

Sterling Ridge Village Association

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on March 4th, 2021

Offices of RE/MAX, 6620 Woodlands Pkwy, The Woodlands, TX 77382

NAME (Even Year)	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME (Odd Year)	PRESENT	ABSENT
Thomas Principale	X		Tom Schwarzkopf		X
Stan Lenox	V		Eric Fishhaut	X	
Lorraine Champion		X	Dedra Ecklund	V	
Steve DiGerlando		X	Robbye Schwarzkopf	X	
Fred Lederman	X		David McClain		X
Natalia Arjona		X	Rashmi Gupta		X
			Nicole Jackson	X	
			Lindsay Guier		X

V=Virtual

- 1) **Call to order:** Eric Fishhaut called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of 5 Directors and at least 2 Officers present.
- 2) **MCSO Police Report** for the previous month: Specialist Eric Medina (936) 442-7797, Option 3 (eric.medina@mctx.org/281-364-4253) <http://mctxsheriff.org/>

	Township	Village
Calls for Service	9,463	1,221
Vacation Watch / Checks	108	14
Area Patrols/Building Checks		15
Traffic Contacts	1,580	109
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	28	6
Burglary of Habitation	9	3
Arrests	216	
Robberies		

- Overall trends for DWI/PI/Narcotics (chemical dependency): Were up from the previous month.
 - Overall trends for Burglaries and Criminal mischief (behavioral): criminal mischief and burglary of a building were down. Burglary of a habitation and/or vehicle were up from the previous month.
 - Sterling Ridge Village had 3 DWI arrests for the month of February.
 - There were 8 Motor vehicle crashes in Sterling Ridge. The area(s) of concern is The Woodlands Parkway.
 - Reminder to establish a daily 9 PM Routine of closing and locking all doors to homes & cars.
- 3) **Secretary Report:** Dedra Ecklund
 - a. Receive, Consider & Approve Minutes from SRVA Board Meeting on 04 February 2021.
 - b. The board reviewed minutes from the February 4th 2021 meeting.
 - c. Revisions: There were 0 revisions to the minutes.
 - d. Having no further revisions to the meeting minutes, Fred Lederman made a motion to ratify the minutes from the February 4th, 2021 meeting; Robbye Schwarzkopf seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - 4) **Guest Speaker:** Matt Corley, SJRA (San Jacinto River Authority): Static Well Level presentation. He notified the Board static water levels are taken twice a year when the pumps are off for 24 hours. After 2015 a drastic reduction occurred in ground water when surface water was reduced. He presented maps available from USGS that showed a rise in water levels in the Montgomery County area from 2015 to 2019. From 2019 to 2020 there was a decline in the static water levels Evangeline aquifer. The static water levels in the Jasper aquifer had similar results. The blend ratio was 65% from 2015 to 2017, 50% from 2018-2019, and 35% in the blend ratio in 2020 with it flipping to an increase in ground water. PAM 13 is the oldest site established in 1990, which shows vertical movement of the ground. The vertical movement stabilized in 2016 with the introduction of surface water. A Continually Operating Reference Station was installed in October 2020, which is located at the SJRA Lift Station No. 27. The partners were LSGCD, MUD 36, SJRA, GMVA, and Woodlands Water. This will continue to monitor subsidence, what they

aren't able to determine is which aquifer is causing vertical subsidence. The link to the HARC subsidence report is located here: <https://harcresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/RGWSP-SAC-Phase-1-Report.pdf> Matt notified the Board that the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District regulates groundwater usage.

5) **Public Comment(s):** There were none.

6) **Board Appointments:** The Board will continue to look for potential new members.

7) **Township/Village Liaison Report(s):** John Osborne gave the report.

a. Update from The Woodlands Township Liaison Representative (John Osborne)

i. House Number Paint Kits are available from the Township to residents.

ii. Neighborhood Watch: Public Safety Open House at TWFD this summer.

b. Update from The Woodlands Township Director (Dr. Ann Snyder) - Dr. Ann Snyder provided an update on the events that occurred after the winter storm in February. She discussed COVID-19 testing in three locations. She mentioned that some entities have dropped to 60 and above for vaccine qualifications. She commended the Board on the SRVA Farmers Market. She stated the Township does not own the park and ride parking lot but the county does. She is going to check if the Farmers Market events are on the Township website.

c. The fishing tournament is scheduled for April 24, 2021. The BBQ might move to October 2nd or 16th from October 9th.

d. The open house at the fire department is expected in June. Director Lenox wanted additional information on the steps the Township is taking for continual COVID-19 precautions.

