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**MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES – 10/15/18**

Meeting Information			
<b>Start Time:</b>	7:00 PM		<b>Facilitator:</b>
<b>End Time:</b>	8:00 PM		Axel Ebermann
			<b>Minutes Taker:</b>
			Lyndia Hayden

Meeting Attendees			
Tom Andrinka	Ebermann, Axel	Lewin, Dionne	Toomey, Jenny
Aronson, Dan	Gainer, Sarah	Renwick, Bernadette	Wertheim, Marlene
Attipoe, Wendy	Hayden, Lyndia	Renwick, George	
Brathwaite, John	Johnson, LaVerne	Thompson, Ian	

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Discussion Topics	Discussion highlights
Annual Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed that fiscal year is October 1-September 30</li> <li>Annual fee of \$25 per family is due. Cash and Check was accepted. Checks can also be mailed to the following:  Oakwood Heights Homeowners Association 16 Magnolia Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 Attn: Dan Aronson, Treasurer</li> </ul>
Financial Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the period 5/8/17-10/15/18 (see attached for details):  Revenues: \$2,381.00 Expenses: <u>(1,881.60)</u> Balance: \$ 499.40</li> </ul>
Building Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new Building Dept Commissioner, Dan Jones, will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues with open permits – Letter of Completion – impacts sale of homes</li> <li>Constrained resources – lack of Inspectors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<p>Guest Speaker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Eberer, the new DPW Commissioner, previously worked with Con Ed for 20 years. He has an Engineering background and started an electrical contracting business. He also worked for the City of Yonkers. The following was discussed:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Street Lights</b> – A grant was obtained to replace lights throughout the City. Approximately 20-40 lights are replaced per day. The problem areas are targeted first. Homeowners are encouraged to call DPW to report dark areas.</li> <li>○ <b>Pot holes and sink holes</b> – A list is being maintained, but no paving will be done after 11/5 due to the change in weather. He is aware of the recurring issue at Lorraine Avenue near the corner of Sycamore.</li> <li>○ <b>Con Ed work</b> – Remaining work is being performed by Con Ed employees, not Contractors. Work is near completion and expected to end soon. Several meetings have been held with the Site Supervisor to discuss restoration of the streets. There was discussion from the homeowners about publicly shaming Con Ed on social media to get their attention. It's too late to plant - will be done by DPW in Spring 2019.</li> <li>○ Department needs your assistance to have City Council address a few issues because there are insufficient funds in the budget:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Replace leased vehicles that are averaging 25 years (the common average in the industry is 5 years)</li> <li>▪ Replace snow plows dating back to 1980s, which are difficult to repair due to outdated parts. This impacts clean-up efforts.</li> <li>▪ Digitize paper processes</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ There are outstanding invoices that haven't been paid, which leads to vendors who are unwilling to do business with the City. <b>Update:</b> An article was in lohud.com regarding this matter. The Comptroller stated that proper authorization was not obtained before issuing contracts to perform work.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Neighbor Portraits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axel is looking for volunteers to be interviewed</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10/20/18 – Fundraiser, First Presbyterian Church</li> <li>• 10/20/18 – Community Citywide Cleanup, 10-1</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming City Hall Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10/24 - City Council, 7pm</li> <li>• 10/25 - Land Use Boards (Zoning Board, Planning Board, Architectural Review Board), 6:30 pm           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ discuss development in Mount Vernon</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Next Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting will be held at the Mount Vernon Library, Community Room, from 7pm – 8pm:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monday, November 12</li> </ul> </li> </ul>