# SREA Annual Meeting Highlights 9/21/2021

Implemented **Project Tracking System** – still work in progress, refining the form, etc.

Implemented the **Board Member Document Agreement** – agreement signed by Board members so that upon leaving the Board that they return all documents, keys, etc. so we have better continuity when new members take over.

Foreclosure / Sale of Unit 211 - sale of the property completed prior to Sheriff's sale;

Proceeds paid to the Association was \$29,162 which we paid attorney fees of \$14,836 The balance covered the unpaid maintenance, insurance, late fees and interest on monies due.

**Dispute with the City of Portage** regarding back billing for the past two years and their attempt to unilaterally cancel our current contract. SREA formed a contract with the other Saddle Ridge Associations, Saddle Ridge Corp and Rendezvous who all utilize the sewer system and through that joint agreement, we've hired legal counsel to address these issues with the City of Portage. The attorneys have started discussion of our alternative proposal to the agreement. Two of the 3 payments to pay for back billing have been made. Total billed by the City was \$59,137.68 due in 3 equal payments of \$19,712.56 payable April 30, June 30 and September 30.

**Budget & Increase in Maintenance Fees** - The proposed budget was approved. Maintenance fees will automatically be changed to \$250 per unit per month for those using the automatic bank withdrawal. Effective date of the change is October 1, 2021.

**Grounds, Tree Removal & Trimming -** Fall cleanup will be towards the end of October, beginning of November so have your pine needle/leaves to the road for pickup.

Tree trimming/cutting will take place in November. Orange ribbon means the tree is coming down, blue-ribbon means the tree will be trimmed.

**Vote on SRE III** - We did not receive enough ballots on the vote, so if you did not submit your vote, please do so by either giving it to a Board member or put it in our 599 Saddle Ridge mailbox. You received the ballot with the annual meeting mailing. Patty Van Epps and Pam Barreau are contacting members that did not vote to obtain the voting sheets.

**599 Saddle Ridge Mailbox** is located near the East entrance and our building that has the bulletin board, 599 Saddle Ridge (Black mailbox that is LOCKED). Any documents being submitted to the Board can be dropped off in this mailbox. The Post Office can only drop mail off in this mailbox. Only the Treasurer and the President have keys to access the mailbox.

#### PLEASE ADDRESS MAILED ITEMS TO THE NEW ADDRESS:

## 599 SADDLE RDG PORTAGE, WI 53901

**Utilities** Replaced lift station #1 control panel which is the main sewer station that ejects sewage to the Portage sewer system. Work completed 9/23/2021 by B & M Technologies with an estimated cost of \$34,539. Age of the replaced equipment was approximately 30 years and we had experienced 3 fires to the control panel in recent years.

## Board Members as of 9/21/2021:

President Winnie Schumann

Vice President TBD

Treasurer Tom Joswiak

Secretary TBD Building Director Ryan Lang

Grounds Director Linda Brzezinski
Utilities Director Pam Barreau

Roads Director Mari Guckenberger

We are in need of someone to take on the Secretary role. If you have an interest, please notify us.

#### **GENERAL**

We make every effort to respond to all work orders. We do realize there is a need to communicate more effectively on the status of work orders and will be working to improve in that regard.

We would like to ask for the member's assistance by doing the following:

<u>Please write up work orders</u>. Often people ask for something to be done just in passing. It is difficult to remember items just mentioned to us, the work orders give us a firm reminder.

Please remember we are all volunteers and have other commitments.

It takes time to get bids for projects, get creditable contractors scheduled and commitments from contractors to complete the work.

We thank the many members who step up to help out. The community is successful when we all pitch in to make this the great community it is. Thank YOU!!

## SREA Board