

Sugarhill Property Owners Association

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Virtual Zoom Board Meeting Minutes for the Zoom.com meeting held online due to the Covid-19 emergency.

June 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: John Doty, Dan Smith, Brian Potter

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by John Doty, Board President, Presiding Officer.

Remarks made by the presiding officer John Doty:

Flooding Issues: That were created the week of June 10th. Many people had problems during that week. Many neighbors were accused of being the problem. Ultimately, of course, the board was accused of being the problem. One thing I find problematic in human relations is assumptions. Every person makes assumptions but when they insist the assumptions are fact it becomes destructive.

- We were accused of not having a plan even though we have had a drainage plan in place for over a year that was implemented in a board meeting a year ago following the first phase of the plan. Understand, we are just now recovering from the previous board's extraordinary expenditures that had nothing to do with helping the drainage problems.
- We were **told** to have quotes ready for this meeting on a project that can't be quoted until the dry season, wow.
- We were **told** to more or less "**do our job**" and get the muck and water out of the yards because "they will lower Sugarhill's property values", another wow.
- We had photos sent of the retention lake well into peoples yards coupled with it being a good time for a plan. All be it, no more water could drain since the lowest removal of the out-fall pipe had been met.
- We were accused of causing flooding in areas that had never seen standing water in their yards because the new sod on a recently completed new house did not retain water on the slope as well as the jungle.
- We were told relentlessly that during the flood it was a good time to observe the situation, even though we cruised the situation every day and removed a blockage from the only drain pipe for Sugarhill.
- We were accused of making promises and not following through even though we had a better plan than has ever been implemented in Sugarhill that we know of. We paid more than needed to clean up the neglected culvert system left over from the previous board because it was so overgrown.

All of the above issues are steeped in assumption not fact. They foment mistrust. They become false fodder for people to go to war with their board, ultimately making the volunteers become discouraged and causing some boards to hire management companies. I think we all know how that turns out. This links to an extensive report we did in light of the flooding <https://www.sugarhilljensenbeach.com/img/SugarhilDrainageIssue.pdf>



Other issues that were presented were:

- **Developing the following website pages:**
 - **Drainage Issues Page** – 2010 engineering report will be scanned to indexable PDF.
 - **Meetings Page** – (Zoom portion is complete)
 - **Architectural Control Approval Submission Page** – allows requests for project approvals via website. (50% complete)
- **Searching out surveillance companies to quote the main entrance and mailbox area.**
- **More research into the costs and process of replacing the Mailboxes.**

Treasurer Report

The presiding officer notes that access to the current financial records are available online at sugarhilljensenbeach.com/board.html in a link titled "Access Board Minutes Here" near the bottom of the page.

The Treasurer Brian Potter reports the following balances for the bank accounts at the end of previous May 31 month as:

Bond Holding:___\$ 1,010.00 Operating:___\$ 45,957.24 Reserve:___\$ 125,082.11

The board voted for approval of the Treasurers report, outcome: *All approved*

Previous Business

The presiding officer called for approval of the previous April meeting minutes with the outcome:

All approved

New Business

There was no new business at this meeting.

Conclusion of Business

Adjournment by General Consent occurred at 8:00 PM

Open Floor Discussion

(Open Floor is post adjournment and not required to be recorded)

Recorder: John Doty, President

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