

Residential Beautification Meeting

December 4, 2017

Members of the Residential Beautification Committee met December 4, 2017 at the rural fire station. Those present were: Barbara Salzman, Courtney Carpio, Joann Mayor, Doug Krauss, Tony Coons, and Carol Jones.

Chairman Tony Coons called the meeting to order and began with a prayer and the Pledge to the flag. New member present was Doug Krauss. Chairman Coons reported that a woman had contacted the group needing minor repairs and educational materials for her children.

The minutes were presented by secretary Carol Jones. Courtney moved to approve them and Joann seconded. The motion carried.

Chairman Coons discussed the brick sidewalks. He said the house just down from his and the 3 past the post office had brick sidewalks. The homeowners would need to be contacted. Doug said a skid steerer with a broom on the front does a good job on the sidewalks. He thought Jason Vansell's history students might be interested in doing some research. He will meet with Principal Chris Marshall. Doug reported that at some schools a community service project is required before the seniors can graduate. Barbara will get Tony some addresses. One is apparently a rental owned by Steve Barron. Oak Street should also have some brick sidewalks.

Chairman Coons presented Amy Seals paper regarding what is required for assisting with volunteer efforts for 3MT, which will occur in June of 2018. Chairman Coons will contact scrap yards and give them his number to try to get people to collect metal. Doug asked if there were any car crusher people who came around to collect junk cars.

Courtney discussed the possibility of having welcome packets. A group called Our Town, America produces them for different towns. They have been in business since 1972 and are now located in Clearwater, Florida. The packets would include gift certificates from local businesses, information about the town, etc. The post office would send the company the addresses of people at new locations, even if they just move a block away. Apparently, approximately 46 people move locally each year. The businesses pay for the privilege of being included in the packet, and every time a certificate is used either Residential Beautification or Versailles Community Betterment will get a kick back.

Joann Mayor mentioned that people are having trouble finding rental properties in good shape and Tony suggested zoning regulations would help

Joann Mayor moved to adjourn and Barb Salzman seconded. The motion carried.

Tony reported there will be no January meeting and the next meeting will be February 5.

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