HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2014

<u>Call to Order</u>: Pat Zazzo called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

<u>Roll Call</u>: Pat Zazzo, Vice-President; Sherri Anderson, Secretary Co-Treasurer; Dianne DeGood and Janet Podell, Members at Large; Claudia Ellsworth, Island Manager (IM). Excused Absent: Gary Wanzong, President Co-Treasurer

Pat announced that Board members would be recording the meeting for the purpose of completing the minutes.

<u>Previous HMC Management Board Meeting Minutes:</u> Pat moved to approve the December 2013 HMC Management Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Notice from Labor and Industries of a 2.7% general rate increase
- Email from Key Peninsula News for a story on Herron Island Ferry
- Email from Member of a Thanks for improving their property access on S Herron

Other correspondence or discussions are covered within the Island Manager's Administrative report

<u>Finance</u>: Sherri moved to pay the bills for the HMC Management General Fund and HMC Water Department as presented. With no further discussion motion carried.

General assessments are currently at 48.1% of budget which has been a concern since there has been a loss of assessable units since the budget was created and approved. Fuel is showing cost savings since it is at 14.3% of budget.

Administration: See the Island Manager's report for the full report of Administration issues.

Water and Water Committee: Janet made a motion based upon Island Manager's request to recycle the excess water system hardware to collect its metal value since there hasn't been success in selling these. With no further discussion motion carried,

Judy Greinke reported about some Members wanting to decorate the water meters and hydrants but these need to be free of debris and should not be altered from its current conditions. Cross connection letters are going out one more time for those who haven't responded giving them one last chance before HIWD proceeds with water shut off procedures.

Meter readings started August 2013 and we have seasonality that affects usage. The recommendation of the Water Committee to the Board is to approve flat rate billing for the next budget cycle 2014/2015. This will allow us to look at a full year of meter readings.

Dianne made a motion to continue flat rate billing for water for the budget period 2014/2015 to be able to continue to get a full years of water usage to assure a more accurate reading. With no further discussion motion carried.

Charles Smith reported there are half dozen properties on the leak list. The number has continually dropped from when this list was first initiated that had about 40 properties identified. Hydrant flushing was postponed to next week from the December 21-24 date since it was so cold.

Land Use (LUC): Land Use Committee will be meeting next week.

Emergency Preparedness: Meetings have been changed to meet every other month.

Roads: Note the S Herron project has an intersection change where it is now a 90 degree corner instead of a curve and will eventually include a Stop Sign. The opposite corner remains to be improved in the same manner.

Ferry: John Farris reported that he took another 28 day fuel average and it came within one gallon of the previous average. The boat fueled up this last Monday which was 31 days from the last time. This was the longest the boat has ever gone between fueling this indicates that the new engines are saving fuel, oil and spill recovery standby vessel charges.

Legal Liaison: An adverse possession lawsuit brought by a Member against HMC has been settled out of court and is a matter of public record.

Pat made a motion to ratify the acts of the Board members present at the mediation and approve the settlement agreement as written. With no further discussion motion carried.

B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S: Next meeting is February 8, 2014 which includes a pot luck dinner. In regards to the Island Directory, Members can still sign up to be included. We are planning to publish by Memorial weekend.

Beachcomber: Must submit articles by Wednesday, 5 pm, January 15th for the January/February issue. There will no longer be a Beachcomber brief, therefore, in October, December and February the Board won't have a Beachcomber published.

Old Business: Discussion continues on getting a volunteer fire team specifically for Herron Island.

New Business: Dallas Amidon reported on real estate activity for the previous year which was a pretty decent year compared to other years.

Executive Session – The Board met to discuss a legal issue. There were no decisions or actions made.

Since there was no further business, Pat moved that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Anderson, Recording Secretary