

Gwinhurst Civic Association
5/6/2024 Minutes

Officers: Steve Bufflap, Dave Paules
Residents: 16
Special Guests:
NCC Councilman John Cartier
State Rep Larry Lambert
State Senator Sarah McBride - James Berry Hill aide to McBride

2024 Finance Report

Total Residences Dues Owed	659
Homes that Paid	248
Amount Collected	\$ 2,836
Total Contribution Rate	37.6%

Current Balance: \$37,542.38

1/3rd of homes paid via Venmo, 2/3rd via check

248 homes vs. 2023's 203 homes / 30.7% = 44 more homes paid or 7% more homes paid this year.

New Payees chose venmo ~ 2/3 times (64%)

Previous Paying homes chose venmo ~ 1/5 times (18%). Meaning 80% chose to continue paying by check.

Expenses

YTD Gross Expenses	\$6,143.77
YTD Net Expenses	\$4,268.77

Expenses since last meeting:

Item	Service Provider	Payee	Expense Amt	Invoice Date
2024 Yard Sale notice	Click2Mail.com	Dave Paules	\$352.47	4/8/2024

Minutes:

Councilman Cartier Updates

- Police Community Report from NCC police
 - Nothing of note except a robbery in 1800 block of Philly Pike (jurisdiction of State Police)
- Land Use report for code violations
- No proposed prop tax increases nor any sewer charge increases for 2025 budget
- Re-iterated the \$12M cost avoided by using Covid money for the court-mandated prop re-assessment. No expected increase in taxes.
- County Police costs are out of align with market values.
 - NCC police pay is lower than current values, making attracting talent difficult. Will be an increase cost
- Fire companies need to hire paid staff. Fire companies are pressuring county to get funding. Same for ambulances too. Used to be 100% volunteer funded. Now it's volunteer run, but they need paid employees to keep talent/equipment, etc.
- Comment about trees falling and property owner liability. Short story: if the tree fell due to long years of disease, the tree the property is on is liable. Your home insurance will pay for damages to your house or the other person's house.
- County is investigating 3 N. Park Rd (long-standing abandoned property) on the road down to Jill Court.
- Request from resident on Townsend Ave that borders county property is fighting losing battle against overgrowth from the county property.
 - Calls are being answered but no one comes out.
 - There is a paper street there too + county land
- May 18 Bellefont Arts festival

State Rep. Lambert

- Prior Rd.
 - Friars are ok, county is ok, Top of the Hill is ok.
 - One last party is a resident that has ownership impacts and rights of way to turn over to the state.
 - Has been in this state since 1968
- DelDOT and roads are under the purview of the state
- HB 209 - will be presented on the floor tomorrow - Consumer transparency bill for junk fees on rental cars
- HB 317 - in committee - that deals with gift card fraud. We are #4 in the nation
- Pursuing legislation for lead testing for children
- WILMACO - meeting at the Claymont Fire Hall re: roads, land use, gov. printz corridor.
 - Mon may 20 at 6p
 - Visit WILMACO.com if you can't attend in person

- Standing road repair requests
 - N. Park Ave
 - Funded last year, expect work to begin this year (June+)
 - Clayton Ave, just west of Lincoln Ave intersection
 - Pothole in a 10' section that was re-worked.
 - Steve Bufflap will send pics/location to Rep. Lambert

James Berryhill - Aide to Sen. McBride

- Capital improvement budget for capital owned properties
 - Will be published in next 8 weeks
- Bill for new office in Student Loan office (Ombudsman)
 - Ensures there is oversight over student loans and their servicers
 - New conditions on their loans or being taken off as co-signers of existing loans
 - Today, state doesn't assist with student loan management issues today
- SB 13 - protect medicaid act
 - Applies a 3.59% levy on the hospitals to escrow and matched by the fed which will bring in significant medicaid services
- SB 204 - Working to improve licensure of dentists in DE to close a lack of talent gap. Expands the medicaid benefit of \$2500 for dental benefits. Doesn't cost more, just making the \$2500 benefit available to more people/more easily.
 - Bill also aligns DE's dentist accreditation to other state standards bringing us into alignment
- Question re: Silverside Rd across from Branmar Plaza (behind Graylyn Crest)

Yard Sale: 13 participating homes

Many wanted to have another event due to rain this past weekend

Online posting/announcement only

More to come on summer events from the board.

Other Gwinhurst News

- Next Meeting Monday Aug 5 2024
- May 18 Bellefont Arts festival