

Villa Towers Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 31, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Cathy Newman called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Roll call of Directors – Cathy Newman, Cathy Gill, Rob Saari, Jeff Foster, Maria Kaliniak

Notice of meeting – Confirmed posted in elevators and lobby on May 29th

Secretary Report –

- Cathy G moved to accept the minutes of the May 26th BOD meeting minutes as previously emailed. Cathy N seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Cathy G will post to the website.

Treasurer Report –

- No report.

Old Business –

- Comcast (Cathy N & Rob S) – Cathy N recapped progress to date for those present and reiterated that the main purpose of this meeting is to determine the best course of action.
 - Our current Comcast contract will automatically renew for 2 years as of August 1st unless we give 60-day notice tomorrow. The other option is to accept a newly offered 5-year contract. HotWire was eliminated as a contender due to the 10-year length of its contract; a period from which they won't reduce.
 - The committee was going to put out a letter to the owners to compare pros & cons of contracts and get feedback but that was postponed with COVID-19 priorities.
 - Last week Comcast offered a new 5-year contract at \$82.70 with HD boxes (a downgrade of products), which they retracted a few days later. A third and final proposal came in at \$88.24 with 2 HD and DVD boxes but it would require us to return our courtesy TVs.
 - Boils down to 2 options:
 - 5-year, 5% escalation, courtesy TVs are removed (card & exercise rms), basic service
 - 2-year rollover, 5% escalation, keep courtesy TVs, basic service
 - The committee recommends the 2-year rollover option. This gives additional time to research and surveying owners, as appropriate, without being locked in for 5 years.
 - Rob S made a motion to rollover to a 2-year commitment. Seconded by Jeff F. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Bobby Ferrara recapped his initial concerns regarding Comcast and its increasing monopoly. He wanted to be clear that he was initially opposed to a 5-year contract for cable; not necessarily opposed to Comcast. What he has read does not indicate that Comcast is heading in the direction of fiber. Other HD options for Card room TV were discussed, i.e. an antenna, Apple TV box, or other device. Bobby will investigate the antenna option.
 - Bill Faulman expressed his displeasure with Comcast.
 - The committee will prepare a communication to owners.
- Bike Room (Bobby F) – It was confirmed that each unit owner is permitted to store up to two bikes. Renters are not permitted to store bikes. The review of the Bike room is complete. About 8 or 9 unclaimed bikes were removed, mostly unsafe bikes. At this point just 2 bikes are not marked, one will be marked by owner and the other, a very good black bike, has not been identified. Unit 528 is storing a double bike, which will be their responsibility to remove once they sell their unit.

New Business –

No new business.

Adjournment: At 11:40 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Cathy N. Seconded by Jeff F. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.