**Strawberry Ridge Owners Association,**

**St. Louis County Annual Meeting**

**January 31, 2024, 7pm**

Gary Carroll called the meeting to order.

St. Louis County Police West County Precinct Report

Our neighborhood policing officer, Brian Hessling, advised crime in our area has been relatively quiet. Residents are advised to keep garage doors closed and interior doors from the garage into the house locked. Catalytic converter thefts have dropped substantially. Officer Hessling gave a presentation on the WeCare Community Reporting Portal. Residents can report crimes and concerns through the portal. Emergencies should be called to 911.

<https://stlouiscountypolice.com/resources-services/wecare-community-reporting-service/>

Residents are highly encouraged to sign up for vacation checks. An officer will check the residence daily while you are on vacation.

<https://stlouiscountypolice.com/resources-services/vacation-inspections/>

A citizen’s police academy will be held on Tuesday nights, February 20 through March 26, 6pm – 8pm. The academy will be located at the Twin Oaks City Hall, 1381 Big Bend Road.

Officer Hessling was asked about problems with parking in front of or blocking mailboxes. County ordinance prohibits parking within 8 feet of a public or private mailbox. Parking is also prohibited on a sidewalk, including the part on a driveway. Officer Hessling advised call the precinct and they will send an officer out.

A question came up regarding small “pocket” bikes. Regardless of size, pocket bikes fall under “moving” vehicles in St. Louis county (we are located in unincorporated St. Louis county). Riders must have a license (16 years of age). Pocket bikes must adhere to the standard rules – ie: be ridden on the street, NOT sidewalks and have working lights (headlights, brake lights). Problems should be reported to the precinct.

Business Meeting

HOA financials. See the reverse page for YTD report. The HOA has only one delinquency at this time.

Gary advised the HOA needs a $50 increase in the annual assessment due to tree work expenses. The HOA incurred substantial tree expenses last year. A vote was taken. The increase was approved by the majority of attendees. The new assessment amount will be $325, due March 1, 2024.

A question was asked about restricting rentals. Rentals are not addressed in our indentures. Changes to the indentures would require updating through an attorney familiar with HOA restrictions. Any changes would require a vote of all owners, with 2/3 in favor of the changes.

Parking restrictions on the hill of Strawberry Ridge Drive has been an ongoing issue. Our roads are public. In order to restrict parking to one side, a petition with affected residents signatures would need to go to the county. So far, affected residents have not expressed an interest in a petition drive.

Meeting adjourned

**Official Website: www.strawberryridge-hoa.org**

*This is the official HOA website. It contains information such as subdivision indentures, trustee info and county ordinances. Problems or questions regarding the HOA should be sent to our contact email:* *strawberryridge.hoa@gmail.com*

***Residents are encouraged to “like” and follow the “unofficial” Facebook group Strawberry Ridge – Unincorporated West St. Louis County, Missouri. This is a private, members only group for residents to discuss anything related HOA life.***