

# Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

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**The Board of Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association met on January 23, 2014.** All Board members were present. The minutes of the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Tom Micke distributed the December financial statement and the end of year (2013) expenses.

He pointed out that none of the late December snow removal invoices have been received or paid. All other outstanding year end invoices are up to date. A lengthy discussion of full year expenses followed including the number of snow removal budgeted in 2014. Seven plowings have taken place for the season (including December) and 12 are in the budget. Other large expenses were for the sprinkler system for repair of leaks and replacement of pumps. The financial statement was approved as submitted.

**Committee Reports:** Roof committee was only committee mentioned. There are 4 roofs to be completed. Ice Jams have not been an issue yet due to the very cold weather, but our strong winds may blow snow into vents or under shingles. Some dripping may be the result in warmer weather. For residents who face the marsh or park, the City has been creating a ditch to help drain water from areas south and east of Marsh Ridge. The soil resulting from this work is being deposited on the site of the existing dike at the end of Rte. 30. The work is taking place in winter as the marsh surface is capable of supporting the machines needed to clear the ditch of weeds and brush.

**Old Business:** A meeting was held with our lawn care and maintenance vendor to follow up on fall work that was not completed before the cold weather. Better means of communication were set up for the coming season. The Board would like the vendor to attend the walk through held in late April. Much of the black edging which was placed 10 plus years ago is heaving and may need to be replaced. There are other maintenance issues including the lights at the entrance sign. A new transformer has been ordered, but can't be installed at this time. If necessary, the plowing crew will have to bring a bobcat to clean out under the mail boxes and the fire hydrants.

Although sidewalks are shoveled, residents are responsible to treat icy patches with salt or sand and are urged to shovel their decks if the snow piles up.

**New Business:** For future agendas the Board will evaluate the aging sprinkler system. Our very cold winter may cause leaks or damaged sprinkler heads. Howard Glas noted that Minnesota is #1 in the nation for insurance claims for wind and hail damage. We may be looking at large increases in premiums even though our claims to this point have been minimal.

**The next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 641 Marsh Drive at 7:00.**