

October 21, 2023
GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by chair Doug Otjen at 11:09 AM in the pool house. There were 14 property owners in attendance. There were 15 proxy ballots from property owners and 4 members were present by Zoom. These numbers constituted a quorum. There was an introduction of each person present.

Minutes from the previous general meeting on October 22, 2022, were presented. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Three board positions were up for nominations due to 3 members ending their terms. Only three names were brought forward to fill these positions. Those names were Paul Kohl, Nancy Papineau and Doug Willis. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented. By unanimous vote Paul, Nancy and Doug Willis were elected to a 3 year term ending in 2026.

Dave McQuiston/Fall gave an updated report on the water system. At the present time we are using only about 40% of the water allotted for our system. The consumer confidence report which is given every few years showed good results. This report was done in 2023 for the 2022 period. There were only a couple of small repairs needed for this period of use. There are 30 isolation valves for the system. HIEA is allocated 80 services. At the present time there are 60 being used. This will mean any future hook ups will be limited to the number for our allocation.

Dave Asseltine gave the pool report. There are no major projects expected at this time for the pool. There is a possibility that new chlorination equipment will be needed in the near future.

Ryan gave a brief report on the HIEA web page. He maintains the site. Everything is up to date at the present time.

Pam gave a very lengthy and detailed treasurer's report. New State rules require members to review and vote on the budget and assessments. Previously just the board did this.

In 2024 there will be two expenditures that increase the proposed budget. One of them is insurance. There has been liability coverage for the pool facility but none on the actual structure. Also the possible need to have liability insurance to cover board members and other volunteers for HIEA. There is still an ongoing search for agencies. One major quote shows about \$2,100 per year for liability insurance for directors and volunteers.

Because HIEA is mandated by the State to have a reserve fund, there will be an increase in fees to cover future maintenance and repair projects. The dues are remaining the same, but the reserve account will be more. The majority of the dues are from full memberships. Only 5 properties are entitled to water only rates.

Dues for 2024 as are follows:

Full membership	\$910 (\$510 dues plus \$400 reserves)
Water only	\$835 (\$435 dues plus \$400 reserves)
Pool only	\$400 no proration

Since our fiscal year has been changed to January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, our billing date will change. You will receive your bill the first of January. You may pay the entire amount by January 31 **OR** you may pay half of it in January and the other half in July 2024.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2024 budget and members fees. Motion was approved.

Revision of the By Laws and Articles of Incorporation is still a work in progress to bring them up to date with existing HIEA changes. Pam volunteered to chair this. Ryan, Leisa Ashbaugh and Marilyn have offered to assist.

Meeting dates for 2024 are as follows:

Jan 20	HIEA Board Meeting
Apr 20	HIEA Board Meeting (pool work party....open pool (Memorial Day)
July 20	HIEA Board Meeting
Sept 14	HIEA Board Meeting
Oct 19	HIEA Annual Meeting

Doug thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then thanked the board for their support and help over the past 6 years. Then the board acknowledged and thanked Doug and Nadeen for their years of service.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed and adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Laubach, secretary