

Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

Board members:

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November 2008

Board Meeting Notes November 19, 2008 - All Board members were present and reviewed and approved the minutes of the special board meeting held on September 23 and the annual meeting held on September 25, 2008. Tom Micke presented the September 30, October 31, 2008, financial statements, which the Board approved.

Tom noted that the major bills, lawn care and sprinkler water, have been received and are paid. Insurance payments are ongoing but snow removal until year-end is still unknown. Doug Ludwig mentioned that if a vehicle is parked in a driveway, that driveway may not be plowed, as our contractor is **NOT** required to plow driveways with a vehicle parked in it.

Old Business

The Board concurred that the annual meeting went well with all Board members reporting and the introduction of the new website. Homeowners with computers are urged to add their e-mail addresses to the website, www.marshridgedelano.com, for future notifications.

The painting and repair list is complete for the year and all further requests will be deferred till spring.

Roof inspection is delayed until a second inspector can co-ordinate with a roofing contractor to check for damage. Depending on weather this also may be a spring project.

New Business

Tom Micke presented an estimated budget for 2009 which was more up to date than the one used at the annual meeting. Lengthy discussion of increases in services preceded setting of the dues for 2009. A 30% water/electric increase by the City, and a 5% increase in trash removal will affect all homeowners.

In addition, our insurance bill increased by 30% for 2009. The large increase in insurance will fall mostly to the twin home owners. Snow removal affects all and is an estimated expense at this time. So, after much deliberation, the Board raised the single-family dues \$6.00 per month and the twin home dues \$15.00 per month. This will balance the estimated budget. Our reserve will remain at a healthy level for future capital needs.

The Board discussed recent vandalism to the lights at the entrance of Marsh Ridge. The lights have been replaced or repaired. But street lights on Rte. 30 and on Marsh Drive have been out for other reasons and residents are encouraged to call the Delano Power Plant to alert them when this happens. Their phone is 763-972-0557. This affects the security and safety of the neighborhood. If suspicious activity is noted residents should call 911 for the Sheriff.

The Board approved a motion to take legal action against a homeowner with delinquent dues.

Some residents have requested a mailed copy of the meeting minutes and Board members compiled a list of those residents. The minutes will be on the website, www.marshridgedelano.com, following all future meetings.

The next regular Board meeting will be January 14th, 2009, 7:00 PM, at 472 Aspen Circle.

