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April 29, 2024

Dear Residents – RE: Annual Meeting Business

I write to report on the conclusion of our Annual Meeting business in the Special Meeting of the Trustees last Monday, April 22.

Our April 1 Annual Meeting had robust discussion of our occupancy matters with some 30 residents that attended. Partly because of that, we needed to meet to finish our business.

Among the business items that warrant your attention are the following:

- ✓ Budget - I proposed some line-item changes to the Tentative Budget that did not affect total expenditures, total revenues or the tax levy. We then voted to approve the Budget with such revisions. The tax increase is within our cap at 2.4%.
- ✓ Contracts – We reviewed and approved various service contracts. You should know that we are seeing 10 – 25% increases in basic services like landscaping, street sweeping, storm drain cleaning, etc. We will absorb these costs under our *Planning Beyond One Year* program to maintain *low and stable taxes*. But this will affect us going forward. I still see this year as a placeholder until our occupancy costs come into greater focus next year.
- ✓ Sanitation contract – We executed our option to extend our sanitation contract for three more years. The value is over \$450,000; the yearly increases are 2%/year, without disposal. With fuel and human costs increasing more than 2%, this is good. Thank you, Trustee Taylor.
- ✓ Budget adjustment – We made a current year budget adjustment to accommodate the significant, unbudgeted costs incurred for legal, communications and meetings regarding occupancy and petition. We allocated \$15,000, nearly twice our next year tax increase.
- ✓ Operations and surplus – We have two very strong non-recurring revenue items in: (1) interest income and (2) very high building activity and fees. I expect a strong surplus when the year ends in May and we will use some of it as outlined above; the remainder will be dedicated to our long-term needs, including occupancy, as in the past. More when its known.
- ✓ Spring projects – We are moving forward on various spring projects (new flags, new signs, painting STOP lines, street sweeping, repairs) in order to continuously improve the Village.

The Village is in great shape physically and fiscally! We have some storm clouds of continued inflation affecting us but strong non-recurring revenues give us shelter from those storm clouds and time to react, at least for now.

We are fortunate to have a talented, diverse and cohesive Board that drives positive results like these. Thank you, Norman, Dan, Mary, Kristina, Eric and Jerry. Comments questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted.

Sincerely,
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