

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2019

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Geoff Hanna, Dan Mathews, Renee Matney, Jeff Stacy and Robert Thatcher

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Solicitor Brian Zets

Absent: Administrator Craig Thompson

Minutes

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to approve the minutes of October 14, 2019 with the following amendments: on page 2, first paragraph remove the th and remove the + sign before Mohican and Logan. On page 3 remove the += sign before 130%., add I before may have missed, add *and* before on the Dublin, also remove the brackets around 160. On page 4,6 and 7 remove the th after 8.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Abstain, one; Thatcher. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Agenda

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Solicitor

Brian said I attended the ABR meeting on October 17. The Ninja Gym was approved with very little discussion. ABR after that had a discussion about design standards and guidelines for the commercial area. It was a very good discussion. I will follow up with them and get them some more things and they have a workshop scheduled for November 14 to go through the code pertaining to their position.

We did file, on behalf of the village, a small claims complaint against Morter Construction. The village had paid for a wood retaining wall by the police department. The contractor did not even start building the wall and took our money and will not return it to us. Craig has tried multiple times to get in touch with the gentleman from Morter Construction to no avail so we filed a small claims complaint to get our money back. We just got a notice from the court. There is mediation set for November 21 and a trial date for December 5. That is assuming he get service of the notification. I assume the case will settle in mediation.

Village Administrator

Mayor Monahan read the following report, which was provided by Craig Thompson:

- Sanitary Sewer Line Inspection: The low bidder for the CCTV inspection is United Survey, Inc. Their bid came in well lower than the project estimate of \$122,595.
- Staff met with representatives of the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD). Erin Wolfe is the new Outreach Coordinator. Among other items, we discussed how they could assist the Village in the preparation of the Storm Water Management Plan that was included in the Ohio EPA, MS4 Inspection findings. We look forward to continuing our relationship with DSWCD.
- Provided revised drainage easement to Elizabeth Minton Myers for the O'Shaughnessy Crossing project.
- Russ, Shirley and I continue to meet to discuss the 2020 budget.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said we attended the Delaware County Law Enforcement Executives Committee meeting, The EMA Executive Committee, there is nothing really big on the EMA front. I attended the Chief's meeting. They are discussing changing the CADD, computer aided dispatch, which encompasses a reporting software, dispatching software, mapping software, all of that. The price is going to go up for all of us. Not so much next year but in 2021 there will be a significant change across the County. The 911 levy is taking care of most of the cost for us. Because it is a forced mandate, the Sheriff's office is assuming the majority of the set up cost. There will be a maintenance fee each year that we will have to pay. We will be able to dump some of our current things, like the affidavit maker.

We attended the Concord Township Safety Day and the Police Department versus the Fire Department softball game. The official score was 26 -26. If you ask the Fire Department, it was 36-26. We called it a tie and we are going to split the trophy this year.

I am on the small agency committee meeting of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. They aim to provide small agencies access to funds and resources to make that happen. There are a lot of grants and micro grants that are available and unless you are a large community that knows people, for example someone at the Attorney General's office, you just don't know about them. I attended FEMA training for incident command and we attended safety week at the Oxford School. We hosted an in-service with the Drug Task Force. They have to come out to all the PD's once a year for their grant. They talked about trends, legal issues, any issues within the County and the area. This is really beneficial for our officers to hear it right from the drug task force that is dealing with it in the County.

The sonar boat was delivered last week and we partnered with Leatherlips. Leatherlips let us use their facilities and their docks and we trained about fifteen different law enforcement agencies on the use. A couple of our officers have been trained on it. While it is a multi-county asset, it will be stored here. There was nothing unsettling found in the water along the bank of the O'Shaughnessy.

K-9 update. I want to thank the resident that nominated Havoc for Council but he doesn't meet the residency or the age requirements. His first week out he caught a bad guy for Delaware County that broke into Walgreen's and recovered some evidence in the rain which is quite impressive for a young dog. To date we have raised about six to seven thousand dollars for the dog. We have outfitted just about every piece of equipment except for the heat alarm and the

door pop. That cost is about three thousand dollars, which we are fundraising for. We did receive funding from LOF Defense, a grant for a ballistic vest for Havoc that costs about two thousand six hundred dollars.

The lifter springs and cam shaft need to be replaced in the K9 vehicle. The initial repair came in at ten thousand dollars. We have been able to, through a local mechanic, we are five hundred dollars in on just parts. The shop manager from Grismer said we can make this work for parts only. On my way here I was advised that the head is cracked, which is another five hundred dollars. I told the officer to go ahead and purchase that part. It should be fixed and back on the road tomorrow.

Trick or Treat Tailgate, Thursday, 4:00 p.m. rain or shine.

Communications

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

Received the following note from Janelle Coleman and Tom Stalf in conjunction with the ZOO about Connecting People and Wildlife at our ZOO:

Mayor Monahan,

I hope that you enjoyed reading about our education, conservation and outreach efforts. It was a great year. We look forward to a continued partnership.

Best,

Janelle N .Coleman

Hello Neighbor,

I am thrilled to share these Zoo highlights. Our mission to lead and to inspire by connecting people with wildlife has never been stronger. We are proud of this part of Central Ohio and grateful of your support.

Thanks,

Tom Stalf

Dr. O'Shaughnessy and I have continued to communicate with The Dr. Rick Westerfield of the Columbus Division of Water and Mike Schadek of Mayor Ginther's office. This is in conjunction with our effort to attain a 35 foot buffer at the river's edge. This is based on the health risk presented by the Columbus land overgrowth and the insuring issues.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

As a reminder:

Halloween is on Halloween from 6-8. As always, our Police will have stepped up patrols to keep everyone safe.