8) **President's Report**

a. The Woodlands Township is hiring Lifeguards for the 2021 Swim Season. Please post to SRVA website and Facebook.

b. Earth Day Greenup: Saturday, March 20th, 7:00 am. Two volunteers are needed to work a table at Cranebrook Park coordinating cleanup around SR Village. In addition, Post this on our website and Facebook. This is a money making project and a good deal for the Village. Volunteers show up and the SRVA receives money from The Woodlands Green for their efforts. Everyone needs to look at their calendars to check availability.

c. March is the "Annual Meeting" where we elect new officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), welcome new board members and hear reports.

The motion was made for the current officers to continue in their positions. Fred Lederman made the motion and Robbye Schwarzkopf seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

d. President has begun work on the Annual Service Agreement for 2021: Due date; March 30th. No help needed.

e. President has begun work on Insurance Renewal with Mike Powell Insurance: If anyone has a background in Insurance, Tom could use some help. Due date; May 1st renewal. Fred will send the contact information for other village associations that he previously gathered.

f. Elementary School PTO's are to make presentations in April meeting. Robbye will head the efforts to invite them.

9) **Treasurer's Report:** Rashmi Gupta

a. **Income/Expenses:**

b. Consider and approve the monthly financial report from EW Media to the SRVA Board.

c. Consider and accept Financial Statements with amendments.

d. **Budget:** Approve Budget Amendments (as needed).

e. Rashmi Gupta presented an overview of the SRVA financial situation. A Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Fred Lederman and seconded by Robbye Schwarzkopf. The Motion passed.

10) **Events Chair Report:** Artisan's & Farmer's Market

a. Review, discuss & approve motion to buy new chairs, trash cans & supplies – budget \$150.

b. Discuss the need for 2 SRVA Board members at each Market event until further notice. Dedra will put up a sign-up sheet, but it is voluntary for board participation.

c. Review, discuss & accept the finalized A&FM schedule from June through December, 2021.

d. Review and discuss moving to weekly frequency schedule. The board will review in a few months after more metrics can be examined.

e. Review, discuss and accept Financial Report from EW Media – Fred will review each report and

share with the SRVA officers.

- f. Discuss and authorize Committee Chair proposal to increase footprint of Market. The Board discussed this and the committee is authorized to pursue that with the property owner.
- g. The Board discussed more produce vendors at the Farmer's Market. An amendment to the agreement to allow EWM to provide staff to the vendors with the association receiving a cut was discussed and the committee is authorized to pursue that amendment with EWM.

11) Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- a. Receive and consider Report on Newsletter & Website – Eric Fishhaut: Nothing to report
- b. Receive and consider Report on Facebook – Natalia Arjona (Absent)
- c. Receive and consider Report on The Woodlands Magazine – Steve DiGerlando (Absent)

12) New Business:

- a. Fishing Tournament, April 24th. An ad-hoc committee is needed to organize annual event. Thomas Principale volunteered. Eric Fishhaut will help.
 - i. Submit Permit to TWT for Fishing Festival on April 24th. (John Osborne).
 - ii. Request Park Cleanup by Parks & Recreation. (John Osborne).
 - iii. Order / Purchase equipment if necessary and awards for children.
 - iv. Prepare flyers and sponsorship request forms (we have one sponsor already)
- b. SRVA BBQ Cook-off. We need to consider a new date for the event due to a conflict with the Township.
- c. The Board made a motion to remove Ivan Arjona from the Board to make room for an active member. Eric Fishnaut made the motion. Nicole Jackson seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with one neighbor vote from Dedra Ecklund due to not having a member to fill the vacancy.

- 13) The next SRVA meeting will be Thursday, April 1st, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Eric Fishnaut made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nicole Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM