community had improperly contacted the insurance company attorney. That individual questioned the process and attempted to determine if we had coverage from the insurance company's attorney. That member is now running for this Board and is the same person **who** called the State and the Township regarding permits for the tent – **who** recently made an OPRA request to the Township in reference to the construction permits for the remediation of building C, and **who** along with another candidate recently*

*contacted the Fire Marshall , filing a complaint regarding the location of the HVAC units, stating their placement violated fire egress codes. These actions have accomplished nothing except cost the association legal and architectural fees to ensure we were compliant and set back the time frame for completion of our auditorium.*

*This Board is a volunteer board and relies on professional advice when involved in projects. It does not need people second guessing every action taken. There are many more details that we could provide where steps were taken to stall or interfere with Board-related matters, even moving beyond the confines of this association's boundaries.*

*We can't even begin to address the posts on social media that were completely un-factual and slanderous at best. The point is, this Board has always been transparent and will always continue to be. To ensure those who have questioned the integrity of the current Board, we will be engaging in a forensic audit. This is an additional cost to our annual audit and will squash the accusations and rumors of financial impropriety by members of this Board. This forensic audit will be performed by a firm that specializes in this type of audit to ensure that not only are we financially solvent, but all funds have been accounted for and there have been no unnecessary or inappropriate expenditures. Everyone should be reminded that some of the individuals who are currently running for positions on this Board have made the allegations that initiated and required the need for this expenditure.*

*Is your Board perfect, absolutely not. Has your Board stepped up to the plate and put its best foot forward when the things went sideways, absolutely!! Integrity and honesty are attributes that are a must for anyone who wishes to serve in a fiduciary position. The decision is yours as to whether unsubstantiated statements and social media post transpose into integrity and honesty. The membership should also be aware that many of the accusations and statements are not directed at the Board as a whole, but single out individuals who in their benevolence have refused to let these inappropriate attacks on their personal character affect their dedication to the Board and this community.*

*The Board would like to thank you for indulging us for a few minutes so we could provide a brief overview of a few items that at times placed roadblocks or at the very least speed bumps in the way of progress. In most cases, all that needed to be done by certain members was simply **“ask” - realize that they don't know everything - and more importantly “listen”**.*

*The key to success throughout a community like ours is having individuals who volunteer and become a part of the solution when things get tough, not have their actions create problems. Ask yourself, are these continued allegations and attempts to hinder the ability of this Board to function in the best interest of the membership? Are they part of the solution? Do these actions make any sense?*

*Take the time to think about the manner in which individuals present themselves and how those same individuals will present themselves when representing this community as a whole. Remember, the reason you elect and place your trust in the members of your Board, then cast your vote.*

**Mike Signorile:** Our legal counsel has just advised me that I have to call for a motion on the forensic audit, which I did not. I apologize for that. I need a motion. Motion made by Vince DeChiaro, second by Adrian Corrigan to approve the proposal submitted McKenzie Forensic Auditors. The initial cost for the audit will be a deposit of \$4,800.00, and the total would be \$12, 375.00 dollars. That depends on their

findings. If there are additional findings the cost could go as high as \$20,000 to \$25,000. Our hope is there will be no findings and the audit will be clean. I have a motion here on the floor and a second. All in favor. Everyone responded yes. There was no one opposed. Motion passed.

All right, um, I think that's all I have here. Do the trustees have anything. No. Okay, with no other business to discuss. I'm going to call for a motion to close the business portion of the meeting. Adrian Corrigan made the motion, second by Vince DeChiaro. All were in favor with no negative votes or abstentions.

**Mike Signorile:** I'm going to turn this over to the election committee now. Gail Sanzari, Chairperson.

**Peter Ernst:** Stood up in the audience and questioned when the members will be able to ask questions of the Board? The Board advised they will be back in July then we are off in August and back in September. The individual insisted on being able to ask questions. He was advised that this was not the forum for questions and that he would be able to address the any questions to the board in July and again in September. He was advised that this time is dedicated to the candidates and if there is time when the election committee has completed their portion of the meeting the Board will entertain questions.

**Mike Signorile:** Once again, I'm turning the meeting over to the election committee.

**Gail Sanzari – Election Committee Chairperson:** Good evening, everyone. So nice to see so many people out here tonight, and I hope I see all of these faces on Election Day. If you attended last month's meeting you got to meet my committee. Unfortunately, my co-chair was not able to be here last month. I'd like to introduce Marianne Petrozzino.

We're going to start tonight with the candidates who wish to give their speeches first, and then follow with questions from the audience. I must add that Rich Bohan is improving, but he's not quite ready to be around large crowds, so therefore he will not be here this evening. Also, Fran Hurley had a knee replacement last week, so she will not be able to be here this evening either. So, we'll just have to continue with our other candidates. We will go in alphabetical order, to make it fair. We'll start tonight with Joe Bushey.

**Joe Bushey:** Thank you for all being here tonight. I think it's very important that we get informed about what's going on in our community. Can everybody hear me? I'll make sure I keep the microphone up. That was a great speech, Mike. I didn't know you were running for re-election this year.

I did not inquire about any permits or anything like that, I question things. And when you question things, a lot of times good things come about, for example, there were a bunch of us that sent a petition to the board about the pool staying open later, there was also a bunch of emails that were sent out in the last few days when we saw the forecast for next week. And the Board heard us. That's a good thing for the community. Okay, that doesn't happen, unless people question things. You know, and same thing with the transparency, I know that's a big Issue. But you know when people are saying that perception's reality. If people perceive that there's a lack of transparency and I know I wasn't the only one, certain issues you know, people are going to start to assume certain things, rumors and confusion and that's not really a good way to run the association at least on my opinion.

Like, what was written in this month's Southwind and I quote, "many of you have heard that there is a need for change. It is by understanding that these words come from individuals who have been in positions of control for many years, The key to leadership is not time, but integrity, knowledge and the willingness to provide the community and its members with a hundred percent" unquote. Horrible opinion.

You gain Integrity by listening to your community such as allowing the pool to stay open, having more transparency, showing the financials. Not saying there's not any improprieties going on but I think it just eliminates the questions and confusions and rumors that go around in this community. At last month's candidates night one of our sitting board members up for re-election, posted about his desire to keep the pool closed at seven To save money. I'm glad they saw the light and decided to keep that open. But let me just clarify when that was voted. At the time, it took three other members at least to have that majority vote. And, also why don't we know who voted for that? I think that would be useful to the community. If you're voting on something, put it in the Southwind when that's transparent. So that we know where Board members stand on certain issues. I don't think you'd treat any one amenity differently or better than another, people who love the pool, people that play cards love playing in a card room. The clubs you have to treat them all equally not just because you favor one over the others. I think that's a big mistake and I think that's very narrow-minded in my opinion, I would never suggest closing building B, the card room at nine o'clock to save money. You could save money that way too, you can shut the lights off and tell the guard to go home. I would never make such a ridiculous suggestion. I walked this community putting flyers in your doors, had a little bit of help from my wife and a friend. I've seen some very well kept properties. Those people should be encouraged and complimented on what they've done. Some haven't taken care of their properties too well and I'd like to do something about that if elected without causing hardship to that person or our community. I've met many nice people who also agreed with me that there needed to be more transparency. Especially about expenditures current and future. It was printed at one time, every month in the South Wind, and then it was stopped a few years ago. Oh, many people also agreed with me about the rules and regulations, that they need to be clarified, updated and enforced equally. I thank those people for reinforcing what I believe also needs to be done here. And one last thing please exercise your right to vote, talk to your neighbors. It's important and Happy Father's Day to all the awesome dads out there. Thank you.

**Gail Sanzari:** The next speaker will be John Fay.

**John Fay:** I'm trying to cut this short because I'll answer something else. He just started. All right, the building itself was out of shape for a year and a half. June of 22. It went down. By December of 23, the insurance companies gave us eight hundred thousand dollars. I thought that was a pretty good record but a gentleman here that's an insurance agent said we should have went to the lawyer sooner. Hey, we trusted in the insurance company. But now we got it done. Thank God, we do look great and by February of 2024, we started working on the building. But due to someone living in our neighborhood running to the town, putting stumbling blocks in our way. We might have been open sooner. Fran Hurley, Rich Bohan, and I came into the board of July of 21. We each had our own reasons for becoming trustees. Fran has done a great job as a treasurer. We have \$798 000 in reserves. An indication that if anything happens or if we have work to be done later on, we've got the money for it. We got \$75 000 job for the pool filter room if we have to make the room bigger. Where the pumps are. We got the money for it and some of the things

that we have the money for through the reserve study. Rich Bohan He is taking care of all the trustees' activities, also overseas your club activity schedules. Which is Alice Patricio on the Women's Club complimented him at our March meeting of this year. So I guess he's doing a pretty good job. Myself. Now I'm in charge of the Lawn Service, Security and my own self appointed job of watching over your money and how it's spent. Since March of this year, we no longer have an office manager and I believe it has made the office stronger. Adrian. Mike, Fred and Linda have taken all the different things our office manager did and are pitching in. Richie and me ain't too good at the paperwork but we did help out. We helped out at the office we answered phones, which I was banned from. We did whatever we could, I'll put it like that. Okay. Okay, Mike. I believe I told you if the weather went bad, we would raise the hours. We did. I'm a man of my word. I told you we would do it and we did it. All of us, it was Universal. All six of us said yes to keeping the pool open. We looked at the weather, it's going to be anywhere between 80 and 90 degrees for the next two weeks. Seemed silly to close the pool at that point, even though we're spending extra money. Joe with other people would like to keep it open up until ten o'clock. I'm sorry, there's 2,359 homes in this place. Why should eight or nine homes dictate what time the pool is going to be open. The card room, four years ago spent four thousand dollars. Two thousand dollars because of Tony Pica. George Mason and the wood shop, they repaired our tables, they fixed them up for two thousand dollars. This past year we brought a man in to recover them again and it cost us another two thousand. Four years, The pool room just cost us about eighteen hundred dollars to recover, the pool tables and buy cue balls. Anyway, the pool. Fifty thousand dollars in 2022, fifty thousand dollars in twenty twenty three. You tell me where you would cut money people, where would you cut it and two thousand dollar thing or three thousand or something? I'm sorry. Oh God, and it's A have a nice evening, a good summer. And believe me, I hope you all enjoy Holiday City South. It's the best

**Gail Sanzari:** The next candidate will be uh, Debbie Fazio.

**Debbie Fazio:** Good evening, everyone, and thank you for coming out tonight. Once again, I wish the best of luck to the other candidates in our up coming election. I'm Debbie Fazio, and I've lived here for about 16 years. After retiring from being a special education teacher for over 30 years, I began to become more involved here in our clubhouse. I took bus trips attended most functions and enjoyed volunteering as much as possible. I particularly enjoyed and still do playing ping pong, three, four or five days a week as well as substituting during the summer for the shuffle board league. I took on being the president of our social club and helped increase the membership to well over 400. In just one year, after stepping down, I continued to support and volunteer for the club by running all their fundraising events. These usually had well over 300 guests and made lots of money for the club. I'm still asked to help the clubs and groups get what they need to start up by helping them to acquire all needed paperwork and teaching them how to follow correct procedures needed to accomplish it quickly, but most importantly correctly, my strength is having the ability to organize and execute just about any function or activity and can pretty much guarantee its success. I previously served as a trustee for two years during the pandemic and am exciting about the possibility of serving you in our community once again. This time I come as an experienced adult one who knows, respects and appreciates your opinions. Someone who will never make empty promises and who will remain loyal and true to you throughout my three years of service. Promise to speak up on your behalf and continue to support and vote for what we as a community want. However, I'm going to ask you, the residents to remember that I or any candidate cannot do it alone. We need a

board with members who support and vote for what the majority of the residents want. Ones who care about and will stand up strong for what you think and how you feel board members, who put friendships aside, as well as their own personal interests for the good of the association and really listen to the homeowners, you have the power to elect the board, which you believe will do just that. Listen, three candidates of your choosing will serve us for the next three years. Make it three that you truly believe will keep you informed and updated not after the fact, but before. I've learned so much those two years of service and I truly believe I can be an even bigger asset to all of you for the next three years. What I tried to do is impress upon you tonight. What is most important to me are the residents, the shareholders, the people whose lives are affected by the decisions that are made in that boardroom. I want the chance to show you that my actions will support my words. Here tonight, it's one thing to be a candidate who says everything. They think the residents want to hear and then easily forget it once elected and sitting in that boardroom. I will not forget what I vowed here tonight, and I ask you the voters to give me the chance to prove it to you. I'd like to share these final words because it was important to me, I saved the oath, I pledged at the swearing in and framed. It I also framed a photo given to me at the actual swearing-in ceremony, I kept the one and only congratulations card sent to me from a dear friend and I purchased the desk plaque with the name, my name and title on, it reminding me every day the responsibility my job holds To the office every day with a binder, given to me by my daughter after winning last time, inside, it's inscribed. And it reads Mom. I'm so proud of you continue to lead by listening. Change with Fierce passion and touch people with your empathy, the Holiday City South Community is lucky to have you. Love, Danielle. Hope many of you agree as well. Thank you.

