

Hellgate Meadows Residential Neighborhood Association

2625 Dublin Street ♦ Missoula, MT 59808

Board Meeting

January 16, 2024

7:00 pm, via Google Meet



Board Members Present (via Google Meet): Debbie Goertzen, John Shannon, Kathie Snodgrass, and Susan Quinn . Laura Morris was unable to attend.

John moved and Debbie seconded that the meeting minutes for December be approved as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Financials:

This report includes both November and December reports, due to unavailability of information during the December meeting.

As of November 30, the balance sheet showed \$19,626.12. There was \$16,198.48 in the bank. Accounts receivable were \$3,231.77. There were \$1,281.43 in deposits. Bills paid included Dirtman: \$1,850, Cedar Mountain Software: \$20.00 (for web communications system), JDM Enterprises: \$159.34 (for office services), Montana Pooper Scoopers: \$250.00, NorthWestern Energy: \$73.37 and Susan Quinn: \$9.98 reimbursement for hazard-marking spray paint. The variance report showed \$41.51 less income than budgeted and \$835.63 less expense than budgeted.

As of December 31, the balance sheet showed \$19,389.50. There was \$16,137.73 in the bank. Accounts receivable were \$3,251.77. There were no deposits. The only bill paid was \$73.27 to NorthWestern Energy, which was paid via auto-pay. The bookkeeper had a family emergency, which called her out of town. The remaining bills will be paid as soon as she gets back in January. The variance report showed \$47.51 less income than budgeted and \$901.76 less expense than budgeted. Year-to-date, there was \$1,740.22 more income than budgeted and \$4,068.42 less expense than budgeted.

The Board briefly discussed whether in future years we should budget for unanticipated capital expenses, such as replacing the irrigation pump. We will discuss this further when developing the 2025 budget.

Old Business:

Street Lights: John will call Anchor Electric to find out whether the wiring for our current street lights is in conduit and if the conduit (if any) is sound. He will also drive out and look at a street light in the 44 Ranch neighborhood that is the kind NorthWestern Energy is currently installing for residential neighborhoods. They are dark sky compliant. He will report back.

Landscaping: Debbie signed the contract with Dirtman for 2024 (at no increase in price) on behalf of the Board. She also called Nature's Best about treating the aphids in the spring. They will once again offer an option that residents can have their personal trees treated for a reduced rate while they are doing the common area trees in our neighborhood.

Liens: Susan will follow up with Jane on getting copies of all our current liens for our files.

Responsibilities List: Debbie still can't get into the document to edit for her responsibilities. She will send her information to Susan, and Susan will enter it.

Communications: Roberta has been removed from our board@hmrna.org email list, but we will keep Drew on it for a while, in case he can provide enlightenment on items which began before he resigned at the end of December.

Accompanying the first half dues billings that will be out later this month will be a letter including information about the General Meeting in March, last year's accomplishments, and a request for owners' emails so they can be kept in the communications loop.

Electronic Dues Payments: To enable payment directly through our website, we would have to upgrade to a business class website, which would cost a lot more. However, Susan did modify the website so the connection to PayPal is more direct.

New Business:

Board Members: We can have up to 8 Board members, but currently only have 5. We need more Board members. We will try to recruit when we get email addresses from residents and also at the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regular Board Meeting will be in person at Susan's and also via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/stt-ivod-qjb>), on February 20th at 7:00 pm.

NOTE: There will be a different link for the Annual Meeting, Mar 19, 2024 at 7 pm: <https://meet.google.com/fkz-fmtu-xez>

Kathie Snodgrass
Secretary