

Village of North Chevy Chase Monthly Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Brian Hoffner (Vice Chair), conducted in person and through electronic means; also in attendance were Maury Mechanick (Secretary); Olga Joos (Treasurer); Jon Macy (Member); Susan Theis (Village Manager); and other residents of VoNCC (list attached)

Secretary’s Report for May 2023 Council and Annual Meeting (Mechanick) – Approved.

Treasurer’s Report for April and May 2023 (Joos) –Results for April and May 2023 included combined income of \$93,735.57, and combined operating expenses of \$44,512.87 (including waste removal, street lighting, sign/street maintenance, landscaping and mowing, trees, wages and taxes, and office and communication). Current fiscal year to date revenues through May 2023 came to \$584,500.19 and current fiscal year to date operating expenses came to \$263,997.42. Total current assets for as of May 2023, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, including APRA funds received, came to \$2,790,497.03.

Permits:

- **3702 Husted Drive** – permit application for fence, deck and gazebo
- **8804 Montgomery Avenue** – permit application for demolition and reconstruction of residence at 8804 Montgomery provisionally approved, pending execution of Site Management Agreement, including appropriate provisions related to protection and/or removal of any trees, including canopy trees, on the property.

Action Items:

SHA Presentation – Representatives from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), attended the Council meeting and made a presentation regarding the ongoing status of Project MO5935870 MD 185, involving the reconstruction of the Jones Bridge Road/Connecticut Avenue/Kensington Parkway intersection and related roadway renovations along Jones Bridge Road. Those in attendance from SHA at the meeting were Carm Saimbre, John Gover, Vernon Murray, and Tiffany Boulware, and attending virtually via Zoom were Gary Lilly and Amy Andrews.

Following the presentation, a number of questions and concerns were raised by Village residents including:

- pedestrian safety concerns regarding crosswalks on Jones Bridge Road by the elementary school and on the north side of Connecticut Avenue, and the future status of the crosswalk on the south side of Connecticut Avenue
- inadequacy of lane designation signage for turning onto Kensington Parkway from Jones Bridge Road;

- ongoing repair work required to remedy damage to residences along the 3700 block of Jones Bridge Road, including watering of sod and raising soil levels to match water cut off valves installed by WSSC along the 3700 block of Jones Bridge Road; and
- plans, including timing, for removal of trees at the corner of Kensington Parkway and Jones Bridge road to improve visibility issues regarding that intersection

The SHA representatives were very responsive to the concerns raised, addressing each of them in detail to the extent that they were able to do so at the meeting, including in particular committing to ensuring full and proper restoration of any damage done to the residences along the 3700 block of Jones Bridge Road, and confirming plans for removal of the trees at the corner of Kensington Parkway and Jones Bridge Road to be done by a subcontractor specializing in tree removal within the next few weeks, with replanting of more appropriate landscaping in the first quarter of 2024.

Sandy Springs Bank Accounts – Council authorized transfers of funds from current banking arrangements to Sandy Springs and further exploration of investment opportunities including money market and certificates of deposit issued by Sandy Springs.

45th Annual 4th of July Block Party – The Council confirmed plans for the block party to be held as an in-person event on July 4 and expressed its appreciation to those residents who volunteer their time and effort to support this activity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date of next meeting: July 18, 2023

June 23, 2023 Village Council Meeting - Attendees

In Person:

Brian Hoffner	Tiffany Boulware	Debbie Lamb Mechanick	Jean Lewis
Jon Macy	Vernon Murray	Fern Lapidus	Jacqueline Flanagan
Maury Mechanick	Carm Saimbre	Bob Weesner	Judy Regan
Susan Theis	John Gover	Chip Roh	Carolyn Deal
Nicole Butler	Matt Scorzafava	Anne Cantrel	Frank Cantrel
Bill Leahey	James Merikangas	Brahim Berrada	

Via Zoom:

Olga Joos	Gary Lilly
Sandy Tennies	Amy Andrews
Nathan Tennies	Helen Santiago Fink
iPhoneDerek	Claire Cassard