**Gail Sanzari:** Our next speaker will be Wayne Scragg.

**Wayne Scragg:** Good evening, I want to thank everybody for coming in tonight. My name is Wayne Scragg. I lived here since October of 2019. I am here because I would like to volunteer for a trustee position. If elected, I'd like to see more transparency which I'm glad they finally agreed to start doing, and accountability, and respect for every homeowner on this board. Let us put an end to the arrogance and bad decisions. This board has been quoted in saying that we cannot get 600 people out of here to vote. Oh, it says to me that the people of this community don't care what is going on. I want you to prove them wrong, come out here, vote grab a friend, a neighbor, someone who doesn't drive, bring them to this election and have them vote. Let us show them that we are a community that cares and we're proud of our community. This election is the chance for everyone to let their voice be heard. To protect what I consider almost everyone in this community. Most valuable possession their home. This community, this vote is a financial decision to protect and preserve what is yours? I promise you I will always bring transparency and accountability if elected. I will always give everyone respect and listen to what you have to say. You will never ever get any arrogance out of me. I hope that your support the people who are running tonight, who share the values as I do and take the steps to protect what is yours. Thank you for your time.

**Gail Sanzari:** Okay. The next portion of the meeting is going to be questions from the audience for the candidates. Mariane Petrozzino will explain how we're going to work that out.



**Mariane Petrozzino:** Good evening. Uh they have put questions in the pitchers over there. We'll randomly have someone pick the question for each candidate? They have three questions that they can answer, and they have three minutes for each question. So, can you bring the pitchers here? When we pick your name and call it, can you please come up to the podium to ask your questions so everybody can hear it in here?

The first question will be for Joe. And the name picked is Larry Puccio:

**Larry Puccio:** Bingo is opening July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks God. There's are rumors going around about a management company that you're in favor of. Is that correct?

**Joe Bushey:** Unfortunately, there's a lot of rumors going around this community. Larry should know that. There were rumors going around that I had contacted the town about lack of permits, Etc, totally not true. That was going around on social media, and I addressed it on Nextdoor, And if you go check a post today on next door, not made by me. Somebody from another Community. Holiday City Berkeley said they were having issues in their community and that maybe a management company should come in, because all these communities have those issues. And I responded to her, that's not what you want because you're going to lose control. And you're also your dues are going to go way up. So this key is to find energetic, responsible board members to run your community who are willing to listen to the community and Implement different ideas. Thank you.

There's one question here for Debbie, so we're not going to have anybody pick it out.

**Mariane Petrozzino:** It doesn't have a name. It says, what do we gain by closing the pool at seven.

**Debbie Fazio:** Nothing. I'm in total agreement that if I was on the board, that if the clubhouse is open, pool is an amenity and it should be open. That's the way I felt. And that's the way I still feel. I've always been and I hope the same way now.

**Mariane Petrozzino:** Wayne has the next question, Rita Fine. Am I saying that right? Yes.

**Rita Fine:** I understand that you and someone else said something about the air conditioners. That they should go up on the roof where they were originally. I know they're huge, why should we, why should we almost have another problem?

**Wayne Scragg:** Eight hundred thousand dollars on this roof, okay? You're telling me that the supports that they put in there are not going to support the weight of the air conditions. When I read the Southwind, Signorile stated that there was only three pounds per foot spread across 60 foot roof of weight distribution. So you're telling me, we spent eight hundred thousand dollars on a roof system that can hold three pounds across 60 feet of blank. That was the number he gave us. I didn't come up with that number. That was the number. He came up with all It's not personal. We that's how much money he costs us to redo this building six hundred thousand dollars. Eight hundred thousand.

**Rita Fine:** Okay, are you an engineer?

**Wayne Scragg:** No, I'm not an engineer or lawyer.

**Gail Sanzari:** So, that is the end of the question, all right. Very good question.

**Gail Sanzari:** Okay, we're going to pick the next two questions from Joe's bucket because there's no other questions for the other candidates.

