



FORTRESS WAY ROAD ASSOCIATION
Fortressroad.org

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ANNUAL POTLUCK MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2023

President Rich Farrington opened the meeting at 6:15 pm by introducing the Board of Directors: Brian Gray, Vice President; Sheree Malone, Secretary; John Berglund, member, and Treasurer Bob Passeri, who was not able to attend. The 31 members attending introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rich shared that the road association had not met since 2019 due to Covid.
- Our reserve fund dropped \$11,000 to \$27,998 in 2018. Treasury in December 2021 was \$30,255.17.
- Incorporated as a Non-Profit Corporation to be eligible for high interest CD's. Thanks Bob.
- The **Long-Term Road Surfacing & Maintenance Plan** was sent to members in 2022.
- Defensible Space and an emergency evacuation route were addressed in 2019.
- Costs: \$9,000 fire evacuation brushing, \$1,500 hazard branch removal above road, culvert cleaning \$400 in 2019 & \$1,017 in 2020, crack sealing \$3,900 in 2022 & fallen tree \$200.

NEW BUSINESS

- December 2022 Association's balance was \$31,837.96. Bill Dye reported no questions from his independent review of the books. Kelly Langelier made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Lorraine Campbell, and it passed unanimously.
- The Board approved an increase in Association fees from \$165 to \$200 in 2024 because of inflation and additional funds needed for the Resurfacing Reserve (\$4,000/yr) and annual Maintenance (\$5,100/yr based on 8-year average) to implement the **Long-Term Plan**. Lorraine Campbell Moved to ratify the increase. Julie DeFoe seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- New website for Road Assoc. is **FortressRoad.org**. Thanks Treasurer Bob. Good info here.
- Reviewed 23/24 budget including snow plowing and road maintenance – Sharon Berglund Moved to adopt the budget, seconded by Julie Defoe, and it passed unanimously.
- Bill Dye, our Firewise Community representative, spoke about this new designation by the National Fire Protection Association on 9/30/2022 and the requirements and communicating those efforts with the Firewise community of 83 parcels. We need to accomplish items in the 3 year action plan to maintain eligibility including homeowner insurance discounts.
- The new **Firewise website is Fortressfirewise.org**
- Emergency Evacuation route announced – located on Doug & Julie Defoe's and Duane Loos's property. It will be shown at the **Firewise BBQ July 9th at 5pm** at the end of Fortress Court.
- Attendee's email addresses were obtained for both Firewise and FWRA and will be used for communications. FWRA emails will be from Sheree9999m@aol.com. We recommend checking your spam weekly so the emails will not get lost in junk mail.
- Rich asked for any volunteers for the position of Secretary vacated by Dolores Bjornson in 2022. Thanks Dolores for your service! With no volunteers, Sheree will remain Secretary.