

**VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE**  
**Council Meeting**  
**March 18, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman , Adrian Andreassi at 8:04 pm. Also present were Jim Grissom, Bob Weesner and Lawrence Hirsh; and other residents of the Village (list attached).

**Secretary's Report for January** – Approved secretary's report for Feb., 2008 with no objections.

**Treasurer's Reports for December and January** – <\$5740> error on Jan 2008 report has been carried through since 1998. Just needs to be purged from system. Approved Feb 2008 report without objection.

**New Business:**

1. Nominating Committee – Anne Cantrel, Mana McNeill, and Ingrid Dallaire. John Spain has volunteered his name. We will have 3 positions opening at annual meeting.
2. Outdoor Lighting – Lawrence Hirsh has received several comments regarding excessive lighting (specifically, holiday lighting). We do have regulations regarding lighting. "It shall be unlawful to operate any outdoor artificial illumination device on private property in such a manner as to unreasonably interfere with the use or enjoyment of abutting or nearby properties." Homeowner in question was present. The definition of what is excessive is vague. John Spain specifically wants the lights taken down. Feels year round lighting diminishes holiday excitement. Also said, in today's climate, excess lighting is pollution. The council needs to discuss further.
3. MML Convention – meeting is at end of June. Bob Weesner will attend.

**Unfinished Business**

1. 2009 Budget – discussed capital projects based on 2004 study or roads. Bob to call WSSC regarding Husted and Clifford hole. Very little change in budget. Historically, our budgets have only been adjusted for inflation (same for this year). Revenue sharing may be in jeopardy, highway user revenue has been adjusted down and could be even lower. Council members to take home new budget and will publish in April newsletter and vote on April meeting for approval.
2. Village seal – Lawrence Hirsh presented final seal. Joan Melner has looked into several types of signs. Sign foam \$1500, aluminum wrapped wood \$2500, masonry \$4500. Will further explore masonry (brick or stone).

**Other Business:**

1. Briefly discussed BRAC meeting that occurred 3/18/08.

2. Sidewalk from Parkway east is a hazard. Bob will call to have state fix.
3. Bob has contacted PEPCO several times since last meeting regarding street lights out. Next letter will say we will deduct from our bill.
4. Bulk trash –
5. Fire board – not just a liaison to village. Also have fiduciary responsibility for budgets once a month.
6. What's planned for entrance to village (sign and garden plot)? During last administration, had landscape architect draw up plans. Villager purchased plans and implemented plans. Bob Weesner and his wife have taken over maintenance, but the area needs to be redone so can be maintained easily and look attractive. Suggest putting something in that can be kept clean, maintained, ... council will look into landscaping

Meeting adjourned 9:26 pm

Transcription of handwritten notes from village member:

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1. lots in North Chevy Chase too small to support PODS – total ban is necessary to preserve the neighborhood charm and appearance
2. PODS
  - a. PODS carry company ads and 800#. This a huge commercial billboard in a front yard. Which ads are operating a business in front lawns of a zoned residential community.
  - b. No tax benefits to North Chevy Chase for these eye sores.
  - c. Not necessary because alternative ??? storage is available in Silver Spring, Kensington, Bethesda and Rockville.
3. PODS are equivalent and we have seen them used as house additions (w/ a billboard attached) without requiring a permit.

#### Safety Hazard

1. The house at 8906 placed the POD up against the sidewalk. Danger to the Spain's and others' kids.
2. The POD is the equivalent of a 6' or 7' high fence run up to street. North Chevy Chase regulations would never permit such a fence. But a POD seemingly gets around this rule.??? All permitting relating to additions, fences, structures and set back requirements apparently can be circumvented simply by renting a POD.

#### Storage of Vehicles

At 8911 there are year round several vehicles and a camper as well as the POD stored on the driveway abutting our property line. At least one is not theirs. They are visible from the street in violation of the regulations which require a 6' fence to hide them. ,

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Year round lights

We need some rules on this

Montgomery County had no permit for either POD.”

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