

Gwinhurst Civic Association
11/04/2024 Minutes

Officers: Jessica Farris, Dave Paules

Residents:

Special Guests:

NCC Councilman John Cartier

State Rep Larry Lambert

N/A - State Senator Sarah McBride - James Berry Hill aide to McBride

2024 Finance Report

Total Residences Dues Owed	659
Homes that Paid	253
Amount Collected	\$ 2,986
Total Contribution Rate	38.4%

Current Balance: \$37,334.91

Expenses

Unchanged from last minutes:

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

Minutes:

Councilman Cartier Updates

- 12 cases for code enforcement and 8 have been resolved.
- Crime report passed around
- NCC is in legislative break
- Fiscal 2025 budget has no tax increase
- Property Assessments coming in November
- Resident that drives school bus and parks on Laurel. She asked if parking it was an issue. None that Cartier is aware of.

- Paper street at Georgetown and Harrison is overgrown and county is getting complaints about it.
- Concern was raised from resident claiming that too many individuals were living in a single home. Recommendation: submit claim to county code enforcement to investigate. It's anonymous.
- Complaints raised re: NCC park maintenance. John will submit ticket to get inspection
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State Rep. Lambert

- Prior Rd they have agreement to turn it over to DelDot. Admits we have a see it to believe it approach
- Question asked w/r/t aid for seniors for creating wills. Ans: NCC Register of Wills can offer assistance.
- There was a tree reported that is leaning on public land and need the county

Other Gwinhurst News

- Next Meeting Monday Nov 4 2024. Elections for new officers.

DSWA - Special Guest

- Not a state agency. All money is made from landfills. It's a not for profit company
- They are not a regulatory agency. That's DNREC. Can't issue fines to residents, only to the haulers.
- Do not operate the recycling center. The building and land are owned by DSWA, but are run by Republic and Revolution services
- Wilmington landfill is run by Waste Management, rest are DSWA's
- Collection Stations in sussex county (7-8) because of rural setting, no independent trash haulers
- 37% diverted (white goods, tires, mattresses, propane bottles, drywall).
- 8000 homes/yr powered by the methane piped from the landfill
- DSWA does not accept trash from other states

Recycling

- 40% of material collected is paper
- No drinking cups
- Staples are ok
- No shredded paper
- Tissues, etc are all trash.

Plastic:

- We don't go by numbers just "HARD" plastic
- Don't crush the bottles and keep the lids ON
- For butter tubs: throw out the lid because it's likely to pop off
- No flower pots because of fertilizer and thin plastic
- 35 tons an hour of trash to sort

- 400 tons a day

Metal cans:

- Clean and dry and keep the label on

Carboards and cartons

- Must be clean. Tape can be left on
- Frozen food boxes are accepted if they can be torn (no ice cream containers)

Glass:

- Candle jars are no because they are tempered
- Drinking glasses are no because they are tempered
- Beer bottles etc are ok though

Misc:

- Scrap metal should go to scrap yard, not in the bin

At the collection center:

- Oil, batteries, styrofoam (no food containers or flexible foam),

Yard waste

- \$.50/bag to holland mulch
- \$7.50 for 180 lbs to DSWA. paper or empty plastic bag

Plastic Free Delaware - good resource for setting up a community composting system.

Composting: no lemons or oranges: too acidic.