

Honoco Road Association
Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2019
1:00

Steve Green welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Carmen Branca from New Visions to speak to the cable/internet/telephone infrastructure that will be coming soon to Honoco Road.

New Visions Communications

Mr. Branca represents New Visions Communications, a company based out of Syracuse, that is responsible for burying a fiber network to supply cable/internet/telephone accessibility to Honoco Road. He explained the importance of burying wires (eliminates outages and down time). The hookup will also be used to tie in with surrounding counties to provide a 911 backup service.

Mr. Branca explained the procedure of burying the wires and how they use Dig Safe. Dig Safe is a GPS device that helps pinpoint anything buried underground in their path. Trenches would be dug along the roadside, gravel driveways would have gravel replaced and paved areas will be trenched underneath them and not be disrupted. The company would take full responsibility for any damages incurred during the procedure. Residences have an option to receive services once the system is up and running. All property owners will be notified prior to work on their property. He stated that New Visions provide very current technology with very reasonable prices.

Ron Schmitt had a question regarding buried utilities. Mr. Branca said the company would come down prior and mark any underground utilities. He encouraged residents to help out if they were aware of specific locations of utility lines.

Jim Ambrose raised the question of easements on the road. Why are they not required in this case? The answer was that it's a New York State initiative and Carmon doesn't really know. "He just has the go ahead to do the installation".

Bill Krause asked the question if they were aware of a County project to install water and sewer on the road. They will make a mess of these cables if and when we get it. Steve Green indicated that is not likely for 5 or 10 years if ever.

Work may start as soon as the beginning of June. The BOD will be sent information including an address to google regarding pricing, etc., which they will forward to road residences.

Opening Remarks- Steve Green

Steve thanked the Board of Directors for all of the time and effort put into association work.

New Members

New residents of the road that were present introduced themselves to the meeting members. Jason and Khatuna Stepkovitch from 1563 Honoco and Pam VanGelder from 1155 Honoco were present.

Agenda and meeting protocol

Steve reviewed the meeting agenda and meeting protocol.

Quorum/Voting

According to the Association Bylaws, a quorum of 16 members in good standing is required for a vote to carry. A quorum was reached. Voting

will be done by a show of hands. Only one vote per membership and the member must be in good standing.

2018 Meeting Minutes

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes had been previously posted in the April newsletter. A motion and second were made to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

Election of Officers

The office of president and treasurer had been filled temporarily by Steve Green and Bob King, respectfully. There were no other nominations for either position. Steve will remain president until 2021 and Bob as treasurer until 2022.

Financial Reports-Yearly financial report was posted in the April newsletters. Monthly reports are posted in each newsletter as well.

Unfinished Business-A number of ongoing issues were spoken to. Sandy Denman brought up the issue again of speeders on the road. With the increase of pavement we are witnessing an increase in speeders on the road.

A second issue that was brought up is how to enforce people to pay their dues. Legally, the Association could take those owners to court but would not make financial sense. The arrears can be recovered if the property is sold. Steve will take an active step to contact people that still owe back dues.

Jim Ambrose raised the issue of the load limit effects on the road. The road is getting more traffic due to more residences living on the road, construction, more service/utility traffic. Many people have also eliminated turnarounds, so the truck must drive all the way down the

road to turn around. Not sure if any of these concerns are in the Association's control.

The question was raised as to who is responsible for vehicle/personal damages caused by the road (potholes, etc.)

Volunteers with road equipment would be welcomed in an effort to improve road conditions.

Linda Kittredge added that even though the road is not in perfect shape and finding the best solutions are not easy we should look at what we do have. We have a nice community with a beautiful lake in our front yard, a lot to be thankful for!

New Business- Steve Green

Road Plan/Budget- The outlines of the annual road plan and budget were sent out in the April Newsletter. Newsletters have been and will continue to be sent out monthly. Letters will include updates on road work and budget information. The goal of the Association is to be accountable, visible, and promote open communication.

\$6,000 of this year's dues went to bring the Emergency Fund up to \$10,000 maximum. Next year's dues will not include the \$50 towards the Emergency Fund unless necessary. The budget also reflects a \$9,000 deficit because of unpaid dues. It is very difficult to devise a plan when there is so little money to work with.

The initial plan was for two inches of gravel to be put down and then rolled. But that cost would be approximately \$14,000. That would leave very little money for anything else for the year. The revised plan will concentrate on 3-4 of the most problematic places on the road and work to improve these areas. The road will get continued use of the box grader and rolling. The grader is not a cure all but has improved spots on

the road. Continued work on the road depends on the revenue left in the budget. Motion was made and seconded to approve proposed road plan and budget for 2019.

Bill Button asked if gravel piles could be put on the road so that owners can work to keep the potholes filled. Steve said the Association will provide gravel piles to be used only to fill road potholes.

The Association will work with people, contractors, etc to improve their area of road but financially, can not help out. The Association can not maintain the three type of road surfaces found on Honoco. The Association doesn't have the equipment or resources.

Debbie Kellogg asked if there was a way to coordinate road services. If a number of people needed work done arranging to coordinate those services would be more cost effective. A goal of the Association is to provide owners with information on contractors/pricing/etc. to encourage best practices.

Association members are also welcomed and encouraged to attend monthly Board meetings. They take place the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 at Steve Green's house. Please contact a Board member prior to the meeting to inform them of who will be attending and what concern will be addressed so it can be added to the agenda.

Upcoming Issues

Bylaw Revision- Bob King stated that at present the Bylaws do not allow for proxy voting to take place. That is a revision that the BOD will look into and update in the near future. A motion was made and seconded to make these changes to the Bylaws.

Steve Green will investigate the culvert issues near Townline Gully and report back via an upcoming newsletter.

Legal/Insurance/Tax Initiatives/Communications

Adjournment- Motion was made and seconded and the Annual meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.