

FERN FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD Meeting Minutes January 7, 2017

Present: Michael Muench, Abe Cappelle, Imi (KEN) Gryde, Bill Watkins, Kathy Frontino.

Meeting started 10:15 a.m.

Kathy Frontino read November 2016 Minutes. Board accepted unanimously. Abe Cappelle (Treasurer) read the financials-Total income for 2016 was \$252,332.92. Board accepted report.

Road Report: given by Bill Watkins: Ken Ortiz has stepped down, so how we've accepted Kenneth Gryde (Imi) to fill in. He's agreed to step up and be the "road foreman". Kenneth Ortiz will still help with this position periodically- With the weather, this time of year (heavy rain) & when the roads finally get fixed, people start to go a little faster which erodes the roads faster. We've spent all the rest of the \$20,000 of our funds on the roads- we addressed the main roads, the ones with the most traffic and filled potholes.

Rhonda (Lickfelt) mentioned that on Omeka, there are a lot of new driveways going in and the heavy equipment and machines cause some damage by the entrances on the road-we will address those areas on the next sweep of the roads. Bill Watkins talked about the increase of road fees from \$115.00 to \$125.00, which is still inadequate to fix all 50 miles of roads to make them safe, smooth and comfortable to drive.

Jamie Sweitzer, proposed to eventually pave all the intersections for about 150'.

Bill and Linda encouraged all members to call the office with your TMK #'s name and location and problem- Leave message and we'll try to address these issues in a timely manner.

Michael Muench talked to the membership about our inclement weather, our legal issues and how this year we received less money than usual. Ken (Imi) talked about the protocol to address the issues on the road and the way he works. Any threats and the police will be called. Bill talked to Jen Ruggles-our representative for this area, about funding. They discussed that tipping fees should be free at least one day a month and to pick up illegal dumping. If county tries to start charging, we will start seeing more trash dumped along the easements. We'll try to police our easements and intersections, perhaps with cameras. And our connectivity should be nothing less than than the Hawaiian Acres and Ainaloa connection.

Joel Thompson about the Volunteer Fire Fighters- that this is a part of Hi. County Fire Dept. All the training and equipment is provided by the County. Right now, we have 6 volunteer members

That show up regularly. We have 2 trucks on site (Joel has 1 at his house. If we had the Eden Roc connectivity it would save us lots of time to respond to a fire. We are looking for new volunteers.

Neighborhood Watch will have their 1st meeting of the year next Sat. (3rd Sat.) here at the Community Center-thank you Rhonda Lickfelt for all your help and hard work.

Concerning our on-going lawsuit with the "pseudo" board- we have another court date on Jan. 18th. We have court date for a preliminary hearing with the Prosecutor for the lock cutting here at the community lot.

Laura (Warner) asked about what we've spent on legal fees- about \$22,000.

Speed bump on Kahaualea has the signs up and the bump will come soon- Contractor has put on hold since it's a small job for them. We have 2 signs up (Kahaualea at Captains) regarding removal of personal material in road easements, there's been a notice in letters with the billing and newsletter, saying that landowners have the legal obligation to keep this area clean and free of material. And any material can be removed at the owner's expense. We will be going out and taking photo's documentary of the obstructions in the easements, before and after. We will also try to contact the owner to remove the items first, then charge the owner if we have to remove any items. We are trying to set-up a rate- the membership mentioned we should charge a minimum of \$1000.00 and up to \$1,500.00 depending on the time it takes and the extent of the removal.

Bill talked about our tractor we're looking to buy. It's a Kubota enclosed cab diesel tractor totaling around \$80,000.00. It is 4-wheel drive, and will have a 4 in 1 front bucket, a 6' flail mower, 4 heavy duty tires, 150 gal. sprayer and an 81" box scraper. We plan to put \$21,000.00 down about \$1,600.00 monthly payments for 3 years. The guys had a discussion about this expenditure. 4 of us were in favor of toing ahead to purchase the tractor- 1 is abstaining (Mike Muench).

Bill Watkins motioned for \$25,000.00 (\$ 10,000.00 coming for emergency fund) for legal fees for the year.

We sent over the people who are allowed on the principle Captains lot to be: Board members, Volunteer Fire Fighters, road crew, Police officers, maintenance persons, and are adding and restating our policy to include any owner in good standing with written approval from FFCA.

Officer K. Ishii talked about the accesses to this subdivision thru Eden Roc, that thieves and burglars are using to abstain access and get out of. He also mentioned that if you see an abandoned vehicle call the police after 24hours. and they will handle it with no cost to us.

Meeting adjourned: 12:29 p.m.