

## **Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 9, 2025**

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 and Solicitor Brian Zets

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Matney to approve the minutes of May 27, 2025 with the following amendment: Brian Zets was not at the meeting.

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

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Isern, 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 attended the Public Art Committee meeting on May 28. Out of that meeting came Ordinance 19-2025 which is the policy that they put together that Council will need to approve. The Records Commission meeting last month is where Ordinance 18-2025 comes from. It's the addition to the Villages' Public Records Policy which allows the police department to charge for public records requests regarding police department videos. I worked with Mark on some zoning issues.

### **Village Administrator**

Lt. Gerdeman gave the following report:

Frambes aerator is installed and working. It is also stocked with fish.

We are waiting on the educational signs that have been ordered.

The Art Committee is working on a mosaic to place in front of the electrical panel at Frambes Park. They are also planning on putting a mosaic at Monahan Park between the playground and the neighbor's house.

The turf at the playground is almost done. It looks like they have another day or two of work to be done.

The pollinator garden at Blooms Park is well under way thanks to an Eagle Scout Project. This park will look great once everything starts growing.

Paving – working to do some spot repairs.

Sewers – Richard and Staff have started doing sewer inspections of every single manhole in the village. This is required every couple of years.

## **Police Chief Report**

Lt. Gerdeman said they had no issues during the Memorial Tournament.

Reminder that there is no on street parking. Mark and Richard will be installing some more no parking signs.

## **Visitors**

Carol Kender said whoever did the article on Facebook about the parking, kudos. I was getting tired about listening to people complaining about the parking.

Music in the Village starts Thursday. As you all know, the purpose of the music is to bring people into the village so they can see what we have to offer. Because of that, we have really upped the game on the number of different types of bands that we are bringing in. We are bringing in bands who we think have a good following and, on that side, with the parking, we have gotten permission from the Animal Hospital, the dog groomer, as well as Altimate Outdoors to put up signs that say event parking. I have four different food trucks alternating the weeks.

For Police Appreciation Day the Chamber is sponsoring a dunk tank.

## **Communications**

Mayor Mathews said parking is a good problem to have. Bridges End is obviously doing well. I think this is not what you would see in the normal course of traffic but I am glad they are successful. We have to be realistic in what our expectations are on parking. If we have this robust parking requirement, I would argue that a lot of these commercial buildings wouldn't exist because the business plan doesn't work. They don't have the square footage to make a profit and we would be stuck with empty lots. The fault is not what council is approving or what the code says. The problem is the size of our commercial lots. We can blame the people from the 40's. It's their fault. I think we should embrace that this is what we have. People at Iacono's have parked at Hella's for years. People at El Vaquero have parked at the Morgan House for years. We have had no police reports from people parking at the church. Going forward there are solutions, but, we can't complain about what the symptoms are of lack of parking and then criticize when a solution is found.

## **Pro Tem Report**

Pro Tem Thatcher said there is an open position on the Public Arts Committee. Please contact me if you are interested in being on this committee.

## **Committee Reports**

Council member Zimmerman said the Public Arts Committee met last week and established their policies.

## **Legislative Actions**

First Reading – Ordinance 18-2025 – An Ordinance to amend the Village of Shawnee Hills Public Records Policy by creating, adopting, and adding a Law Enforcement Video Records Policy.

First Reading – Ordinance 19-2025 – An Ordinance to create, establish, and adopt a Public Art Policy.

First Reading – Resolution 05-2025 – A Resolution approving a contract to create a Joint Economic Development District (Berlin-Concord-Shawnee Hills Joint Economic Development District 1) and authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute the same.

**Bills**

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to pay the bills in the mount of \$167,824.94. 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 Thatcher to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	644,483.29	Fire Fund	120,828.49
Street Fund	53,370.59	Weed Fund	648.38
State Hwy.	50,261.88	TIF	95,639.94
PD Body Armor	5,475.83	TIF 2	53,268.70
Cont. Prof. Training	14,187.70	Police Dist. Fund	148,626.66
Evans Farm JEDD	15,204.89	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	47,882.67
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Storm Sewer Fund	29,790.86
Am. Rescue Plan	9,068.14	Enterprise Improv.	23,419.00
Enfct, & Education	1,795.98	Debt Service Fund	135,578.87
Capital Projects	0.00		

For a total of \$1,462,109.37

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

**Miscellaneous**

Council member LaRosa said I have been in contact with Rumpke and a couple of other garbage collection companies. As a village, if we were to take the billing away from them; right now, they bill individual residents. If we were to absorb the billing and distribute it ourselves there can be some significant saving to that. Unfortunately, Rumpke doesn’t sound like they want to do that. Consolidated and a couple of others said they would love the opportunity to discuss this. I would also like to get Brian’s opinion on this.

Brian said I would advise against that because you are paying up front for trash collection and if someone decides not to pay their bill and you have paid Rumpke already you are stuck holding the bag. I would not do that.

Council member LaRosa said even if there was a significant savings for the residents.

Brian said if you want to eat the cost of people not paying their trash bill.

Council member LaRosa asked couldn’t we come up with a legal way around it.

Council member Gates said not everyone in the village uses Rumpke. My neighbor takes it to the business he owns.

Council member LaRosa said I am looking to get our \$90.00 quarterly bill down to \$50.00.

Council member Matney said I understand what you are saying but we don't want to absorb paying for someone's trash if they don't pay. The village shouldn't have to pay that.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Isern, 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 7:24 p.m.