

# *Skyland Community Corporation*

## **Sanitary District Public Hearing January 3, 2024**

<b>Board Members In Attendance</b>			
P	Gary Smullen, President	P	Maureen Diaz
P	Don Broadway, Vice President	P	Chris Somers
P	Mary Ann Smullen, Treasurer	P	J.P. Jones
P	Sandra Broadway, Secretary	A	Chester Kreitzer

### **Visitors Present**

Jim Bizon

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Gary at 7:00 p.m.

### **Secretary's Report**

The secretary's minutes for December were distributed for review. There were no questions or amendments. Mary Ann moved to approve the minutes, J.P. seconded and the motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mary Ann presented the treasurer's report for December.

**Income** was \$69.94 in interest. **Expenses** were \$9,137.75 which included top expenses of \$5,984.77 (Labor), \$1,467.43 (Gravel), and \$1,080.96 (Taxes). Mary Ann also noted that a correction of \$1.00 was made to a previous recorded check. There were no questions or amendments.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Expenses Description</b>	<b>Motion to Approve</b>	<b>Second Approval</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
December	\$69.94	\$9,137.75	Labor, Gravel, Taxes, Utilities, Equipment (Fuel & Rental), Accounting and Maintenance Supplies.	Sandy	J.P.	Pass

### **Phone Messages/Security**

- Gary reported that there was a security issue that occurred in the early morning hours on December 13, 2023. Several unlocked cars had been entered and had personal items removed on Bifrost. Maureen added that cars on Luchase were also entered. A text from a resident sent to Robert said that the theft was carried out by four individuals driving a sedan. Authorities were notified but the county is not investigating.
- Jim Bizon added that he has heard plenty of gunshots fired since the Christmas holiday and others also noted gunfire on New Year's Eve.

### **Gravel Roads**

- Grading was done on Steps to Heaven, Wilderness, Khyber Pass and Blue Sky roads.
- Khyber Pass and Passway received ditch work. Steps to Heaven received gravel.
- Potholes were repaired on Khyber Pass, Lucke Way, Baptist Lane, Wilderness, Passway and Luchase.

### **Hard Surface Roads**

- Gary reported that the road crew was busy on several projects in December.
  - Large rocks were placed on both ends of the new speed bumps on World's End, to prevent cars from driving around the speed bumps.
  - The crew worked on getting all the snow equipment ready for the upcoming storm.
  - They also cleaned the shop, hauled trash and fixed the Skyland Estates entrance sign at the lagoon.

- The battery was changed on the backhoe and Gary stated that the backhoe has 400 more hours of use before receiving any more maintenance service. Also, the CAT 414 received an oil change.
- Don inquired about the road impact fees that we have not been receiving and Gary stated that he will be notifying the county.

### **Water Supply**

- Gary reported that the water supply is currently running and thanked Don and Chris for their efforts in removing the blockage.
- Don discussed his research and plans to redo the water collection point. He has purchased supplies and will begin as weather permits. Chris will also be helping and offered to donate plywood for a cover. Don plans to document with pictures, which will be sent to Gary. Maureen would also like to post pictures of the project on our website.

### **Old Business**

- Don reported that he contacted Carter Machinery in Warrenton again and asked them to put their inspection and evaluation of the grader on hold for now. He stated that he would like to give our road crew a chance to inspect it, grease fittings if needed and start it up.
- Gary reported that Hanna Signs will have the road signs that we requested for the entrances to the community ready in a couple of days. The signs will basically be stating that no unlicensed vehicles are allowed on our roads and the roads are dedicated for law enforcement purposes.
- Gary also mentioned that he can purchase “Dead End” signs (12x18) at a cost of \$21 each with free shipping.
  - J.P. has been requesting a sign for Jericho. Chris Somers also stated that a sign is needed on Devils River. He stated that the road no longer goes through to Khyber Pass and his neighbor on that road has complained about cars always having to turn around at his property. Gary stated that he will purchase four signs.
- Gary inquired about the IBC water storage tanks for the hangar. Don stated that the closest ones now available for sale are in Amissville, but he does not have a pick-up truck to transport them to the hangar.
  - Mary Ann suggested that Don can use the F-250 for transporting the tanks and she will have a truck key made for him.
- Mary Ann shared how the Budget Committee met on 12/13/23. They discussed and then submitted a budget to the county by the required deadline and are waiting for approval.

### **New Business**

- Sandy inquired about scheduling a Community Clean-up over the winter months as it is much easier to see the trash and litter. The spring clean-up never happened in 2023 due to weather.
  - Saturday, January 27 was suggested with a meet-up time of 1:00 p.m. at the SCC office, weather permitting.
  - Maureen offered to pick up orange bags at VDOT in Front Royal. She will also post the event on our website and social media.
  - Chris suggested having orange bags available to all residents at the office or hangar. He stated that any residents interested in picking up litter could then leave the filled bags on the side of the roads for the road crew to pick up and dispose of.
- Mary Ann suggested that Maureen make a post on our website and social media regarding cars being parked on the shoulder of the roads and how it is unsafe for both our equipment and our road crew when doing plowing or other road work.
  - Gary mentioned that this Friday, in anticipation of the snowstorm, the crew will be placing signs on any vehicles parked on the right-of-way and requesting that the vehicles be moved.

### **Adjournment**

Mary Ann motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chris seconded and the motion passed at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra J. Broadway, Secretary