

# **Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Timber Cove Homes Association In General Session**

Held Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.  
Via Conference Call due to Covid 19

## **Attendees:**

### **Directors Present on Conference Call:**

Ron Case, President  
Russell Wells, Vice President  
John Gray, Treasurer  
Cindy Culcasi, Secretary  
Bob Leichtner  
Margaret Grahame  
Rosemary Gorz

## **Call to Order**

Ron Case called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m., directly after the Annual Meeting.

## **Review and Approval of the Agenda**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Agenda was approved after minor corrections by the Board 7-0.

As a result of a lack of a quorum in the Annual Meeting, a reconvened Annual Meeting is scheduled on October 3, thus agenda item 4 (seating the new Board and Officers) was deferred. The General Session was moved from October 10 to October 3 thus agenda item 8 was updated to reflect the new date of the next meeting. Public Comment was added at the end of the agenda.

## **Review and Approval of Previous Minutes**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the August 8, 2020 Minutes were approved 7-0.

## **President's Report – Ron Case**

No report was given.

## **Treasurer's Report - John Gray**

Mr. Gray delivered the August Treasurer's Report and the budget vs. actual for the end of August. The PowerPoint presentation of the Report and the budget will be available on the [timbercovehomes.org](http://timbercovehomes.org) website.

John Gray noted that since the Annual Meeting must be reconvened due to a lack of a quorum, there would be an additional cost to the election of approximately a couple of hundred dollars. An additional fee will be due to the Inspector of Elections.

John Gray stated the office scanner no longer works and a new scanner must be purchased. He has asked for up to \$750.00 to purchase a new scanner.

**August Bills Paid:**

- Intuit online payroll - \$61.50
  - National Partners - \$1,929.15
  - Frontier - \$135.33
  - Payroll - \$3,038.83
- Total - \$5,164.81

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved payment of the bills and up to \$750.00 to pay for a new scanner 7-0.

The Budget is the best it has been in the past couple of years. There are a few line items that we will probably exceed what was budgeted, and other items where we will come in under budget. Currently we have collected \$70,075.00 more than we have spent.

**Continuing Business**

Deferred to October Meeting

**New Business**

**Fire Safety – John Gray**

John Gray thanked Eric Lynn and the Timber Cove Volunteer Department for their heroic stand during the recent Myers Fire. He added that there some local contractors who stepped up to help with the fire and went above and beyond. John considers all three to be heroes. Mark Mann, Jeff Parmeter, and Bill Seymour all helped, although they did not have to, and worked alongside CalFire. There were limited resources from the state and the three contractors helped keep the fire contained and because of them, there was not as much damage as there might have been.

Mr. Gray also mentioned that our Timber Cove Fire Department relies heavily on donations. Mr. Gray is not affiliated with the fire department, but he suggested that members donate what they can afford. The fire department saved us.

Mr. Gray also discussed fire abatement. TCHA does not have the authority under our CCRs to enforce fire abatement. Fire abatement enforcement is basically a county and state function. The new County ordinance that covers enforcement applies to lots of 5 acres or less. With property ownership comes responsibility. Mr. Gray said there is a large number of vacant lots that are not yet cleared. Most homeowners keep their lots cleared, but that isn't always the case with vacant lots. Mr. Gray hopes we all understand the dire position we are in across California and do our part to keep our property cleared. When the rainy season starts, we should be cutting and burning or if you are clearing now, cutting and chipping. Good fire abatement protects you and your neighbors.

Rosemary Gorz talked about their neighbor in Timber Cove and how she contacts him every time the property needs to be mowed. She added that if we know our neighbors, we should contact them when

some clearing or other fire abatement needs to be completed. This is something we could all do as neighbors.

Ron Case stated that the Timber Cove Fire Department received a \$20,000 grant for fire abatement. If you would like to contact the fire department and ask about what can be done to make your lot more fire safe, they will help you. This is voluntary. Mr. Gray added that the fire department are the experts and the best people to handle this issue.

#### **Public Comment**

Since the Annual Meeting was adjourned until October 3 and there would have been public comment during the Annual Meeting, public comment was added back to the General Session.

A member wanted to bring to the attention of the Board, that when the roads sweep was completed, she noticed a number of metal springs in the road from the sweeper. She thought the contractor would want to be alerted about the issue.

A member commented about three issues:

- For those who walk the Ruoff Gordon Court area, there is a resident bear who wanders the area. Security cameras catch the bear every couple of days walking the property.
- The road sweeper did a great job, but it also exposed a lot of road edge damage on Gordon Court.
- He heard that some of the members who caused the McKay lawsuit and cost us a lot of money are telling other members not to vote. This is costing more money since we now need to reconvene the Annual Meeting to complete the election.

A Director added that the disruptive social media attacks may have contributed to the lack of a quorum, but there is also apathy in the community; we are legally bound to follow the quorum requirements which were often ignored in the past. We've had a few elections prior to 2017 where we did not have a quorum.

John Gray spoke about the TCCWD. He encouraged members to attend the next Water Board Meeting. There is a lot of misinformation out there and it would be helpful to everyone if they signed into the meeting and listened. TCCWD was behind in their audits (which are required yearly) and the 2017 audit was just completed. The 2015 audit was completed in 2020. The audits are almost caught up.

#### **Adjournment – Ron Case**

Motion to adjourn. The Board voted to adjourn 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Cindy Culcasi, Secretary