**EPMA Monthly Meeting**

**June 21, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

Present were: Lydia Lewis, Gil Lowery, Darcel Browning, Kevin Kimmel and Sandy Helms.

Lydia opened the meeting.

Minutes from the May Board meetings were approved.

Darcel Browning gave the following Treasurer’s report:

Reconciled Reserve Fund from April 30, 2021 $129,709.40

$15/month X 110 properties $ 1,650.00

Interest Income $ 1.11

**Reserved Fund (Money Market) Balance May 31, 2021 $ 131,360.51**

**Operating Fund (Checking) Balance – May 31, 2021 $ 41,604.21**

Darcel reported that the Annual Audit was completed on June 3, 2021. The following members of the HOA participated in the Audit: April Carpenter, Al Smith, Myrtle Palmer and Darcel Browning. The Audit was accepted by the BOD.

Treasurer’s report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Gate and Gate House:** Painting has been completed on the outside of the Gate House. New shades were donated by Curtis and Deborah Davis. A very special thank you to Curtis and Deborah – the new shades really compliment the Gate House. Alan Carpenter helped with the installation – Thank You, Alan.

 **Pool:** Lydia reported the new Salt Water Pool is being enjoyed by everyone. New chairs have been ordered but still on back order.

**Lights:** No report

**Tennis Court:**

**Landscaping:** Sixtos is very busy mowing, trimming, laying mulch. No other report.

**Irrigation:** No report.

**Architectural Committee:**  No report

**Communications:** Face Book is online. A newsletter was sent by email to all the Homeowners giving them the new gate code that will be implemented on July 2. Renters will also be notified.

**Club House:** Painting the outside of the Club House has been completed.

We now have the capability to use a temporary code for the gate that will be used for all future Club House reservations so the gate will not have to be left open for guests to enter for a function in the Club House. Sandy will advise Myrtle when we have a reservation and will advise the person reserving the Club House the temporary code. The code will be used for that day only.

**Social Committee:** No report.

**Boat Storage:** No Report

**Canal:**  The two fountains have been installed and look beautiful. The aerator needs cleaning out again.

**Pet Poop:**  **Please pick up your dog poop.**

**Boat Dock:** Kevin advised that we are in the process of getting the boat dock repaired and secured.

**Old Business**: Gil Lowery advised that soon we will begin removing the invasive maple trees that are raising and cracking our sidewalks. We will begin with a few of the trees that are causing the most damage. Plans are to replace those trees with another species that is not as invasive, Crepe Myrtle trees have been suggested as perhaps the least likely to cause root damage. We have been given this advice by several plant nurseries. Other information will be forthcoming.

**New Business:**  In the Spring of 2017 Emerald Plantation Master Association became involved with the Town of Emerald Isle in a project to begin cleaning up Archers Creek, a Bogue Sound tributary that flows west from Old Ferry Road to Forest Hills Mobile Home Park and Bogue Sound. That includes the canal between Emerald Plantation and the shopping center. The Town of Emerald Isle received a grant of $25,000 in June 2017 from N.C. Division of Water Resources to begin the project that required adjacent neighborhoods to partially match the grant funds. Those neighborhoods included Forest Hills Mobile Park, Emerald Landing, the trailer park of Woodpecker Lane and Emerald Plantation, among others. After many hours of futile negotiations, planning and meeting with the Town and N.C. Coastal Federation, the Town Commissioners voted to drop the $25,000 state grant to clean up the portion of Archers Creek. There is now another concerted effort by local entities to reopen the project. We will continue to work with those involved in this effort and will report further information.

No further business, meeting was adjourned.