**Marianne Petrozzino:** the next one is Cindy Adder.

**Cindy Adder:** Hey, Joe, at the last meeting you touched upon some ideas to promote more social activities. And I'm just wondering if you could be more specific and tell us what kinds of fun you could, maybe look forward to around here.

**Joe Bushey:** Trying to get me into trouble, aren't you? Anyway, Good question. You know what, I'd like to just see some innovative ideas. One of the things I know some of the other communities around here are doing karaoke night. Unfortunately, I do sing karaoke some of you may not want to hear me but I think it might be a fun event to do under the tent or at the pool. Also I was at Holiday, City West, a couple weeks ago. Did Dancing Under the Stars around the pool. It was a really fun event. Nobody was in the pool. Why not do something like that? If the board is concerned about paying for the DJ like, they did at West sell fifty fifties and you'd probably get the the DJ paid for. Because all those sort of like those are the Innovative things I'd like to say, again, try them, I'd like suggestions from the community. If there's something that, you know, I'm not a genius, so I'm not going to think of everything, but if you have another idea, we try it once or twice, if it doesn't go over well with the community. Then we don't There had to be 250 people around their pool, it's a bigger area, but people brought food they brought drinks. Dancing at a conga line, my wife was up dancing for most of the night. It was a fun time for a lot of people. So I'd like to see more community events like that where people can get out and socialize and enjoy themselves. We did have a recreation committee which was short-lived, and we had a lot of fun with that because we did different things, but there were heads of the clubs that were not happy with that and they disbanded the whole club. So, maybe we could get that going again. The rest of these clubs.

**Marianne Petrozzino:** Rita Fine again.

**Rita Fine:** Okay, my question is for you, and I don't know if this is a rumor or not, but are you suing us? If you are, may I ask why? Because if that's true, even though you have fabulous ideas and I would love to vote for you, I can't.

**Joe:** Yeah Rita. First of all you should go buy lottery tickets. If you're getting picked twice today, My lottery tickets are pretty lucky anyway. It's a long story. If you're at last October's meeting, it's been an ongoing situation over a few feet of vegetable garden that I had. She want me to answer the question or not. I'm right ahead. Well, guys, to be a question. Thank you. It's been a long ongoing situation. If anybody was at the October homeowner meeting last year, I begged this board to sit with me and discuss with me how we could resolve the situation. This goes back to 2020 when I was on the board and I moved to the house that I'm in this board told. Well, not everybody on the board but most of the people that were on the board told me that as long as I put the garden on my property behind my house, it wouldn't be a problem which is what I did. Okay. They told me I was in violation as soon as I lost the election. I said I wasn't taking it down. I threatened them with selective enforcement lawsuit and they backed off last year. I shot myself in the foot. Y'all know this being on the code committee. I went in and asked if I could have a different type of fencing around my garden, instead of dear netting, because they had set a size limit and a fence limit in

March of last year, and I asked and they refused to let me change the fence offense, a non-permanent fence. That's around everybody's properties in different locations, except not around the garden. I found that to be unreasonable at that code committee meeting. They asked me the size of my garden. I showed him a picture and they said to me, oh, you're in violation, it's too big. Since that time. Um, I did not want to sue, it is not costing them any money because they do have an insurance policy for liability lawsuits. So it's by policies in existence. And if it wasn't for the delays in the paperwork that were filed by the association, not me, this would have been settled before the election. So, and if anybody else wants any other details, I'll be happy to be forthcoming and it's not something I wanted to do. But it's also wanted to prove the selective enforcement of the rules and regulations that go on here. That so many of you know about and I want to put an end tonight when I get elected. Thank you.

**Gail Sanzari:** So that is the end of our questions and then we will turn it back to the Board, because the other candidates are not here, two of them. And John Faye didn't want to take questions. Candidates don't have to take questions if they choose not to.

**Legal Counsel:** On behalf of the board. I just want to mention that the board cannot respond to any comments made by Mr. Bushey based upon their counsel's advice. I just want to clarify that fact. They cannot and should not say or discuss anything related to the ongoing litigation.

**Mike Signorile:** Do we have time for any other questions?

**Peter Ernst:** If you'd be so kind when you pick up the mic, just state your name and address so that way. Yeah, so we have it for the record. Evening, my name's Peter Ernst, I live at 99 Orlando Boulevard. And, It's kind of funny how uh the question I really wanted to ask the board was totally addressed by Mr. Bushey. Which is the reason why I wanted to ask it before the candidate spoke. So simple. Why is the budget removed from the south when simple question? Why?

