

April 7, 2009
CRADOCK CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

- _ Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Joanna Hall, President
- _ Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.
- _ A quorum was verified.
- _ General announcements and correspondence were read.
- _ March Meeting Minutes were approved with two corrections.
- _ Treasurer's report: read & accepted by membership.
 - \$1922.63 Forwarded Balance
 - \$365 deposits, and \$468.44 expenses.
 - \$1,819.19 Ending Balance
- _ Adopt-A-Spot Balance \$230.15

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS

- o Joel Rubin- Described Wheelabrater owning 16 other waste to energy plants across the US. Their #1 priority is safety, and they wish to become involved with the surrounding community. The final decision will be in June.
- o Martha Ann Creecy-On March 27th two new bills were signed into law as of June 1st, derelict issues are no longer a civil problem and now will be a criminal problem. There will also be incentives for homeowners with permits and fees. Caps form will be filled out for problem properties. A "blight buster team" will be involved and they will meet at 4 pm on the second Thursday of the month at City Hall.
- o Bruce Lalonde –Discussed his qualifications for Portsmouth City Treasurer, his website is www.brucealondefortreasurer.com.
- o Jimmy Williams-Portsmouth city treasurer from 1994-present.
- o Doug Funkhouser-running for Sheriff, officer of the year and would like to bring in 100% Law enforcement.
- o Bill Watson-Current Sheriff, 10% law enforcement and 90% business. He has made all of his promises within 6 months of taking office.

COMMITTEE AND CHAIR REPORTS

NIO (235-5658)

- o Officer Baker-increased larceny in vehicles, remember to remove GPS.
- o Lee Cherry-Reminds citizens that free gunlocks are available to all. Recommends involvement in big brother and big sister program and discussed the "scared straight" program available.

Neighborhood Quality

- o Mr. Trotter mention that we are in the grass-cutting phase of the year and the limit is ten inches.

Yard of the Month

- o 25 Alden for March

Spring Fest

- o Dee Dee announced the groups that were performing and there will be arts and crafts available all day. Motion was approved paying the remaining portion of the Moon bounce.

Patriotic Salute

- o Chair and volunteers needed.

Lyon's Club

- o Mr. Mills informed everyone about the Band competition and the 2 winners from Southside Lyon's club will go on to compete at the Great Bridge Presbyterian Church April 19th.

Neighborhood Watch

- o Ted Lamb informed us that there was a 50% drop in drugs, but to keep getting information.

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion was passed to voice list of concerns to SPSA, and have Joanna Hall speak at their meeting.
- Motion for Joanna to speak on behalf of Cradock on not moving, downsizing, or relocating the library, was passed. Motion was passed to postpone action on funds for the Skate Park and to not let the dog park interfere.
- Motion failed to have the Civic league to voice an opinion on increase in taxes. Recommendation was made to have the citizens to individually voice their opinions.

NEW BUSINESS

- Volunteers needed for anthrax simulation pass out, more information to come.

UP COMING DATES

May 9th Clean Community Commission-Cradock Community Cleanup at Afton square, 9am.

May 19th Cradock Neighborhood watch at Cradock Baptist Church, 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.