

Hidden Hamlet Annual Meeting  
December 27, 2012

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Bill Wiechmann at 6:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Bill Wiechmann, Ron Bos, Julia Kort, Mike Barr, Mike Phillips, Dave Bedau, Howard Goldberg and Bill Brownfield.

Board Member Absent: Will Baker.

Bill Brownfield moved to approve the minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting. Seconded by Mike Phillips. Motion passed.

The terms for the positions of president, vice-president and secretary are expiring. Bill asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. At the November board meeting the board members discussed keeping the current board until the water reservoir project is completed. Bill Brownfield moved to retain Bill Wiechman as president, Ron Bos as vice-president and Julia Kort as secretary. Howard Goldberg seconded. Motion passed.

The Annual Picnic for 2013 will be on Sunday, September 1 at Nubs Nob.

Financial Report – Dave Bedau reported that there is only a \$300.00 to \$400.00 difference in the snow plowing charge this year. The dues paid each year by residents are pretty much used up on services. Last year we increased our cash reserve by only \$4,298.00. Our current cash reserve is between \$80,000.00 and \$100,000.00. Although this seems like a substantial amount, it would be quickly depleted if used to offset the cost to residents for the water reservoir project. There will be a discussion at the next board meeting about possibly increasing dues.

Water Reservoir – Ron Bos reported that the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) is mandating that we modernize our water system. The DEQ wants a water reservoir. Right now the average daily flow in the Hamlet is just above the maximum for mandating a reservoir. Joel Woods, Ron Bos and Bill Wiechmann met with the DEQ to determine if we have any basis for challenging this demand. If there is a leak somewhere in the older pipes we might fall beneath the daily usage cut-off and be able to challenge the DEQ. To determine if this might be the case, sometime in April all residents will be asked to refrain from using any water for a six hour period.

If we have to go through with the reservoir we have until the end of 2015 to complete it. Right now we are on schedule with all necessary requirements with the DEQ. The well house is a possible location being considered for the reservoir. It would be housed in a 24 x 24 building that would be architecturally aligned with the other structures in the Hamlet.. The general opinion is, if we have to do it, we want to do it right but not overdue it. By next year at this time we should have figures as far as costs. Our fire hydrants have been labeled “For Flushing Only”. In case of a fire, the hydrants would be used to fill pumper trucks and the trucks would fight the fire.

Garbage – We looked into the possibility of eliminating individual pick-up and having dumpsters at the well house. The DEQ will not approve dumpsters in the well house area and we don't have another location that we can use.

Roster Changes – Please notify Julia Kort with any changes for the roster. . . . addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses. [juliakort@hotmail.com](mailto:juliakort@hotmail.com) or 231.526.6984

Snow Plowing – Tri County is handling snow plowing again this year. They had to use plows instead of snow blowers early this season because the ground was soft and also heavy snow sometimes warrants plows.

Roads – Work on all roads in the Hamlet has been done. Also, almost all secondary roads (four left) in the township are done. The township has spent about \$1,000,000.00 on road improvements over the last six years.

Web Page – Art Beck has volunteered to help us get a web page up and running. It will be a fast way for us to communicate power outages, water outages, board minutes and roster changes. [www.hiddenhamlet.com](http://www.hiddenhamlet.com)

Bill Brownfield inquired about why there were lights on at Boyne Hightlands at 2 a.m. and wondered if the township has a dark night ordinance. There is no ordinance and Boyne keeps their lights on when they're blowing snow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Kort  
Secretary