**Mike Signorile:** Well, to remove something, it has to be there, and it was never there. No, we didn't have the budget in Southwind this year. All right, don't raise your voice, Peter. If you heard my statement, simply said there will be no financials published in the Southwind until the audits are complete. That's the way it's always been, and it will be that way we will proceed in the future. And we're late on the audits because we had a file for an extension on our taxes. It's a very simple answer to a very simple question. There was a budget and financials printed in the Southwind in previous years, that is that correct. Every year, not every month. Generally in the at the end of the second quarter, we put in all the financials.

**Peter Ernst:** My question then is what purpose does it serves to give us the operating and reserve numbers each month. What do we really get out of that?

**Mike Signorile:** You're entitled to that information. You have a right to know. You should know how much money there is in the accounts. Once the audit is completed, we can provide a complete breakdown of the financials.

**Debbie Fazio:** I just wanted to ask about the Southwind. I was kind of like, um, dismayed when I saw that. I know that they took the recordings of our meetings from that and that those messages. My speech was totally, sounded like I was an incompetent human being and that Fran named people's names were in there wrong. Is somebody going to handle that situation? Cause I know when I was on the board? We

used to be able to proofread it. I don't know if that's still happening, but I just you guys are aware of the mess up, right? How bad it was. And what's going to be done about it.

**Mike Signorile:** Yeah. We're actually hoping to put together a committee to handle this moving forward, because it's not something that should be handled in the office. So, if we can get a committee of people that are members to handle the Southwind, I think it would be a much better way to do things.

**Question from the audience:** We're not, we're no longer collecting plastic. My understanding is they stopped doing it. And from what I've been told, we're not collecting it anymore because we're not getting any more free benches to my understanding. We were doing this to start with to get the plastic from being in the environment. Mike, I was told that the men's club is in charge of this and the men's club chose to shut it down correctly.

**Vince Orecci :** We are still getting another bench. They push them out from six months to a year. Which is not a big deal. The problem of getting people to collect and take the plastics to Stop & Shop.

**Wayne Scragg:** I volunteered but was told they didn't need the help.

**Vince Orecci:** 12 months and the goal was 500 pounds. Folks, in the last year and a half we have collected, in this community, almost two tons of that stuff. Now, the decision was made, when the Garden Club owned it, we owned it and we were able to administer it went to the men's club when the Garden Club closed and at that point the decision was made by the men's club and the board of the men's club to shut it down until December. Part of the reasoning was that we're giving this to Trex and they're making a lot of money off us. That was some of the reasoning so that's where we are. At this point, we have to wait until December 1st and decide if we want to reactivate the program. The maintenance guys, Artie and Tony, you can attest. I've been there every day to go over with you. I've taken it with you every time. Have we gotten extra bags in in the art room at times? Yes, but generally we have had volunteers that came in on Monday Wednesday and Friday to bag what was in the bins and those folks did a great job and it went into the art room, in that little alcove in the art room before being brought to Stop & Shop.

**Joanne O'Beirne :** Hi, I'm Joanne O'Beirne and I live here. Yes. Okay and I live here, I don't need to give an address. Thank you, members of the Board, for finally hearing us because it is important, sometimes it's an issue, sometimes there's an issue that needs to be brought up tonight instead of in July because it's a June issue. Thank you, Mike and Elaine and their committee for doing the movies. I think it's fabulous. I know the Board is all for it. The committee spent a lot of time getting this together, the Board also purchased the equipment. The only thing I know that you didn't have information on is that they tested this equipment to have the movie night here. It doesn't fit in the tent.

**Mike Signorile:** We took care of that. Mike from the committee did some research and found a screen that will work in the tent, and we purchased it.

**Joanne O'Beirne:** Mean, the only thing is they put in so much time and effort, I found out they put in a lot of time and effort for the movies here, Michael and their committee. And I think who's ever on their committee. I know some of the people. Thank you so much for extending the pool hours.

All right, there. Any other questions? With no other questions, I'm going to ask for a motion to close a meeting. All right, we have a motion and a second. All in favor. The June meeting is closed.

The Board would like to wish everybody a spectacular summer and all the fathers in the audience. Happy Father's Day. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next homeowners meeting, which is July 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is closed.

Thanks again for coming, stay safe and stay healthy.