

Base Hill Cooperative

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31, 2008
Time: 6:00pm -7:30pm
Location: 7 Anderson Avenue

Attendance: Gerry Merrill, President; Yvon Brulotte, Treasurer; Carl Cormier, Operations Manager; Ed Lindgren, Assistant Treasurer; Chris Clasby, loan fund representative; Tim Ahern, Vice President; Ray Brewer, member and Howard Minch, member

Meeting started at 5:57pm.
Gerry called meeting to order

Treasurer's report- Yvon states that we have \$12,672 in our checking account and \$38,346 in our emergency fund. Our water bill is at a total of \$41,038.08. Yvon made a payment of \$2,000 toward the bill, bringing it down to \$39,038.08. \$2,000 was the agreement Yvon made with the City to pay towards the water bill. It was found that we did not have a water leak, but that a valve was opened spilling water into the ground. This combined with a 40% water/sewer bill increase, resulted in an extremely high bill. We are only budgeted for \$4,500, quarterly, towards the water/sewer bill. Yvon suggests that we should purchase a meter reader. Carl suggests that we put a meter on every home and let each household be responsible for their own water and sewer bill if we don't start conserving our water usage. There is a discussion about going into the money reserve to pay off the existing water bill or increasing the monthly payment of \$2,000 to \$3,000. Yvon states that may be a little to high, so Carl makes motion to increase water/sewer payments from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Motion gets second and then carried. Gerry asks Carl to check out the cost of a meter reader.

Yvon discusses a possible penalty for loose dogs defecating on other peoples' lawns and owner's not cleaning up after them.

Operations Manager's Report-Carl states that we had some tree work done in the park and one tree could not be removed due to cables running through it. He is awaiting the bill for that and some of the clean up. Park clean up is coming up, probably around May when the snow has been completely cleared. Carl suggests a bonfire to get rid of brush and branches and cut the cost of removal. He will get estimates of the cost of dumpsters. He states that last year we filled 3

dumpsters, but everyone did a really good job with clean up. There will be patching up of the roads soon.

Old Business-Gerry states that he called the City Manager about getting some grants for water/sewer repairs. He made an appointment for April 17, at 2:30pm. Gerry says that the bank in Peterborough has not been cooperating with the Community Loan Fund not Southern University about our loan. Gerry has been trying to reach the loan officer with no prevail.

Gerry asks if there is any other business and Howard asks when the next annual membership meeting is. Chris states that it is always in September. There is discussion on the by law amendment voting packets and when they will be passed out. Gerry states that Cindy, the secretary, was working on them. Yvon and Gerry discuss mailing letters to each and every home about our over usage of the water and a reminder about getting permits before building any structures on your lot. Howard asks about the replacement of the bulletin board and Carl says that he will start pricing them.

Meeting goes into executive session.

Next meeting is set for April 24 from 6pm-7:30pm at 7 Anderson Ave.

Meeting adjourns at 7:30

Transcribed By Cindy L Connors
Secretary