

**HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes  
(January 10, 2009)**

**Call to Order:** Fred Fath called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Roll Call:** Fred Fath, President/Treasurer, Kathryn Deuster, Vice President, Janet Podell, Secretary; Judy Grienke, Assistant Treasurer, Eric Bergson, Member at Large, Doug Allen, Island Manager

**Previous Board Meeting Minutes:** Fred Fath made a motion to accept the December '08 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Four pieces of correspondence were received during the month. These were discussed as each subject arose during the course of the meeting.

**Finance:**

- Fred Fath reported that we are now able to see all deposits for Reserves in our accounting system.
- He also reported that we are now one quarter penetrated into our budget year and the Budget vs. Actuals is in line with the plan. We are continuing to measure delinquencies to determine if we need to reduce deposits into our reserves.
- **Fred Fath made a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried.**

See Island Manager's written report for additional details of the following areas.

**Administration:**

- Fire District 16 is interested in placing a Fire and Sheriff Radio tower on the island. There are many implications and issues to consider but we are still in the very early stage of discussion.
- The new contract with FD16 for the Community Center is at the attorney's office. He is recommending some changes.
- Affidavits were received from the County for the removal of the remaining vehicles from the former Rucks property. The towing contractor has agreed to take the 3 phase converter in payment for removing these vehicles. This will result in no cost to HMC for his services.
- Pierce County has indicated that any review of our Water System Plan will be subject to a \$500 fee.
- All of the metal storage cabinets have been sold and all but one has been removed from the building.
- FD 16 has indicated that we can do an annual burn this year as long as the circumference of the fire is no larger than 10 feet. (No height limit imposed) The Board agreed to go forward and plan for a burn this year.

**Legal:**

- Doug Allen reported that an executive session of the Board will be required for discussions on the Russ Harpel property and the Baldwin delinquency. This will occur immediately following today's Board meeting.

**Land Use:**

- No Report

**Transportation:**

- It was reported that lights at the Ferry dock have been repaired.
- There is an action to contact APP regarding our recent letter concerning the status of the over-the-water refueling plan for the Dept. of Ecology.
- The Island Manager reported that the US Army Corp of engineers requires us to report out annually on "vessel movements". They recently requested that this

report be submitted quarterly. Following discussion with our island manager they agreed to revert back to annual reporting.

**Rules & Regulations:**

- There is one current complaint in process. A Rules committee meeting will be scheduled shortly.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

- The next meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee will be January 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

**Water:**

- Allen Moren asked if there has been any further discussion on the peripheral activities that need to occur (other than the approval of the water system plan). The Water committee will be discussing those issues at the upcoming committee meeting. Extensive discussion followed on how these will be addressed.

**Parks:**

- The Parks chairman will be meeting with his committee members to discuss outstanding projects and budget constraints. Work parties will need to be planned and next year's budget planning will need to commence.
- Bluff at South Beach – A section of the Warner property has slid as a result of a broken pipe that channels water off their property. It was stated that HMC grants easements to property owners who require one to protect the integrity of the hillside. The owners were notified and are planning to come to the island and take necessary action.
- A member questioned whether it is acceptable for cut trees to be tossed off the south end cliffs. The answer is no, this is not acceptable.

**Roads:**

- Changes to the one way road – A letter was sent to all affected property owners and many replies were received. Allen Moren reported that there is no room for a car to turn around at the point where it would become a one way road again. One issue that was not included in the letter addressed the cost to HMC to convert this road. It was intended that the conversion would be done at no added cost to the island since all it would require to widen the road would be for owners to remove all personal property currently on HMC right of way. Following extensive discussion with members in the audience it was decided that the Roads committee will meet and come back with a recommendation on how to move forward.
- Heavy snow circumstances – There was discussion on the recent snowfall and how we should handle snow removal in the future. Dick Mowry reported that his equipment worked for plowing snow on Ferry Road. The road was then sanded. This appeared to work. There was additional discussion on road conditions and in the event a car were to slide down Ferry Street and hit the ramp mechanism, significant damage could occur. It was felt that a crash barrier should be erected to mitigate this risk. An action item was identified.
- Recognition was noted for Dick Mowry, Allen Moren, and Sam Argo for their efforts in helping to clear the roads during the recent snow storms.
- Following a survey of the roads with the IM and Dick Mowry, it was noted that there is some repair work that needs to be done on the island roads.
- New road signs – Do the signs need to be set in concrete? Two bags would be required for each post. Discussion concluded that the road signs would be set in concrete.

**Old Business:**

- Red's Electric will be coming out to check our water pump station to make recommendations for spare parts.

**New Business:**

- There used to be a calendar maintained on the website. It was felt that this should be reinstated to provide visibility of upcoming committee and action meetings. Further discussion will have to occur on this subject.
- There was a thank you expressed to all of the people who helped out during the recent snowstorm.
- There was discussion on photos being placed on the island website. Members periodically request pictures be placed on the website. The Board agreed that only pictures relevant to the island should be posted on the website.
- Judy Grienke reported out on the Safe Streets Program (a form of Neighborhood Watch) and she will see if an article could be added to the Beachcomber about scheduling a meeting on this subject for members.
- Allen Moren reported that he is having some gutter work done and a contractor will be on the island if we wish to have them quote on some repairs needed for the Community Center. The Board agreed and Allen will contact the contractor for an estimate.

**Action Item Review:**

- See Action Item spreadsheet

**Beachcomber:**

- The next Beachcomber will be the January/February issue. Inputs are required electronically no later than 5:00 PM on Wed. January 14, 2009. The Beachcomber Editor is [beachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto:beachcomber@herronisland.org).
- Judy Grienke reminded us that all references to Boosters and the Boosters logo should be removed from the Beachcomber. The Board agreed.

**Adjournment: Judy Grienke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Following adjournment, the Board went into executive session to address some legal issues and to discuss criteria for the Island Manager's performance review.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Podell  
Secretary