

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc.
held Saturday, August 6th, 1960 at the Trinitarian Congregational Church
of East Northfield.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the President, Mr. Arthur Parker, Jr.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Parker B. Holloway.

Call of meeting was read by the Clerk, Miss Gertrude Lauber.

Word of greeting was expressed to Miss Beatrice Cheek who purchased the Willard cottage.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:- Miss Ruth Card reported a balance on hand of \$524.11 with no accounts payable as of July 31, 1960.

(Copy of report attached to these minutes)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to accept this report and place on file.

Auditing Committee:- Mr. Thomas Duncan reported that the books of the Treasurer and Clerk had been examined and were found to be correct and in excellent order.

Report of President:- Mr. Arthur Parker read a report summarizing some of the highlights of the year's work.

1. Our committees have discharged their responsibilities without incident.
2. New "Fire Zoning" was set up last year by the local Fire Department to minimize confusion in reporting and responding to a call.
It is recommended that a letter of appreciation and a check of \$15.00, to help defray the cost of sign materials, be sent to the Fire Department.
3. The surplus of \$524.11 in our treasury was realized primarily from the increase in our association assessment, with full realization that it is not our objective to build up a large reserve, your Board of Directors recommend that the present 1 3/4% assessment remain in force for another year.
4. "It is with great regret that I have to report this next item. Mr. Hoehn, after 50 years of sincere, consecrated service to the Ridge has submitted his letter of resignation from all responsibilities in the Association. As you can well imagine this is equivalent to removing the foundation from a solid structure.

"We do offer for your approval a replacement as Ridge Representative Mr. Ted Powell, local real estate and Insurance Agent. . . ."

"It is further planned to appoint Mr. Powell, assistant clerk in the Association."

"In addition to the above and subject to your approval it is recommended that a letter be sent to each member of the association advising them of this change and suggesting that in the future the Ridge Representative be contacted for all sales and rentals of properties on the Ridge as he is familiar with the association's requirements."

5. During a survey of the roads the following was observed- bad leaf conditions, which can be breeding places for insects; broken branch limbs and poor policing on properties along roads; a rusty section of replaced water pipe was lying near a culvert. Each member is asked to look at their road frontage and surrounding areas.

6. The Board of Directors plan to meet with all committee chairman to discuss their objectives. It is also suggested that committees meet at least twice a year to exchange ideas on objectives and results.
7. As regards the swimming project, it can be very costly. It has many facets- Liability- Life Guards- land- maintenance - all of which run into a lot of money.
The possibility of using the Salvation Army pool is to be explored.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the President's report with thanks.

Necrology Committee:- Mrs. Helen R. Anderson reported the following members and friends who passed away during the year:- Mr. Merwin Jenkins, Mr. Ronald Chesbro, Mrs. R. Bonna Jack and Mrs. Mary L. Coburn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mark S.M. Ray

Report of Clerk:- Miss Gertrude Lauber reported that the President's letter had been sent out, all committee members were notified of their appointments and Annual Meeting notices were mailed.
Members were requested to notify the clerk of all changes in ownership of property and changes of address.

Road Committee:- Dr. Francis L. Jones reported that Cliff Road was patched and resurfaced with asphalt. Glen Road and Heath Lane were gravelled preparatory to oiling and the first coat of asphalt applied.
In the fall and spring the shoulders of the roads, the culverts and the ditches were cleared.

A culvert on Oak Terrace was repaired.

The program for the coming year includes oiling of one ridge, patching on West Lane, Ledge Way and Mountain Road, the usual cleaning and installation of a post at junction of Woodruff Way and Ledge Way.

Tree & Safety Committee:- Dr. Walter C. Chapin reported that attention to safety measures be given as follows:-

1. Check Fire Extinguishers and individual gongs, connect hose to House hydrant, know your fire zone number which is now posted.
2. Know nearby telephones.
3. Check your house and lead-in wires for safe electrical insulation. Check all gas connections.
4. Keep hedges and small trees cut back from the road. Do not allow large brush piles to accumulate.
5. Remove all overhanging dead limbs and decayed trees.
6. Drive slowly and sound horn at bad corners and curves.
7. Put up additional "dangar" road signs.

It was brought to our attention that members desiring advice about their electrical wires may contact Mr. Stanley Powers the Northfield representative of the Western Electric Co.

Insect Control:- Mrs. Josephine Woods reported that one spraying was done the first week of July and the other the 6th of August.

Road Signs & Directory:- There being no written report the president gave an oral one stating that all signs were in position, the glass in large map was broken and the possibility of having plastic signs is being explored.

Sanitation Committee:- Mrs. Parker Holloway reported that because of the fine co-operation and conscientious dedication of Mr. William Hoehn to the welfare of the summer people on the Ridge we have had a very satisfactory arrangement for garbage disposal this year. Mr. Walker has been satisfied and as far as the committee know the people have been satisfied. Mr. Walker has sold his truck is now using his father-in-law's and therefore he will not be available next year.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that all reports be received.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to adopt the Proposed Budget for 1960-61.

(Proposed Budget included in Treasurer's report on seperate sheet)

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Active Members' Dues of Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. for the year 1960-61 be 1 3/4% of the Town Assessment for 1958.

Nominating Committee:- Rev. Thomas Kidd read the following report:-

President - Mr. Arthur Parker, Jr.
Vice Pres. - Rev. Parker B. Holloway
Treasurer - Miss Ruth Card
Clerk - Miss Gertrude Lauber
Ass't. Clerk - Mr. Ted Powell
Directors - Mrs. Helen R. Anderson
Mrs. Robert Heydenreich
Dr. Walter C. Chapin
Dr. Francis L. Jones

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that report be received, nominations be closed and the clerk to cast one ballot.

A question was raised of the possibility for an EXIT from the 7th Ridge. This matter was referred to Dr. Jones, Road Chmn. and the president.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to receive the resignation of Mr. William F. Hoehn as our Ridge Representative with sincere regrets.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Clerk send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Hoehn for his long and faithful services, and that a check for \$25.00 be enclosed.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to engage Mr. Edward M. Powell, Jr. as our Ridge Representative under the same conditions as Mr. Hoehn.

The following changes in our By-Laws was presented for the approval of the members-

ARTICLE III

Officers

That the word "four" be changed to "six" and that two of the six shall be subject to re-election every year ^{until} after serving a period of three years.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the changes in our By-Laws be approved by this meeting and that the Board of Directors consult with an attorney.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to send a letter to the State Police thanking them for policing our properties.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED to extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Anderson for serving refreshments at this meeting.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the clerk send a letter of thanks to Rev. Reeves for the use of the church for our meeting.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED To send a letter of thanks to the Fire Department for installing the Zoning Signs and enclose a check for \$15.00 toward the cost of materials for same.

Upon motion being duly made and seconded, it was unanimously VOTED that the Board of Directors take whatever ^{action} they deem necessary to rightfully preserve the policies and standards of the Ridge for all present and future property owners and renters.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion made and carried that we adjourn. (4:00 P.M.)

Rev. Alecander Babos closed our meeting with word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude T. Lanber

Clerk