

# Cochran's Crossing Village Association

## Monthly Board Meeting, Woodlands Township Building

Minutes-September 27, 2022

**Members Present:** Tricia Danto, President; Terri Larson, Vice-president; Lisa Doornik, Treasurer; Amanda Van Dusen; Shiva Basavanna; Jim Goldmeyer; Pat Lowe; Andy Thorson; Liberty Christoff; Laura Peterson; and Michelle Sepulveda.

**Guests:** Dr. Shelly Sekula-Gibbs, The Woodlands Township Board; Eric Medina, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office; Erin Redmon, The Woodlands Township liaison; Chief Palmer Buck, The Woodlands Fire Department; and Craig Rickard a resident.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Tricia Danto, President.** Eight members present constitute a quorum.

**Township Report:** Dr. Sekula-Gibbs reported that the Township budget of 148 million was 5.4 % lower than the known revenue rate and was capped at 56.4% down since 2010. The 15.3 million in the Incorporation Fund will be put into capital funds and operation reserves. Five fire stations will be improved and a new station will be built in 2023; cycling paths in North Short Park will be repaired; and renovations will be made in park bathrooms and on tennis courts. The Highway 242 TexDot project to widen the road has been shelved and improvements will be made instead.

**Law Enforcement Report:** Deputy Medina reported that there were 2,280 traffic stops last month and a total of 10,509 calls. There was one DWI arrest in CC, 2 criminal mischief arrests, and 11 car accidents. He announced that September was Safety Preparedness Month. He cautioned the board to establish a 9 pm home lock up routine; to check emergency supplies and to throw out old food and batteries in emergency kits; and to be careful when withdrawing cash from ATMs.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Buck announced that October 9 is the start of Fire Prevention Week. "Fire Doesn't Wait, Plan Your Escape!" he advised. He urged members to change fire alarm batteries when they change their clocks. The Fire Department will be present at the October 15 Safety Expo at North Shore Park. There will also be a free car seat check for families.

### **The Woodlands Township Announcements and Report by Erin Redmon:**

Erin cautioned members not to leave flyers on the mailboxes for more than 24 hours. Flyers may be posted, but must be removed within two days of the event.

**The August minutes were approved by a motion by Liberty, which was seconded by Laura.**

### **Old Business:**

**Budget Report:** Lisa Doornik, Treasurer, reported that 16 booths have been sold for the festival. Two scholarship checks have been paid for recipients, and a new budget item has been created for the fall festival. A handout provided all the recent budget activity.

**Events Committee Report on Fall Festival, October 23:** Amanda brought a new festival game to show to board members. She reported that vendor interest was high. The petting zoo, train and placement of all activities has been planned. Kroger has acquired enough small pumpkins to give to participants. They will also sponsor cookie decorating. Photos of new games were provided to board members. Tents and tables will be provided by the Township.

**New Business:**

**Education Committee:** Lisa and Pat: The form for teacher grants is ready and will be distributed in January. The committee needs to know how much grant money will be available before giving the schools a request ceiling.

**Advisory Committee Report:** Shiva reported that work on repairing items at the parks is underway, focusing on restroom improvements.

**Communication Committee:** Jaime reported on plans to buy [www.cochranscrossing.org](http://www.cochranscrossing.org) domain by email and this will give us content control over our website.

**More New Business:**

Lisa agreed to attend the next meeting of The Woodlands Green, October 3 on behalf of the board.

All Woodlands Village Association board members are invited to a reception at the Black Walnut Restaurant, January 25, 2023, from 4:00 pm-6 pm.

To provide events tailored toward adult residents, a wine tasting is in the planning stages for January in the community room at the Sterling Ridge Kroger. Perry's Restaurant has offered to provide hors d'oeuvres. Pat has agreed to chair the committee. Plans for a Casino or Bingo night at a local temple, church, or country club are also under discussion.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Amanda and seconded by Shiva.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.**