**Minutes**

**EPMA Monthly Meeting**

**January 18, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

Present were: Lydia Lewis, Gil Lowery, Myrtle Palmer, Darcel Browning, Kevin Kimmel, Samantha Gomez, Molly Laula and Bethany Howard and Sandy Helms.

Lydia opened the meeting and introduced members of the Emerald Isle Police Department’s Neighborhood Watch Program, Major Michael Panzarella, Assistant Chief of Police, Sandra L. DeLorme, Community Resource Officer and Jim Farmer, local Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. This is a Nation-wide program and was organized in 1972 to help prevent crime through neighbors working with the local Police Department. The Emerald Isle Neighborhood Watch program was organized 7 years ago and since the program began a 40% drop in crime has been recorded. The team emphasized that their door is always open and they have literature, monthly newsletters, welcome packets, etc. to help each neighborhood organize a program suited for their individual neighborhood. It was stressed, if we get volunteers and organize a Neighborhood Watch Program for Emerald Plantation Homeowners they will come back and help us start the program. We need to recruit at least three volunteers to help with this program.

Lydia thanked them for taking the time to come to the Board meeting, for the literature they left for us to distribute as needed and hopefully soon we will be in touch to set up a future training session.

Minutes from the December 2020 meeting were approved.

Darcel Browning gave the following Treasurer’s report:

Reconciled Reserve Fund Cash $ 121,105.27

Reconciled Operating Fund Cash (Checking Account) $ 37,698.12

Dues outstanding > 90 days $ 253.18

Note: Our CPA has resigned as of 3-31-2021 due to health issues. We are in the process of finding a new CPA Firm.

Treasurer’s report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Gate:** We are still waiting for the new gate to be delivered, hopefully within the next couple of weeks.

**Pool:**  No report

**Lights:** No report

**Landscaping & Irrigation:** No report

**Architectural Committee:** We are still struggling with “dog poop” – dog owners are allowing their dogs to run loose and not picking up the poop. A notice will be once again sent out to all homeowners and renters.

**Club House:** As reported in the December 2020 minutes, the Club House, etc. need to be painted. We have received four bids to paint the Club House, the Pool House, the Pool walls and the Guard House. The lowest bid was from SeaMar Contracting. This company painted the inside of our clubhouse last year. We have awarded the contract to SeaMar. We anticipate the work beginning, weather permitting, within the next month.

**Communications:** Samantha reported that she has set up a Face Book page for Emerald Plantation Home Owners. This new FB program will be used to make announcements to all HOA of upcoming events, etc. She encourages all homeowners to go on line and join our new Face Book account.

**Socials:** No report

**Committee for Community Involvement:** Due to weather conditions, outside work has been put aside for now. As soon as possible we need to pressure wash the sidewalks around the Club House and the Tennis Courts.

**Old Business:** Gil met with Johnny Foster, owner of Foster Lake & Pont Management in reference to the duckweed and watermeal problem in our canal. Right now the canal looks cleaner than usual for this time of the year, the problem still exists and the duckweed seeds are lying on the bottom of the canal waiting to sprout and give us that green cover. He suggested a couple of options – but none of them will be effective if our neighboring communities do not cooperate and put forth the same effort. Gil will make another contact and try to set up a date when he will be available to come and meet with our Board. Lydia also advised that Bruce Paetzold has offered to use a telescopic pole and net to clean the garbage from the canal. Lydia will coordinate with Bruce.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.