

Gwinhurst Civic Association  
5/5/2022 Minutes

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# Residents: 10

Special Guests: NCC Councilman John Cartier, Sarah McBride State Senator

Finance Report

33,220.06 starting balance

Revenue:

Total Residences Dues Owed	658
Homes that Paid	218
Amount Collected	\$ 5,825
Total Contribution Rate	33.1%

Expenses: \$ 2081.22

Ending Balance: \$34,613.84

Unpaid Expenses:

- Yard Sale Postcard \$ 315.18
- Yard sale signs \$ 15.00

Minutes:

John Cartier

- \$20M Property Tax assessment, no cost to the tax payer (federal CARES funding)
  - Goal is to be revenue neutral
  - Impact to Gwinhurst is that most of us will be paying same amount
  - Every parcel gets an in person visit with an outside inspection
  - Every home will receive a mailing prior to the visit. You do not need to let them into your home.
  - Residents will receive a notice once assessment has been done and can appeal it to the board if they feel it's incorrect.
- Planning board for NCC Comprehensive plan
  - Guides NCC land use and planning for next 10 years
  - 80% of your property tax goes to state/schools, ~20% to NCC.
  - Unlikely Gwinhurst will pay more, likely the same
  - Open question on whether this will change the % that goes to Brandywine School District and how they use it (Mount Pleasant, Concord High, etc.)

- Claymont Fire Company shrimp feast Friday night \$30 - SOLD OUT already
- Rapid tests for COVID are still in Claymont Library
- Bellefonte Arts Festival - 21st of May
- Tri-state will become a logistics center / e-Commerce warehouse
- Parks and climbing ivy - John will get the parks department lady to come talk to us on how to care for the trees/cut the ivy.

Sen. McBride

- Prior Road update - Rep. Lambert is taking the lead to shift the ownership of this road to the state vs. Top of the Hill
- Rumor about gun at St. Helena's carnival. Was just a rumor. No gun found
- Passed legislation last year that criminals that are arrested and present bail shouldn't be released if they have committed violent felonies. Delaware constitution does not allow for "preventative" incarceration due to risks they pose.
- Today they just filed a constitutional amendment to avoid this issue. Passed in the Senate. Then the house. Then next assembly also has to pass it unaltered and then it gets amended to the State Constitution.
- DE schools are failing to hit targets in terms of reading literacy and comprehension for K-3 kids. Passing legislation that mirrors techniques that other states have employed to improve their metrics. Have we looked at how other countries educate kids on reading? Evidence based reading: e.g., phonetics based learning vs. how DE re-inforces rote memorization.
- Passed a family medical leave insurance program. DE will be the 11th state that has this program. Will be signed by Carney on Tuesday.
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