

**Village of Martin's Additions
7013 Brookville Road, Suite B
Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

Council Meeting Minutes Nov. 17, 2022

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL AND IN-PERSON

Council Members Present: Susan Fattig; Arthur Alexander; Katie Howard; Jeff Blander; Building Administrator: Doug Lohmeyer; Village Manager, Michael Silliman. Council member Andrew Kauders (Chair) joined the meeting after it had started.

Residents and other Attendees: Keith Allen (Turner Ln.); Lorie Mitchell (Cummings Ln.); Lynn Welle (Oxford St.)

7:32 PM Call to Order: Katie Howard called the meeting to order and said that Council Chair Kauders would join the meeting a bit later. She wished a warm welcome to new Village Manager Michael Silliman and thanked Martha Fessenden for returning to help during this time of transition.

7:33 PM Keith Allen reported that temperatures will be way below normal to start the week, then warm up to 50° after Thanksgiving. He hopes he's wrong about there being a lot of snow and cold weather ahead.

7:34 PM Building Administrator's Report: Doug Lohmeyer delivered his report.

7:35 PM Resident Comments:

Keith Allen asked on behalf of another resident: (1) How can we get another person on the Election Committee; and (2) How can people post the questions they have onto a web page.

Lynn Welle had questions on an RFP for leaf vacuuming - does it include storm drains? He said they're blowing into storm drains, and they blow leaves onto sidewalks. He suggests to residents that they keep the sidewalks clear. When Waste Management misses a collection, it should be itemized out when they bill us or else, we're not getting the value we pay for. Can this be looked into by the Council? Lynn wondered why we are told they have equipment failure and cannot come that day, so late in the afternoon.

Katie asked, on behalf of a resident, where the new directory is, and Katie said, "It's here!" The resident also wants to know about new streetlights and residents' ability to have input on that process. Arthur recommended the new Village Manager investigate this down the road. Katie added that the resident also asked about drivers still ignoring stop signs on the north end and if our Police officers could help with that.

Keith asked about fire hydrant testing, Bethesda Fire Chief Esch responded there is a schedule for testing, and he would be surprised if it hasn't been followed.

7:41 PM Committee Updates: Howard

Katie thanked the Community Engagement committee for all the bells and whistles on Halloween; the party had excellent attendance.

7:51 PM Election Committee - George McAleese reported that they're waiting to get membership up to the level needed to hold meetings.

7:53 PM Ethics Committee – Lorie reported that the ethics training was held on Tuesday. George highly recommended the ethics training.

7:55 PM Financial Matters: Treasurer Arthur Alexander

Arthur Alexander gave his report. The new Village Manager will spend the next month getting our accounts in order. On Nov. 30 we will know what we can expect for the rest of the year, quarterly payments, income fluctuations mostly due to capital gains taxes following the stock market: when the market is up the returns go up, when the market is down the returns go down. Money is being well spent, \$73,000 for speed humps, striping, etc.

Regarding the Annual Survey, Arthur said use the format from last year (Constant Contact) and use modified questions; let's go with the latest draft and run with it. Jeff reminded about residents who want a hard copy of survey since they don't have email access.

Manager's Report: Michael Silliman thanked residents for being so welcoming, he's ready to get to work. The new resident directory should be in people's mailboxes. Residents want to know exact day for leaf vacuuming, so the office will try to clarify the communications as to that schedule. The paper shredding event will be held on Sunday Dec 4. The Village Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Arthur noted the written Managers reported included in the meetings packet thanked Susan and Andrew for managing the officer during the transition period between Village Managers.

Jeff commented about more snow and asked if our volunteers are ready to shovel?

8:04 – 8:51 PM Chief Victor Esch, Bethesda Fire Chief, gave a history of the department.

8:52 PM In open session, Susan moved pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, General Provisions Article, Sec. 3-305(b)(1) to enter closed session to discuss personnel matters that affect one or more specific individuals. Arthur seconded, all voted in favor. Present for the discussion were all Council members and the Village Manager. The Council discussed the personnel matter. No action was taken.