Metropolitan Lofts Condominium Association

## MEETING MINUTES – September 27, 2023

- I. PRESENT: DEBBIE, CAROL, DANE, PRASAD
- II. Call to Order AT 6:06 BY DEBBIE
- III. Minutes Approval of meeting minutes from prior meeting APPROVED (MOTION BY DEBBIE, SECONDED BY CAROL)
- IV. Financial Report Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison, Water GL & Universal Utilities Statement DISCUSSED
- V. Votes by E-mail NONE
- VI. Action Items List
  - Find out who Station 3 Lofts uses for snow removal. No response to multiple requests. G&G does not service them. – NO RESPONSE FROM THEM BUT THEY DON'T USE GROUNDS AND GARDENS
  - Snow Contract add language if there are 2 spaces or more unoccupied, those spaces should be cleared of snow. – Contract Signed with added language. – NEW LANGUAGE WAS ADDED AND VENDOR SIGNED
  - Let #26 know that she can park behind the snow in her open space. Emailed and she confirmed, but said there hasn't been a need so far since she has lived at Metro Lofts. She thanked for the heads up. – SHE SAID THANK YOU
  - Elevator Technologies if they can do the work required by door lock monitoring. No Response with 3 attempts to get information. – TONY IS WAITING TO GET MORE INFO FROM HIS UNCLE. HE THINKS ELEVATOR TECHNOLOGIES PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT TO WORK ON AN OTIS ELEVATOR.
  - 5. Ask OTIS when your certification renews. Ask if this monitor requires an internet connection. -

The State did provide a completion date of 5 years from now for this work, however, the certifications for each unit may not be issued by the state if they are found "non-compliant" due to the door lock monitoring not being installed. The state inspector should be coming out on an annual basis to inspect the elevator. However, I believe the state usually sends out an invoice for certification renewal prior to coming out onsite.

- 6. Cintas repairs are approved. \$3,143.50 pay with reserves Complete
- 7. Budget Meeting in September & Annual Meeting in October. Complete
- 8. Fall Reminders Store cushions because squirrels will nest in them. Complete

## VII. Manager's Report

- 1. Budget Meeting 2023 Schedule
  - i. BUDGET IS VERY TIGHT.
  - ii. TONY WENT OVER HIS WORKING BUDGET.
  - iii. LAST TIME WE RAISED THE DUES WAS IN 2021.
  - iv. TONY HAS BEEN BORROWING MONEY FROM SAVINGS AND THEN REPLACES IT.
  - v. FOR THE \$20,000 ELEVATOR UPDATES CAN EITHER ADD IT IN THE BUDGET AND INCREASE DUES OR WE CAN DO AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT.
  - vi. PRASAD MENTIONED THAT INFLATION IS MUCH HIGHER THAN WHEN RESERVE STUDY WAS COMPLETED, THINKS THE NUMBERS ARE WAY OFF NOW FOR WHAT THINGS WILL COST.

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- vii. TONY'S PROPOSAL RAISES DUES APPROX \$30+, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT OF \$700-ISH.
  - 1. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COVERS THE ELEVATOR AND THE DUES INCREASE GETS US TO WHAT WE SHOULD BE SAVING PER RESERVE STUDY.
- viii. TONY WARNS AGAINST DUES GETTING SO HIGH THAT PEOPLE HAVE A HARD TIME SELLING THEIR UNITS.
- ix. CAROL MENTIONS THAT IF WE'RE GIVING PEOPLE A WHOLE YEAR TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT, MAYBE WE SHOULD INCREASE IT A LITTLE SO THAT WE'RE PAYING THE ELEVATOR BUT ALSO REDUCING OUR RESERVE DEFICIT A LITTLE.
  - 1. PRASAD PROPOSED AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT THAT WILL COVER THE FULL \$75,000 RESERVES DEFICIT.
- x. BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES BUDGET WITH \$45,000 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PLUS DUES INCREASE PROPOSED BY TONY (\$30-SOMETHING PER MONTH, DEPENDING ON VALUE).
  - 1. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT WILL COVER THE \$20K ELEVATOR UPDATES PLUS PUT \$25,000 TOWARDS OUR RESERVES DEFICIT.
  - 2. ADDITIONAL ASSSESSMENT WON'T BE DUE UNTIL OCTOBER 2024.
- VIII. Unfinished Business
  - 1. Garage Water DID NOT DISCUSS
  - DEBBIE ASKED ABOUT LEAK NEAR UNIT 9 ON FIRST FLOOR. TONY HAS NOT RECEIVED AN INVOICE FROM VENDOR YET AND DOESN'T KNOW STATUS, WILL INQUIRE.
- IX. New Business NONE
- X. Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 via Zoom.
- XI. Adjournment to Executive Session AT 7:07 (MOTION BY DEBBIE, SECONDED BY CAROL)