

Oronoque Village Condominium Association
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
600 North Trail, Stratford, Ct.

The meeting was called to order by Oronoque Village Condominium President Robert Grosso. Pres. Grosso made an opening statement explaining that the Association's attorneys were in attendance to provide information on the subject of personnel issues. He also explained the ground rules for the Open Forum stating that all who wanted to speak would be heard and a 3-minute time limit would be observed. Attorney Stuart Katz, an employment specialist at Cohen & Wolf, was introduced and explained that Connecticut state statutes require that personnel issues be discussed in Executive Sessions and that the Board of Directors are not at liberty to discuss these matters. Executive Director John Izzo was then introduced and he made a statement to the audience covering all of the issues that were mentioned in a recently circulated email. At the conclusion of his remarks, the Open Forum began.

Open Forum

The following people spoke expressing their disapproval of hiring Mr. Izzo because of his lie and their concern for how that affected his integrity and character. They recommended that Mr. Izzo be removed from his position and a new Executive Director found.

Linda Libertino, 481A Commanche Lane
Jim Deese, 589A North Trail
Joan Schmitt, 138A Bison Lane
Mose Richards, 201B South Trail
Mary Brunnelle, 35C Algonquin Lane
Kathleen Toombs, 734A Quinnipiac Lane
Rebecca Botkin, 626B Onondaga Lane
Barbara Dierolf, 374B Piute Lane

William Tanski of 771A North Trail via letter read by Linda Libertino expressed his disapproval of the Board leadership and Margaret Ragozzino of 155B Apache Lane stated she had issues with Mr. Izzo's history. Caroline Bacon of 625A Onondaga Lane was concerned about comments she had heard from residents of University Towers where Mr. Izzo had worked.

The following people spoke in support of allowing the Board decision to hire Mr. Izzo stand and to give him the opportunity to perform in the job.

Steve Brieger, 511A Opa Lane
Larry Brown, 617B Cherokee Lane
Harriet Liss, 253A Agawam Lane for Robert Macaluso 639A Onondaga Lane
Mark Sills, 551B North Trail
Barbara Stewart, 621A Onondaga Lane
Jim Thompson, 529A Narraganset Lane
Loretta Sills, 551B North Trail
Donna Simmons, 503B Opa Lane
Peter Hart, 234B South Trail
Tom Torpey, 253B Agawam Lane
Sonya DeBiase, 108A Seminole Lane
Maria Szalontay, 525B Chapokele Lane
Pam Stark-Guyer, 611B Cherokee Lane
Ken Block, 303A Piute Lane
Sandy Lunt, 144B Bolbone Lane
Mary Lee Prussel, 622B Onondaga Lane
Ellen Guion, 16B Algonquin Lane
Irene Sanzone, 521B Iroquois Lane
Stu Clyme, 89B South Trail
Pearl Spodick, 108B Seminole Lane
Ron Haven, 228A Shoshoni Lane
Roz Hill, 364B Navajo Lane

Ernie and Lauren Parks of 631B Onondaga Lane, Dal Lowenbein of 529B Narraganset Lane and Karin Douglas of 96A Seminole Lane expressed concern about the email they received and how their email addresses had been accessed. Debbie Grosso of 211A Agawam Lane expressed her dismay about an email sent by Karen Hahn critical of her husband, Bob Grosso. Ernie Solomon of 653A Osage spoke about national issues having much significance and Renee Zinn of 166A Cayuga Lane stated she was disturbed that derogatory information about Mr. Izzo had been sent to the Derby Police Department. Lastly, Ralph Trapasso of 316A South Trail wanted to take a vote of the audience which was not permitted.

It was necessary for President Grosso to interrupt the Open Forum a number of times to ask the audience to be respectful of the speakers. At times, these requests were to no avail.

At the conclusion of the Open Forum, Mr. Izzo made closing remarks.

The Secretary, Lee Schlafer, called the roll.

Present:

Officers:

President Robert Grosso
Vice President Cheryl Dwyer
Treasurer Robert Romatzick
Secretary Lee Schlafer

District Representatives:

District 1 Larry Hartley
District 2 Connie Shaw
District 3 Herb Galvez
District 4 Jackie Freeman
District 5 Dick Steinfeld
District 6 Jerry Brown
District 7 Joann Sutphen
District 8 Cathy Koritko alt. (Judy Waldyer via Facetime)
District 9 Dima Thompson
District 10 David Bingham
District 11 Barbara Minoff

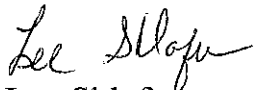
Executive Director John Izzo

A motion was made by Cheryl Dwyer to go into Executive Session. It was seconded by Jerry Brown.

At 10:35 p.m. the Board of Directors returned to the Special Meeting. President Robert Grosso made a statement informing the meeting attendees that the vote taken on October 13, 2016 (10-4) to hire Mr. Izzo as Executive Director would stand.

A motion was made by Barbara Minoff to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Bingham. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Schlafer
Secretary, OVCA