

# ***Timber Farms Civic Association***

## ***Combined General Meeting Minutes***

August 23, 2010

### **I. Call to order**

**Bruce Lipphardt** called to order the combined meeting of the **Timber Farms Civic Association** and the **Timber Farms Maintenance Association** at **7:00 p.m.** on **August 23, 2010** at the **Christiana Fire House**.

### **II. Roll call**

The following board members were present: Bruce Lipphardt, Dave Frampton, Bob Oakes and Camille Dinon. Also present were all of the members of the Maintenance Association as well as Councilman David Tackett, Chief of Police, Michael McGowan of the New Castle County Police and Representative John Viola.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting were not read due to the number of important items on the agenda.

### **IV. Open issues**

- a) Bruce called to order the meeting and gave an overview of the proceedings. Neither the minutes from the last meeting nor the Treasurer's report were read so that more time could be given to the guest speakers who were present at the meeting. Bruce then introduced the members of both the Maintenance Association and the Civic Association.
- b) Next the guest speakers were introduced. These included members of the New Castle County Police including the Chief of Police, Michael McGowan, two representatives from American SecuriComm and Stan Sturgill from Chesapeake Security.
- c) Proposed security cameras: Andrew and Tony from American SecuriComm gave a presentation on the security cameras that are being proposed for the entrance of the neighborhood. The main purpose of the system that was proposed is to capture images of vehicles leaving the neighborhood to aid the police in narrowing down suspects should an incident occur. The images captured would be recorded on a DVR type device and would only be accessible to a limited number of people. Those people could be the Maintenance Association and the Police. There would be two cameras installed on poles. Both cameras would be housed in vandal proof domes. The cost for the system would be between \$13,000 and \$16,000 according to Dave Schneider.
- d) Neighborhood security patrols: Stan Sturgill discussed the function of his company which included patrolling the neighborhood, checking on vehicles that do not belong in the community and checking on vacant homes. Stan mentioned that they have a list of the vacant homes in the community that can assist with this function. He also mentioned again that residents should be parking in their driveways. Stan then took questions from the residents in attendance. Topics that were discussed included the types of training his employees have had, the schedule of the patrols and what actions can be taken by the security company employees should they encounter a problem in the neighborhood.
- e) Report from New Castle County Police: Chief Michael McGowan introduced the members of the police department that were in attendance at the meeting. The

Community Activity Report was then discussed by Corporal Wes Reynolds. The report included any calls made to 911 for our neighborhood from January through August 2010. He also explained that the response time for an incident is based on the severity of the complaint. The example given was the shooting that occurred. The complaint began as a loud party which had a low priority but once it became a shooting it became a high priority, therefore the response time was much faster. Corporal Reynolds also mentioned that he is taking over for Officer Dowe who retired.

- f) General comments: Councilman Tackett thanked the Police department. Dave Schneider discussed a community vote for the camera system and gave more information about its role in providing security for the community.
- g) Community vote for camera system: By show of hands the members of the community voted for the camera system by a vote of 47 to 27.

#### **V. New business**

- a) No new business to discuss.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

**Bruce Lipphardt** adjourned the meeting at approximately **9:15 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Camille Dinon

Minutes approved by: