

WEST HARRISON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting: First General Meeting, November 18, 2004, West Harrison Fire House

Opening:

- All were welcomed by President Fred Sciliano who gave a brief history of how this new organization was founded and discussed the goals of having a group of concerned citizens of this part of the Town of Harrison to voice concerns and be informed and advocate for the well being of our area.
- Membership is available to those in the West Harrison water and fire districts.
- He introduced the officers and trustees that volunteered to start the organization.
 - President – Fred Sciliano
 - Vice President – Lori Wilson
 - Secretary – Angela Amodeo
 - Treasurer – Jeff LeGrotte
 - Trustee – Lisa Sciliano
 - Trustee – Charles A. Russo
- Three (3) more Trustee positions are available and he asked for nominations.
- We are in the process of forming the by-laws
- We plan to present our organization to the town board hopefully in January.
- Vice President Lori Wilson went over some organizational issues; by-laws, format, requested suggestions on both from members.
- Various committees will be formed and she said that we need people to work on these committees to make this organization work
- Official dues will be needed for expenses, the amount to be decided.
- Treasurer Jeff LaGrotte discussed process to become a legal entity, including IRS filing and bank accounts.

The meeting was opened to the floor for comments and concerns.

Discussions and Suggestions:

- School committee
- Seniors concerned about costs of new construction
- Concern about outsiders and young people creating disturbances at the rec center
- Concern about the scope of the project planned for the old Minzter Property by the apartments on Underhill Avenue
- Illegal apartments - problems with parking, increased school population
- Commercial rezoning suggestion
- Unsafe roadway situation at Lake St. and Veterans Memorial Highway
- Groups of men hanging around streets in the morning looking for work
- Parking problem on Daniel St. and response of police department
- Problem with selective enforcement of violations
- Large trucks on Main St.
- Odor from Bark Park

- Poor maintenance of library
- Future post office at entrance to children's library unacceptable
- Overcrowding on Woodside and Grant streets
- Issuing of inappropriate zoning variances
- Compliance issues of illegal residences – not being followed up
- Need for legal actions to get results
- Newspaper publicity needed and a newsletter
- Vandalism from the reporting of illegals
- Need for state of the art senior facilities
- Need for post office in West Harrison

Conclusion:

The president thanked the West Harrison Fire Department for the use of the facilities. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 16. Tentative schedule is for the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Amodeo, Secretary