



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Village Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026, at 7:30pm

[Meeting recording](#)

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

Staff Present: Laura Mayton

Guests: Don DeBoy, Blessings in a Backpack

Call to Order: 7:30pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Lease made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Covington seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of May 11, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Lease made a motion to approve the June 8, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. Covington seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Icebreaker Activity:** Dr. Robertson asked each Board member to share something in the neighborhood or community that brought them joy, wonder or awe recently. Each Board member shared.
4. **Board Update:** Ms. Anderson mentioned the Roving Radish event at Patuxent Commons and recommended that residents check out future events.
5. **Resident Speak-Out:** Residents did not have comments.
6. **CA Board of Directors Report—Mike McGarity:** Dr. McGarity stated that HR11 now has monkey bars. He also stated that there are four vacancies on the CA Board including Oakland Mills, River Hill, and Long Reach. Dr. McGarity stated that Kings Contrivance is considering candidates for their seat, and they should be added to the CA Board in September. He also stated that the Board approved the extension of a line of credit for three years, including a \$30,000 expense.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Donation Request:** Mr. DeBoy explained the mission of Blessings in a Backpack is to fund weekend bags of food for students at Swansfield ES, and he requested a donation of \$750. Mr. Covington made a motion to donate \$750 to Blessings in a Backpack and Mr. Lease seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Nominate Jimmy Mathis, Operation Supervisor, Bureau of Highways, for County Special Recognition Award:** Ms. Mayton stated that the CARES Committee would like to recognize Jimmy Mathis for his work clearing issues reported via TellHoCo. CARES created the letter and asks to send it to the County. Dr. McGarity made a motion to send the letter to the County and Mr. Lease seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. **Amendment to Bylaws – Requirements for Board Membership:** Ms. Mayton stated the Village needs to address the issue of Board members being required to live in the Village.

She stated that she would run some verbiage by Ellen Throop, the attorney the Village works with. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

- d. Review FY26 Q4 Financials:** Ms. Mayton reviewed the 4th quarter financial statements with the Board. Mr. Lease made a motion to approve the financial statements and Mr. Covington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Honoring Emily Rieger:** Ms. Mayton discussed options for honoring Ms. Rieger and stated she would share more at an upcoming meeting.

8. Old Business:

- a. Patuxent Commons Outreach:** Ms. Mayton stated that Patuxent Commons will be at the meeting in September to share ideas.

9. Manager Report—Laura Mayton: Ms. Mayton shared that traffic enforcement is occurring around the County and reminded everyone that the southbound entrance from Broken Land Parkway onto Route 29 will be closing soon and remain closed through November.

10. Action Items:

- a.** Ms. Mayton will reach out Ellen Throop about the amendment to the bylaws.

10. Adjournment: Mr. Lease made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.