



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Village Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026, at 7:30pm

Meeting recording:

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Members Present: Skye Anderson, Mark Covington, Lynn Hannan, Shane Lease, Mariah Robertson and Mike McGarity.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton

Guests: about five attendees and Don Warner, Election Committee Chair

Call to Order: 7:31pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Hannan made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Lease seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of May 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Lease made a motion to approve the May 11, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. Covington seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Board Update:** Ms. Anderson thanked the CARES Committee for recommending that CA install a pollinator meadow in the center of the Clary's Forest loop. Ms. Anderson stated that residents may see an example of the finished product by visiting the Hopewell Meadow adjacent to the Hopewell pool in the Village of Owen Brown.
4. **Resident Speak-Out:** Residents did not have comments.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Mike McGarity:** Dr. McGarity stated that the pools are open on weekends, but if residents are interested in early morning lap swim time, the [Stevens Forest pool](#) in Oakland Mills is available for that activity. Dr. McGarity also discussed holding a teen night at The Hawthorn Center and possibilities to link River Hill and Hickory Ridge for bikers and pedestrians.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Election Committee Report:** Mr. Warner stated that the Election Committee had their final meeting. The Committee agreed that the election went smoothly. Mr. Warner shared a few improvements that could be made, but also noted that, because only the Columbia Council seat was contested, other issues could come up with contested Village Board seats. The Board thanked Mr. Warner and the members of the Committee for their work.
 - b. **Reappointments to the Resident Architectural Committee to Include Bob Opatovsky, Celindah Grier, Barbara Condron, and Matthew Heyne:** The Board discussed appointing the currently serving RAC members. Ms. Hannan made a motion to reappoint the returning members. Mr. Lease seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. **Reappointing Shane Lease to Resident Architectural Committee:** Ms. Mayton stated that Mr. Lease had expressed interest in continuing to serve on the RAC until new members could be recruited. Ms. Anderson stated that, when she was elected to the Board, she was advised not to serve on both. Dr. McGarity made a motion to reappoint Mr. Lease to the

RAC. Ms. Hannan seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Covington, Ms. Hannan and Dr. Roberson in favor and Ms. Anderson against. Mr. Lease abstained.

- d. Appointments to the Architectural Committee to Include Celinda Grier, Matther Heyne and Three Board Members:** The Board members discussed who would serve on the AC. Mr. Lease made a motion to appoint Mr. Covington, Ms. Hannan, Ms. Anderson and Celindah Grier and Matthew Heyne to the Architectural Committee. Dr. McGarity seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Appointments to the Hickory Ridge CARES Committee to Include Deborah Wessner, Jerry Lioi, Vanessa Mims, Patrice Donnelly, Leah Donovan and Bill Richardson:** Ms. Hannan made a motion to reappoint the CARES Committee members. Dr. McGarity seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Block Party Grants Discussion:** Ms. Hannan shared that, with inflation, it cost much more than expected to have a Block Party on her street last year. She recommended that the amount be increased from \$100 to \$150. Dr. Robertson made a motion to increase the Block Party grants to \$150. Mr. Lease seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- g. Review Updated FY27 Budget:** Ms. Mayton stated that the FY27 budget required updating to more correctly reflect the income and expenses for the Financial Review required by the Management Contract with Columbia Association (CA) and the painting of the building, which CA would be paying for. After a review, Mr. Lease made a motion to approve the updated FY27 budget. Mr. Covington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- a. Patuxent Commons Outreach:** Ms. Mayton stated that Hickory Ridge is partnering with Patuxent Commons on a clean-up of the wooded area of their property on Saturday, October 17th. Details are being worked out. Ms. Mayton shared that the Community Organizer there, Steven Isaacson, will post a flyer that will allow community members to subscribe to the newsletter and follow us on social media. Either Steven or Debbie Clutts will attend the July 13th Board meeting.

- 8. Manager Report—Laura Mayton:** Ms. Mayton shared that the play area at the center of the Little Patuxent Parkway loop will be replaced starting this week. The work will take up to four weeks, weather permitting. Ms. Mayton also encouraged residents to consider joining the Resident Architectural Committee.

9. Action Items:

- a.** Ms. Mayton will reach out to CA's Teen Center regarding an event at The Hawthorn Center.

- 10. Adjournment:** Mr. Lease made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.



Block Party Grants

- A total of 15 grants are available for FY27. Each grant is for a \$100 Giant Gift Card.
- Only 1 block party grant is allowed on a street per year (except for very long streets, at the Manager's discretion).
- Everyone on the street must be invited to the party, and a copy of the invitation must accompany the application form.
- We must have a completed form and invitation before issuing a gift card.
- The party sponsor must drop off the completed form (with invitation) at The Hawthorn Center, Monday through Thursday, 9:30am – 5:00pm or Friday, 9:30am – 3:30pm. The party sponsor must sign to indicate receipt of the gift card.

Village: Hickory Ridge
Fiscal Year: FY2027
Date Prepared: 2/26/2026, approved 4/27/2026

BOARD APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET

	Budget FY2027	Budget FY2026	Estimate FY2026
REVENUES			
1 CA Annual Charge Share Grant	360,343	335,625	335,625
2 Lease & Rental	152,000	147,000	147,785
3 Tuition & Enrollment	0	0	0
4 Interest	1,400	180	1,140
5 Special Events	7,895	6,635	2,800
6 Fees	80	110	50
7 Miscellaneous	2,700	3,200	2,765
8 Gain/loss on Disposal of Asset	0	0	0
Total Income	524,418	492,750	490,165
EXPENSES			
9 Staff Salaries	287,083	280,625	278,230
10 Janitorial Wages	0	0	0
11 Contract Labor	6,500	7,000	6,000
12 Payroll Benefits	23,500	21,500	22,935
13 Payroll Taxes	22,500	21,000	22,171
14 Janitorial Expense	31,600	30,900	29,937
15 Fees	26,750	25,300	25,260
16 Operating Expenses	12,800	9,750	11,660
17 Business Expenses	2,600	3,300	1,450
18 Insurance	15,500	11,000	13,179
19 Advertising	800	1,000	700
20 Newsletter	16,500	20,000	21,417
21 Other Printing	5,000	4,500	4,500
22 Donations/Contributions	9,000	9,000	9,000
23 Special Events	18,290	20,000	15,000
24 Taxes	1,700	1,600	1,691
25 Utilities	19,800	14,500	17,545
26 Repairs & Maintenance	19,100	6,640	6,500
27 Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3,500	3,000	3,200
28 Total Expenses Before Depreciation	522,523	490,615	490,375
29 Depreciation	1,895	2,135	2,135
30 Total Expenses	524,418	492,750	492,510
Increase/(Decrease) in Unrestricted Net	0	0	(2,345)

Check (Next year expenses minus current year expenses minus total variance)... should = 0



- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual, but the RAC is in need of new volunteer members! Email Tania at applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.
- **CARES Committee:** CARES meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For meeting information, see the calendar on our website.
- **Aging Well in Columbia (AWC) at CA:** No updates for this meeting.