

Holiday Shores  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 8, 2023

**Board of Director Attendance: Present:** John Crotty, Tony Harris, Shaun Diltz, Jerry Allen, Sarah Jacoby & Trisha Yates

**Excused:** Ty Van Ryswyk

Others Present: Rob Clarkson, Karla Suttles & Scott Hodges from the Holishor Office.

**Holishor Members Present: 4**

**Proceedings** Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**Meeting Minutes** – Minutes of February 22, 2023

**Jerry Allen** Motions to approve the minutes as amended.

**Sarah Jacoby** Seconds

**All in favor**

**Motion carries**

**Transfers of Property** We had 1 transfers of property which triggered an initiation fee

**Bills & Salaries**

**Jerry Allen** motions to approve Bills & Salaries as presented

**Trisha Yates** seconds

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carries**

**Profit & Loss**

Submitted for review.

**Manager's Report** Read by Rob Clarkson

**Code Enforcement Report** Ready by Scott Hodges

**Old Business**

**Fireworks 2023**

J&M Displays provided 2 bids for fireworks for July 4, 2023. Proposal 1. \$20,000 Show Proposal 2. \$23,000 Show. Also submitted was a Multiple Year Agreement which will provide a dollar amount of 15% of the total fireworks dollar value for years 2023, 2024 & 2025 with the option of terminating the agreement within 30 days after their fireworks display date. \$24,000 is budgeted.

**Shaun Diltz** Made a motion to accept the \$23,000 bid and sign the Multiple Year Agreement for 2023, 2024 & 2025 from J&M Displays

**Sarah Jacoby** Seconds

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carries**

**Dredge – North End Silt Removal**

We have a proposal from Stormwater Erosion Specialties to perform an electronic process of measuring the silt level on the north end of the lake for \$1,800. This could make collecting bids for the work completion in drawdown of 2025 a smoother process. **Shaun Diltz** I do this so we can get this for free. I'll just go do it by the next meeting and then give you guys what he would give you and then we save \$1,800.

**Tabled till 3/22/23 Board of Director's meeting**

**Sign Verbiage Ballot Approval**

A new bylaw has been proposed to be presented to and voted on by the membership and a sample ballot has been provided by the office for approval. It reads "*Article III - Section 2, I. Maintenance of property, 4. Signs (The Board of Directors have the authority to propose and change rules related to signs that are allowed within the Holiday Shores community. The board will follow the New Rule/Change Process found in Part IV - Board Actions).*" Purpose of Bylaw addition: When the covenants were updated last, restriction number 5 was updated to read "No signs of any kind shall be displayed on any lot except those expressly permitted by the Bylaws". It should have read permitted by the rules. To provide the community with flexibility, this bylaw will allow the board to quickly make some exceptions to this restriction. Without this new bylaw all signs will be restricted in the community including ones that had previously been allowed.

**Tony Harris** Makes a motion to approve this ballot for the annual meeting

**Shaun Diltz** Seconds

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carries**

**VARIANCE (1155)**

A variance was submitted to not install a culvert. Building Committee did recommend accepting the variance.

**Shaun Diltz** Makes a motion to accept the variance

**Jerry Allen** Seconds

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carries**

**New Business**

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**2024 Budget**

**Tony Harris** Looking at where we are, historically the spending levels that we have with the ditching and the road work that we've been doing, and inflationary impacts we've been hitting, we're looking at roughly a \$100 member assessment increase to continue the same level of ditching, roadwork, fireworks and everything else that we've got in the budget. If we don't, then we'll have to cut out services. We're budgeting 1220 members so it's basically an additional \$122,000. Basically, if you don't do it then you're looking at cutting services, whether you're cutting roads, whether you're cutting lake patrol, basically you will have to cut that amount of money out of the budget. And we've been running a pretty lean budget the last few years anyway. Well look at what we think we can cut out of the budget next week at the next finance meeting in case the increase is not approved by the membership at the annual meeting.

**Open Floor**

**Brian Bagby (414)** (Holiday Shores Fire Department) We're trying to ask the Association if there's anything that can be done as far as a recruitment tool and to reward our membership. The men and women average about 227 calls a year. A fire instance, if it's a structure fire, that can be four plus hours just on scene, and then another couple of hours getting our trucks back in service and everything. Meetings on Monday nights and then an occasional Saturday of training. So there's a lot of encompassed. We're sitting about 20 members right now. We are trying to increase our membership to serve the community and the fire district. So it's two separate identities. We're seeking the board's assistance as a recruitment tool, if there's any way that A) The Association fees lessened or taken away for the volunteer fire department members that reside in Holiday Shores and B) To have people that live in the fire district, again not necessarily that live in Holiday Shores, that they would be able to obtain lake privileges. We are trying to increase our membership right now, due to COVID, and people returning back to work, there's not as many members that we're able to get on to calls as we would like so we are reaching out to neighboring departments for mutual aid. And then that in turn to as region 4 being Alton Memorial Hospital, the ambulance service, they either have either units that are out of service, or the number of calls we have to rely upon Staunton, Edwardsville and Hamel. We are looking to increase our available membership to assist on those calls. And again, with that recruitment tool have been asking the public in the fire district itself, 8 square miles if they're an LPN and medical assistant reach out to those individuals that could help serve the community, but as a reward for our members to lessen than the cost. I know that you just mentioned with the budget, but to help us as well for the hours that we put in and to serve the community and to do it very well. Right now we have about 15 active members that this would affect being able to take away or lessen those costs to help us. **Sarah Jacoby** You're asking about a recruitment tool, what's your goal as far as active members? **Brian Bagby (414)** I've been active for 6 years now, within the past 10 to 15 years, I said we had about 30 members. So we've lost three, just within this last year. Obviously, we're not getting any younger. That's what we're trying to do is to try to seek younger membership. It's very difficult because of housing requirements, you know, persons 20, 22, 23 cannot afford a house out here. We do have some members that are young or living at home or with a friend, but some of those people are moving on. They're moving out of here and it's going to be a big impact here unfortunately. We're trying to seek other ways long term, we're working with the Chief and some other members of the community for maybe within the next five years to help compensate that through a series of grants and wherever else resources that we can attribute to. But we don't see it getting any better and this is just not our community. It's nationwide that volunteer firefighters are struggling to keep members on board. Conversation ensues. **Tony Harris** So just from our comments, so for the association fees one I would be in favor of that one. I think that's a nice incentive to get people to volunteer. The lake one to me is a little more complicated just from the volume that we have on the lake right now. Board will discuss and will reach back out to the fire department. **Robert Rhea (48)** Asking permission for the ski club to tie up the ski jump against the rocks in the no wake zone just past the ski site and move it out to their tie downs in the middle of the ski site whenever actively using it. The Board asked for the request to be submitted in a written correspondence to the office.

**Tony Harris** Makes a motion to adjourn to executive session.

**Trisha Yates** Seconds

**All in Favor**

**Motion Carries**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes submitted by Karla Suttles**