

**WHCA Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2005**

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

**Attendance:** Carol Prosser, Mary Myers, Matt Ward, Chief Oppenheimer, John Thomas, Chief Schwind, Scott Doran, Christy Barnhart, Brian Clark, Doug Curran, and Chet Chaney.

**Secretary:** January minutes were read and approved. Doug Curran was nominated and approved to replace Melissa Cox as Director and Secretary for the remained two months of her term.

**Treasurer:** Brian reported that the current balance on hand is \$16,053.78.

**Police: Perry** – Officer John Thomas reported that during the past month four cars were broken into in the courts off Fairway Drive. Only one of the car owners is pursuing the matter.

**Sharon** – Chief Schwind discussed the “flooding problem” due to the opening of the Delaware Dam, a story that received some media attention in the last month. He said that the dam did not break – that was a false rumor – but that land erosion was a serious issue. EMA did a controlled flood in which it opened a gate to the dam. He reported that if the top eight-foot gate had to be opened, all nearby houses and businesses east of Rt. 315 were in danger of being under water. This would have caused major transportation problems for Hills residents, who would not be able to exit the subdivision due to an estimated sixteen to twenty feet of standing water at the bottom of the hill. EMA was so close to opening the top gate that a backhoe had been approved to open the north end of Fairway

Drive so that traffic could exit into the Calumet Farms development.

Chief Schwind further stated that our water resources were in danger of being contaminated due to flooding. He expressed concern about the need for future planning should the Olentangy River flood. Sharon Township’s concern is how to best get the word out to Hills residents should Rt. 315 become seriously flooded or if there is some other emergency. Schwind recommended that WHCA put a committee together to determine what information and by what means the community can get information from the police. Phone trees (particularly via the Hills neighborhood liaisons), email lists, and roadway signs were discussed. Schwind said he would look into whether police departments or EMA have model plans that the WHCA could examine.

**Proposed Bylaw Change:** It was agreed that the following language would be added to the end of Section 1-B: “The immediate past president of the board shall remain a non-voting, ex-officio member of the board for a period of one year, unless he/she is also fulfilling a term as an elected director.”

**Resident Relations:** Carol scheduled a meeting for neighborhood liaisons on Feb. 22, 2005, at 7:00 PM.

**Community Activities:** WHCA needs a new coordinator for Service Day. Christy pleaded for more help organizing and running Rally in the Valley this September. It was agreed that volunteers would need to be on board by May. Christy also suggested moving the event to the north of Hills Market, where it would be more visible to passer-bys.

**Views From the Hills:** Advertising rates have been static for several years. It was

agreed that they should be raised, for 2005, to \$150 for full-page or insert; \$75 for half-page; \$40 for quarter-page; and \$15 for business card. The rate for a classified will stay at \$10 and Young Hands for Hire will continue to be free.

**Website:** No updates.

**Grounds and Maintenance:** Chet reported that the Ohio American Water Company advised him that it should have the large pothole on Clubview N. Blvd., north of Highview, repaired within a week.

**School Relations/Scholarships:** No report.

**Zoning:** Chet suggested that the WHCA should contact the City, and have some input, regarding how the Southview extension will look.

**Government Relations:** No report.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

Meeting adjourned: 8:26 PM