

**ELV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING
TROY UNION SCHOOL CAFETERIA
MAY 20, 2010**

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The ELV Homeowners Association Spring Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Dave Diener. The Board members in attendance were introduced along with all who assisted with the evening's events.

Treasurer Jerry Elsenheimer gave a financial update of the budget noting that the Association is in good stead. Questions will be accepted at the end of the meeting during the Q&A period.

Security Chairman Allan Boots presented an overview of Security outlining what is and isn't his job. He then introduced Janyll Pitts, AARMCO's officer who patrols the village. Patrolman Janyll outlined his duties and fielded the following questions:

- **What can we do about speeding cars through subdivision?** Residents are encouraged to call the police.
- **Are there a lot of drug problems in our sub?** There are some problems but they are limited to only a few houses within the sub.
- **What do we do about people driving through stop signs?** Report it to Allan who will report it to the police.
- **Would speed bumps be an option?** No, this is not really an option as the roads are bad enough as it is.
- **Do politicians need a badge to go door to door?** NO, they are exempt.

Resident, Jay Reynolds, a Troy Police and Fire Department veteran and ELV resident, gave a presentation on Identity Theft and Current Crime Trends. Jay publishes the weekly *Police Crime Alerts* and specializes as a fraud investigator and identity theft expert. To receive the weekly *Police Crime Alerts*, go to the City's website under *Crime Prevention* or email Jay at: reynoldsjj@troymi.gov and ask for *Crime Alerts*. Jay discussed some of the crime incidents in our area and explained various scams that are being used today:

- **Scam #1** – The thief telephones you claiming to be an investigator and if you have authorized and expensive purchase. He then asks permission to investigate on your behalf and solicits personal information. He then makes unauthorized expensive purchase on your accounts.
- **Scam #2** – They email you claiming to be the Internal IRS and inform you that you are subject to an E-audit. They solicit all of your tax information via email and then ravage your accounts. You should also be aware that music sites are not closeable...they leave your computers open and hackers can get in.
- **Scam #3** – You receive a mailing indicating a financial windfall, but you must provide some monies to cover the legal transfer fees, or your bank account number for the direct deposit.
- **Scam #4** – Your computer prompts you to follow a link to a site requesting that you confirm your application and current billing information. The site resembling the home page of your online service provider requests your person information and credit card

number. You find out that the notice and the link are forged copies when your next credit card bill arrives.

- Scam #5 – A prospective buyer expresses interest in a car or garage sale item you are offering. The buyers ask if you will take a certified check. The buyers return within a short time with an authentic looking check, marked certified, made out to you in the correct amount and leaves with your property. Your bank indicates the document is computer generated and worthless. Advice: Use a black light to check money or checks if you selling something for large amounts of money.
- Scam #6 – In answer to online employment inquiries, you receive a request for a resume including such personal information as date of birth, drivers license and Social Security Number. You fulfill the request with an online resume and find you are still without a job but have numerous new credit accounts in various states and countries. Advice: Always try to contact the company in person...do not give information unless it has “https” before the address because those addresses have firewalls in place.
- Scam #7 – You receive a page or email even a post-it note indicating you should contact someone in the 284, 809 or 876 area code regarding a family emergency and you dial the number and are then placed on hold, hung-up on and forced to dial again, or you are transferred from extension to extension. You then receive a phone bill for an outrageous amount of money at the end of the month because these area codes are out of the country in the Caribbean and not subject to US rate restrictions.
- Advice – If you have a GPS in your vehicle, get it out of site as this holds your garage door opener.

President Diener and the Board took questions from the assembly as follows:

- **Question:** Are we still working on the Five-Year Plan? **Answer:** YES, the Treasurer keeps track of that. Special projects have amortized that out. The Plan is alive and well.
- **Question:** I understand all the things we are trying to do; however, we have about three (3) homes in the sub that are deplorable. We tried to do something way back, but nothing worked. **Answer:** We now have the funds to hire an attorney and we expect to take steps to get something done.
- **Question:** Are we asking the City of Troy to work with us on this? **Answer:** No, the City doesn't seem to be willing to work on this. The City has taken care of several homes in Troy, but they don't consider the ones in our sub to be bad enough.
- **Question:** Is everyone paid up on their dues? **Answer:** No, there are only five (5) residents who have not yet paid. Andrea has been a great help in contacting residents personally, and the records that Jerry keeps are impeccable and he is very tenacious. We started with about 40 delinquencies and we are now down to five. Some of the unpaid dues are because of foreclosures.
- **Question:** What is the City going to do about the trees that are infected with scale? **Answer:** They are not going to do anything. The trees are not dripping sap; it's the excrement of the vermin that lives in the tree. One treatment suggestion came from Jim Zollner who said several landscaping companies suggest using a product called Merit which is a Bayer product and can be purchased at Lowes and Home Depot.

Bill Luther moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and the assembly agreed.