The Police sponsored Halloween Tailgate will be Thursday October 31, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at our Memorial Park pavilion.

- **Election Day** is Tuesday, Nov 5. **Please exercise your right to vote.** Please remember the Village Office is now the polling place. This replaces the Civic Building, which was the old polling location.
- **Our Annual Veterans Day Celebration** will Saturday, Nov 9 at our Veterans Memorial at 11 AM. This year we will be honoring two of our local Veterans who have passed away, Tom Smith and Fred Edwin Ray. We will also be honoring Tracy Ray who retired from the US Navy. We also will be honoring all of those who served. Boy Scout Troop 117 will honor us with a flag retirement ceremony.
- **Our Annual Tree lighting** will be Sunday, Dec 8 at 6 PM in our Memorial Park. It is a great community event and we have been honored by the Eli Pinney school students to lead us in the holiday songs.

I forwarded this notice to Craig and Dan, to determine if we should attend, Craig has attended one of these before. Dan and I will assess this session.

The eighth annual Economic Development 411 (ED411) will be hosted at The Ohio State University Student Union on Friday, December 6, 2019. Check back regularly for program updates and speaker announcements.

ED411 has become a not-to-be missed annual Columbus Region economic development event. Last year's record setting attendance of over 600 Columbus Region stakeholders speak to the event's popularity. Stakeholders include economic developers, elected boards, commissions, local government and school board officials, planning organizations and local government staff.

The Architectural Board of Review met on Oct 17 and approved the redesigned Ninja Gym. They did a great job working from the original design to a far more appealing version.

ABR will be conducting a workshop meeting in November to examine our existing code and make recommendations to Council that can further clarify the process. It will help make it better for the applicant and the Village.

Planning and Zoning met on the 22nd to examine and make recommendations to Council on the permitted length of the term of the Certificate of Appropriateness. The intent is to put a finish line of building so it doesn't go on for years. P & Z also recommended an extension process. More to come on this.

We received an application for rezoning of eight neighborhood commercial lots to general commercial and to rezone two residential lots to general commercial. These are the lots next to Hella's and the hearing will be on November 26.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Mathews said the only thing I have is I went to the grand opening at the cabinet store and from the attendance it looked like they are going to sell a lot of cabinets. Their headquarters are in Westerville so that is the exact type of business that we have talked about and we need to make sure their taxes are paid to Shawnee Hills. Shirley said I have already talked to them about it.

Committee Reports

Council member Gates said Planning and Zoning met on Tuesday, October 22. We looked at crafting legislation that will put a time frame for completion of commercial and residential construction. Brian gave us examples of what other communities do and Todd Zimmerman provided examples of construction permit extensions in Dublin. He pointed out that in our situation once the Certificate of Zoning Compliance is issued by Mark, Delaware County takes over. Dave Hatcher made some good points. He said that as a village our only leverage is a Certificate of Zoning Compliance. There was a lot of discussion and we agreed on a time frame of two years after the Certificate of Zoning compliance is issued. Then a re-application for an extension would be submitted. This would be done thirty days before the expiration of the original certificate. If no re-application is submitted, then other village ordinances would/could kick in such as the Blight Ordinance.

Council member Matney asked Mary if there was a time frame now. Two years seems really long.

Council member Gates said there was none at this time.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Ordinance 39-2019 – An Ordinance to appropriate funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Shawnee Hills, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Thatcher to amend Resolution 23-2019 to make it an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Second Reading- Resolution 23-2019 A Resolution that the Village of Shawnee Hills host an employee appreciation dinner and declare it an emergency. It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Gates to suspend with the third reading and declare Resolution 23-2019 an emergency.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 23-2019 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

First Reading- Resolution 24-2019 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to accept the bid of, and enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc. for the Village of Shawnee Hills 2019 CCTV Inspection and Cleaning of the Sanitary Sewer System Project and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Matney to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 24-2019 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 24-2019 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Bills

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to approve the bills in the amount of \$32,802.78. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to approve the following Treasurer’s Report:

General	203,958.56	Mayor’s Court Computer	2,430.14
Street	132,634.68	Fire	33,388.87
State Highway	19,442.71	Weed	4,019.36
Parks and Recreation	0.00	TIF	24,444.03
PD Body Armor	0.00	TIF 2	53,756.05
Cont. Prof. Train.	3,102.66	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.51	Sewer Operating	71,475.65
Indig. Drivers Inter.	385.84	Sewer Replacement	166,759.87
Law Enfct. Trust	4,474.89	Storm Sewer	10,817.85
Enfct. and Education	1,195.85	Debt Service	44,768.41

For a total of \$777,838.80

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Miscellaneous

Council member Stacy said I received the Village newsletter this past Thursday. Some people asked me about it. Is it scheduled, because we had one a little over two months ago come out?

Mayor Monahan said we put out one for each season. With the things coming up, I just wanted to remind people.

Council member Stacy said a couple of people brought up to me that the timing of it, that they thought it was all a campaign letter. I just wanted to point that out, that maybe the timing, in the future; you might want to keep that in mind.

Mayor Monahan said the trouble you are going to run into, and the same thing will happen two years and four years from now is when the election date is coming up and the lighting of the tree and the Veteran’s Memorial. That really drove the timing.

Council member Stacy said well people are saying we had one a couple of months ago and the expense to the village.

Mayor Monahan said basically every three months. Duly noted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to adjourn until November 11, 2019. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote. Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor