

## **MEETING MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Edward Hirsch at 7:07 PM.

Board members present: Ed Hirsch, Ken Kendall, Jennifer Janson, and past president, Terry West.

President: Attendees were welcomed and urged volunteer for the COHA Board. There are openings on the Board which need to be filled.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We've taken in 1165.59 so far this year with expenses of \$184.72. There's \$980.97 in the checking account right now with \$7629.45 in the Dreyfus account bringing our total assets to \$8610.42. The Treasurer reminded attendees to pay dues for 2018 and to fill out the form with updated homeowners association officers' information.

Committee Reports: Mark Lifter – Web site: Mark suggested using the web site to check on future meetings and to please update their e-mail information to receive future meeting notices.

Fritz Beiermeister - School Board Oversight Team: The oversight team is watching how the School Board spends the \$131.5 million capital spending bond. The Board has used the funds wisely and has done a good job keeping the spending under budget. Two schools were originally included which are being taken offline so they're \$15 million under budget. The Board would like to go out for another \$50 million bond but the oversight committee thinks that should be only \$35 million because of being under budget. These funds must be used for their expressed purposes within 3 years. There is also discussion about a sinking fund for ongoing capital improvements. Security in the schools has been improved; all entrances have been upgraded, security cameras have been installed (some not yet complete), and upgrades to in-classroom communications. The Board expected to buy twenty 72-passenger buses but instead bought 66-passenger buses to save enough to buy short buses too.

Guest Speaker: Angela Nazak, Farmington Hills Special Services Programs: The Costick Center and other facilities are available to rent for events. Angela enumerated several programs for children and for adults which included Earth Day events, archery classes and leagues, golf leagues, adult cycling, exercise and yoga classes, dancing, Brainstorm Series (for brain health), cooking classes, acrylic painting, knitting, sign language classes, karaoke, kids' camps, art shows, and movies. View upcoming events in *The Messenger* and the *Activities Guides* on the FH City website. On the Friday before Veterans' Day there is a special celebration for veterans at the Costick Center from 11 – 2 honoring local veterans. It is highly recommended.

Member Privilege: The representative from Barrington Green asked for members' assistance with six issues, 1- developing a set of boiler plate by-laws to replace old subdivision by-laws economically, 2- improving the City's snow removal, 3- linking neighborhood websites to the City's web site to help in selling homes, 4- improving school bus stops, 5- asking the City to prohibit the distribution of newspapers in plastic bags thrown onto the street, and 6- asking the City to control invasive species like Buckthorn and Phragmites. A resident from a gated community asked for any help in getting a deer out of their neighborhood. The Special Assessment vs. Village system for paying for local road improvements may be on the November ballot.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Farmington Hills Police Station  
Adjournment at 8:09 PM  
Submitted by Secretary Jennifer Janson