

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

Mayor Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Justin LaRosa, Renee Matney, Robert Thatcher and Todd Zimmerman

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski, Administrator Russell Baron and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to approve the minutes of July 24, 2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea 5; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Abstain, one; Zimmerman.

Agenda

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Matney to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Solicitor

Brian said I did draft that ordinance to discard or salvage the old mower.

Sort of a legislative update with respect to the rules that govern the villages and most municipalities in Ohio. House Bill 33 was signed at the beginning of July. It doesn't take effect until the beginning of October. One of the changes was the bidding threshold for cities, townships and villages, with Village Administrators, is going from fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand dollars and it is going to increase three percent a year every year thereafter.

Still working on the Berlin Business Park Agreement. There was one paragraph I was still uncertain about. I emailed their attorney back today because I had a question about this one section. There will be timelines for all this to proceed.

Village Administrator

Russ said I am working to finish the park on Glick Road. It just needs seeded and the gazebo finished. To clarify to council, that was all TIF funds. The TIF's have a variety of different uses. One of the main uses we use it for is the improvement of commercial areas and parks.

Drainage on West Hiawatha. We met with the homeowners to discuss what they need to do in conjunction with what we need to do. There is work that needs to be done there. We have a fairly large fix that we are going to work on with our infrastructure. I think the homeowner left with a good understanding of what they need to do on their portion. It is a lot of water coming into one area.

We are exploring more options to become more self-sufficient. One of the things I proposed to UST tonight was our ability to camera things and the equipment that we don't have to do that and what we could look for and add to our next year's budget.

Council member Gates asked how much does it cost to hire a contractor to camera our lines.

Russ said \$700.00 to show up and then one hundred and some dollars per hour after that.

Council member Matney asked how much does a camera cost.

Russ said fifteen thousand. There are two types of issues. There are remote cameras that go into pipes and then there is a feed in camera that we can put in a sinkhole.

Met with Delaware Soil and Water. They have been inundated with calls from not only our area but all around the County. We have a village government put in place where the townships don't. Delaware Soil and Water gives us support, but we have an engineer, we have an administrator and they want us to lean more on that before going to Delaware Soil and Water. Anyone that calls them now they will be directed back to the village's website. We have stormwater information on there and a form they can fill out for a variety of things and one of them is for stormwater.

Russ said paving will be done at 11 different sites within the village. One site is Osage and Dublin Road. They are going to take the apron out at Osage and recurve that and make it like Osage never existed. Paving came in about \$45,000.00 less than Chris' estimate. We are looking at what we can pave next year. This entails a lot of our stub roads that have never been paved. I have purchased signs that say paving will occur within seven days.

Maumee Bay and the car lot on Glick Road were approved by the ABR. The new brewery on Dublin Road, Bridge's End, is now 99% approved. He hopes to be under roof by January.

I want to thank Mark and Shirley for the cleanup effort they did. It was a community effort. There were a lot of people helping. Ohio Groundskeeping went out and did a lot of work there also.

Safety Day is this Saturday from 3-6.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said he has exchanged emails with Wezlynn Davis, a trustee in Jerome Township. I didn't know if they had any JEDD's in place or if they even knew anything about them.

On August 28 I have a meeting rescheduled with Andrew Brenner at the State House. This is about the riverfront issue with Columbus.

Mark had recruited and, you know a small community like this, where you can get buy in from different neighbors for somebody that may be in need or someone that needs help. It was actually a great thing and the number of people that showed up to help. The result of it was fantastic so I wanted to thank him personally.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said I have started planning already for the Veteran's Day event. We will be using our own singer. I already have a speaker who was volunteered by Bobby Nothstine.

Committee Reports

Pro Tem Thatcher said UST did meet and most of that was covered by Russ. We also got an update on the seasonal worker and the status of our truck and obviously the sink holes in the village.

Council member Isern said the JEDD Board met this afternoon. We did, just today, get a fairly substantial, considering the history of the account, a deposit of \$3,700.00. A lot of that will disappear shortly because the Board is going to buy liability insurance and a bond.

Public Hearing

Mayor Mathews opened the public hearing. He said this is for the vacation of a portion of unimproved Benmar Drive. Are there any comments?

Brian said I did speak with the attorney for the Galbreath's. He said they may or may not show up tonight. I do not see them here.

There being no further discussion Mayor Mathews closed the public hearing.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Ordinance 23-2023 – An Ordinance vacating a portion of unimproved right-of-way running on, over and through twenty-two parcels between E. Osage Drive and Glick Road (AKA Benmar Drive).

First Reading- Ordinance 24-2023 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator, or his designee, to salvage, discard, or otherwise dispose of municipal personal property, which is not needed for public use, is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and which has no value and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 24-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by LaRosa, seconded by Thatcher to adopt Ordinance 24-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 11-2023 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to accept the bid of, and enter into a contract with M. O. Bryant Paving LLC, dba Brecks Paving, for the Village of Shawnee Hills 2023 paving project and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 11-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 11-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Thatcher to pay the bills ion the amount of \$165,272.30. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	471,462.14	Enfct. and Education	1,795.98
Street Fund	273,759.61	Fire Fund	85,482.63
State Highway	36,460.79	TIF Fund	56,504.23
PD Body Armor	2,019.24	TIF 2 Fund	43,927.68
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	146,444.38
Evans Farm JEDD	430.12	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	64,118.96
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	25,645.92
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	65,898.95

For a total of \$1,371,888.95.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Miscellaneous

Council member Zimmerman asked what type of sign is being used for the paving project.

Russ said they are like political signs.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.