

**HSIA BOARD MEETING  
THE KEY SCHOOL  
November 20, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Shuman, Noel Gasparin, Natalie Lobe, Kate Penn, Jennifer Adams, Bill Anderson, Sue Miller, Ray Sullivan, Bruce Walker

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Jean Somers

**GUESTS:** Phil Jones, Chris Elkington, Jeri Singleton, Kevin Green

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Minutes from the October Board Meeting were accepted as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bruce Walker reported that we have not received a payment from the County for special tax. Our Fidelity Bond coverage is from November 2, 2008 to November 2, 2009. We should receive payment soon. We should change the date of coverage to be from July 1 to July 1 of each year. General Fund is over budget \$450 under the rental property. Tee shirts and tote bags are \$950 over budget because there is no budget for these items. Income tax down – only \$844. Piers & Harbors is owed about \$8K on slips. Ramp keys down \$950.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:** Nothing to report.

**BEACH:** Kate Penn hoped to have bids on Site Analysis. Having trouble getting dollar figures from two bidders. Will make a recommendation at next meeting. Kate has contacted six companies to get bids for fence and parking lot improvements. We are not moving the gate entrance, but fencing in the tot lot with small 2' high fence. Bill Anderson mentioned geese are making a mess all over the beach.

**STORMWATER:** Ray Sullivan reported on the first meeting of the Stormwater Committee. The Committee's purpose is to provide a comprehensive storm water plan by identifying and prioritizing all areas of Hillsmere with storm water issues. The Committee will gather information about what homeowners, the community, the county and the state can do to manage storm water. Next meeting is December 16.

**SURVEY:** Bruce Walker reported on Survey Question #110 – *“Are there any other Community issues of great interest to you that we have not covered?”* (copy attached) **Bruce motioned the Board adopt action items for Survey Question #110. Natalie Lobe seconded. Vote taken – 8 approved, 1 opposed.**

**FY2010 BUDGET:** Bruce Walker revised the proposed FY2010 budget by adding \$40K to Special Tax for Security. General Fund is not a balanced budget. Extra money for volunteers and social events. Fundraisers proposed during the year to help with the \$3000 difference. Piers & Harbors has a 1.5% increase overall; 2% slip increase and boat ramp key increase from \$40 to \$45. \$28K proposed to rebuild Contingency Fund. Special Tax Fund decreasing from \$160 per

lot to \$120 per lot. **Bruce Walker motioned the board approve the three budgets for FY2010 for inclusion in the December *Sea Breeze*. Jennifer Adams seconded. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

**Bruce Walker motioned the Board approve a pay raise for the Anne Arundel County police officer from \$30 per hour to \$36 per hour effective November 1, 2008. Jennifer Adams seconded. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

**Bruce Walker motioned the Board approve a 3% increase for the Administrator and Treasurer’s Assistant, effective July 1, 2009. Kate Penn seconded. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

**BEACH STRIP LAWSUIT: Bruce Walker motioned the Board begin to look into the process of selling the property along the beach strip to the property owners. Jennifer Adams seconded.** Discussion followed. Suggestion made to table the motion until we know if the Court of Appeals will be looking at the case. **Ray Sullivan motioned the Board table the motion on the floor. Natalie Lobe seconded. Vote taken – 6 approved, 1 against, 1 abstained.**

**DREDGING:** Bruce Walker attended a meeting with the Duvall Creek Environmental Trust, Bayland and the County Department of Public Works (copy of report attached). The project manager from Bayland gave a presentation on the planned dredging project. Bruce reported on the meeting and gave a list of action items that will be taken care of by Bruce, Bob Emmet and Rosemary Foltis. Bruce will also include his report in the December *Sea Breeze*.

**GRASS CUTTING:** Bruce Walker reported that there is a problem with Stewart Landscaping’s invoicing of grass cutting jobs in Hillsmere. Piers & Harbors needs to be billed for their portion of the grass cutting. Currently, Piers & Harbor’s portion is listed as “Entrance and Other” and is paid by Special Tax. This category needs to be separated for all future Stewart Landscaping invoices.

**SECURITY:** Bill Shuman reported that an additional \$40K has been added to the Special Tax budget for Security. We need to investigate how best to spend this \$40K. We will look into increasing off-duty police officers and look into a reliable security company. We need a comprehensive recommendation to the Board. Kevin Green can hire off-duty police officers now because we still have money in the budget for security.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers  
Administrator