

Chamber General Meeting
September 10th, 2007

Directors Present: Tony Liberti, Bob Sinkowitz, Mark Smothergill, Susan Wischhusen, Joe Asaro, Barbara Johantges, Pat Peluso, Glenn Hollins, Rich Geraci and James Ng

Directors Absent: Barbara Kruk, Monique Genchi, Tony Saggio, Rick Drnek, Nancy Marks, Barbara Giaccone

Mark Started the meeting by thanking Gregory Emmit for installing the sprinklers and Beth Wahl for her help in acquiring funding from Legislator Browning to cover costs of water being installed at the corner.

Susan Wischhusen read the minutes from the last General Chamber meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Bill Ryan. Beth Wahl seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Susan Wischhusen then read the minutes from the September Board of Directors meeting. A motion was made by Glenn Hollins to accept the minutes as written. Rich Geraci seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The treasurer is absent tonight but the balance in the account is \$5277.98 in the General Fund and \$6,735.48 in the Christmas Parade.

New Members: There are 8 new members being proposed they are as follows:

All in one Pools represented by Michelle Kelly

Flowers by Floyd Harbor represented by Noreen Portz

Smitty's Home Center represented by James Acker

East Coast Marketing represented by Fred Towle

Bay Trucking represented by J.R Tirado

Audell Bennett Gas- represented by John O'Loughlin

McGraw Realty- represented by Jenn Bellanger

Linsa Torres- Ava Torres

A motion was made by Glenn Hollins to accept the members. Bob Sinkowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Ed Hennessey spoke about his candidacy as Councilperson for the 6th District. Ed had previously been the republican councilperson and is now running under the democratic line. He joined the democrats because he believes he will be able to steer and direct resources into our community by working with the democratic leaders. He spoke about the challenges in our community and stated he feels he can bring value and help stabilize the economy in our area. He also brought up the topic of sewers and some possibilities along Neighborhood Road.

Parade Committee: Theme is Christmas across America. The parade costs between 8-12 thousand dollars per year. The largest costs are for the bands. Businesses are encouraged to enter a float.

Old Business: The Chamber Float needs to be cleaned up and refurbished. A request for volunteers was made. Mark Smothergill, Glenn Hollins and Ed Hennessey volunteered. A motion was made by Glenn Hollins to purchase a canvas to cover the float (40x40) Bob Sinkowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. A suggestion was made by Tony Liberti to perhaps have someone like Alliance Maintenance give a price on cleaning and restoring the float. Keith Romaine also volunteered to help this committee.

New Business:

Tim Ryan spoke about a proposed building adjacent to Mastic ambulance. He stated that although the Ambulance Co. has no problem with the site being developed they are concerned about the curb cut on Gunther. This would serve as the entrance and will be directly across from the Ambulance exit. Tim stated it would potentially delay the ambulances egress. He is requesting that the Chamber write a letter requesting that the entrance be moved.

A motion was made by Barbara Johantges to write a letter to the town requesting the entrance be moved so as not to interfere with the ambulance ingress/and egress and that a suggestion be made in said letter requesting that the entrance be placed on Montauk Highway with an exit on Carlton Avenue. Susan Wischhusen seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Susan will write the letter to the Commissioner of Planning.

Community Coalition: A number of civic groups united and formed the community coalition. The first issue they are tackling is graffiti. They are looking into grants for cameras. They put aside their differences to work together but they currently have no funds. They are requesting that we make a donation of \$50.00. Tony Liberti made the motion to donate the \$50.00 as requested. Rich Geraci seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Brookhaven CPF: Pat Peluso spoke about the proposed CPF that will be on the ballot. He read a letter to the editor that he has submitted to the local papers stating in his opinion this is just another tax and that it will hurt the area. Ed Hennessey stated that he likes the idea of a CPF but would like to see infrastructure component added to it. Keith Romaine stated that he is against the CPF fund as it stands now because he is opposed to the 2% tax aspect of it however he does support open space.

Raffles: Collected a total of 130 for the 50/50 winner Gregory Emmitt received 65.00 Greg also won the draw on the Chamber Raffle but failed to draw the Winning Ace.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Joe Asaro. Susan Wischhusen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Wischhusen