



August 2023 Condo Board Meeting Minutes

Met on Aug 9, 2023 at the English Village Office – 12 Ivy Hall, Dover DE 19904 --

Attendees: Christopher Boyer (President, Grand council rep), Claire Lewandowski (Treasurer, Berwyn council rep), Sandra Cosden (Secretary, Fox council rep), Ian Gronau (Ivy council rep), Rex Bell (Harlech council rep)

- Mr. Boyer called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm
- Several items including gutter quotes, Ivy Hall fire alarm fault, and R&R contract renewal were added to the agenda via unanimous vote.
- Reading of the July minutes was unanimously waived and approved.
- Mr. Gronau noted that a parking committee to assist with violation spotting, tagging and reporting was created. It consists of Ian Gronau, Marianne O'Neil, and Cheryl Killen.
- Ms. Lewandowski provided a brief treasurer's report
- The council agreed to send out notifications about the bylaw changes to all residents in October, thus beginning the process of full adoption.
- The council voted unanimously to approve another six patios for restoration. Noting that the price from the contractor has remained high, they resolved to pause and reassess the continued costs after the completion of the next set of six.
- Mr. Gronan noted that the gutter quote did not include a visual inspection of the gutters. The council agreed to take a look at the gutters via drone footage first before agreeing to gutter cleaning.
- Mr. Gronau explained that a ground fault occurred somewhere in Ivy Hall's smoke detector system. Bsafe (the HOA's contractor) inspected the fault, but by the time they arrived, it had dropped off. They were unable to locate an issue. Their suggestion was to keep an eye on the alarm, but noted there was nothing they could do unless they had an active alarm to investigate.
- Mr. Gronau noted that R&R wanted to renew its contract with the HOA. He brought the revised contract for the council members to review. The council agreed, pending a short review period, to accept the contract. Notably Mr. Gronau abstained from voting – citing conflict of interest.
- Mr. Gronau noted that the new Republic Services contract was for 3 8-yard dumpsters. The council resolved to continue on this way unless it was determined at a later time that an additional dumpster was required.
- Mr. Gronau explained a contentious request for a handicapped parking space. Resident Beverly Howard was requesting the space, but demanding that it be the third from the door rather than the closest space (as ADA dictates). The council voted to put the space in the closest spot as the ADA demands. Mr. Gronau abstained from the vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm, Order of the Day

-Minutes prepared by Ian Gronau