

**Summarized Minutes of The Springs at High Rock, Inc. HOA Meeting, April 17, 2019  
Community Clubhouse, 233 Tor Court, Denton, NC 27239**

**Workshop meeting limited to discussing Springs' street light issues; member Jim Johnson and others invited**

Directors in attendance: Tony Freeman, Al Hoppensteadt, Curtis Ish, Linda Shoaf, and Karl Svatek  
Member Jim Johnson

**President Freeman called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.**

President Freeman reported that Bill Conrad (our maintenance man) conveyed to him that Energy United (EU) has fewer hired linemen and more work to do, resulting in a longer time waiting for streetlamp repairs. Mr. Conrad also stated that workmen have told him EU is finally running out of mercury vapor lamps and will need to replace the sockets and lamps in the future, but probably will want a contract first. Resident members Jim Johnson and Jim Kelley have volunteered to put together a list of questions and to meet with EU representatives for preliminary talks. Director Al Hoppensteadt asked if we have any local members on EU's civilian advisory council. (Yes, Larry Watson and John Dean).

Mr. Johnson stated that several months ago he and HOA member David Pflumm began looking into whether anything could be done to reduce our electric bill. Since then they have ruled out the cost effectiveness and aesthetics of current solar powered lighting. In his research, he found that initially EU would have charged us \$25/light/month or \$20/light/month plus a one-time \$200 per pole cost charge. Mr. Johnson estimates we could have saved \$300,000 in the last 10 years if we had accepted that offer. (Later in the meeting Hoppensteadt remembered that that offer was rescinded, see below). Mr. Johnson is asking the Board of Directors' permission to talk with EU with three goals in mind:

1. To find a way to lower our current costs
2. To reduce our carbon imprint through LED lighting
3. To replace the current globes with better non-glare globes for safer night driving

Mr. Johnson reminded the board that EU is a cooperative and, as such, we are the shareholders. They are not supposed to be in the business of making money for stockholders.

Mr. Johnson said he is asking the board to write a letter authorizing him to talk to EU officials on what their plans are for our community lighting. At this point, Director Hoppensteadt said his recollection was that the initial offer was withdrawn and all HOA communities were charged the same rate which is still in effect today.

**Motion by Svatek, seconded by Freeman** to allow HOA members Jim Johnson and Jim Kelley to represent The Springs at High Rock HOA, Inc. in fact-finding discussions with representatives from Energy United concerning the future of our community's street lights. All directors agreed; motion passed.

The secretary was directed to write a letter of introduction for Mr.'s Johnson and Kelley on The Springs letterhead stationary. At this point (10:46 AM) Mr. Johnson excused himself, and the board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The next workshop meeting is May 16, 2019, 10:00 AM  
Respectfully submitted, Curtis Ish, Secretary HOA