

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2022

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 Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Abstain, one: Isern.

Agenda

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman 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 today we received a petition to vacate the right of way from Equity with respect to their development and the parking lot and things that will be in and behind the building. If everything is there and all together I will work on that legislation. If they do not have all the adjoining property owner's signatures you will have to have a six week notice and a public hearing.

Just general follow ups with Maronda Homes. The Planning and Zoning meeting will be tomorrow night. I talked to Kathy a little bit, just working on some things for tomorrow night's meeting.

Shirley and I had a call with the folks from RITA and Orange Township with respect to the ninety-one cents and the Evans Farm JEDD that we have. It was a very long conversation. To be honest with you, what it came down to, is the JEDD Board has not been very active and to RITA, not trying to defend RITA and their practice, but RITA said we really don't know who is out there and what is going on. All of this was news to them that there were buildings going up, there were things happening, so they will work with us, and work with everybody, with respect to Evans Farm as they would like to collect as much income tax as possible in the commercial areas. They don't know what they don't know. They said other JEDD Boards are more active with them so they let them know, for example, Turner is working on the construction, so they can check with Turner to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to do and the proper withholdings are being made. It seems to me that that has not been happening and that is why there has been no money. Orange Township is also a big proponent of trying to get money in as we all are. The JEDD Board has counsel and they should have been counseling the JEDD Board on that. I think RITA is going to work with the JEDD Board to figure out who has worked there because it is hard to get folks who are just there temporarily to file their income taxes. I think this

was just miscommunication or lack thereof. They are aware of it and I think they are going to work harder on this. They talked about the permits and I said, we, as the village, do not have anything to do with it, unless you happen to be driving by. We are not going to go up and pull all these permits. I think Orange Township is going to take a more active role.

Village Administrator

Russ said I have been working with ODOT and the Township. They were gracious enough to cut back a couple of areas for us. Today they got Wilma, which has been really bad for several years. ODOT is looking at cleaning up Dublin Road in a least two spots, getting trees cut back off the road. We did send out several notices to landowners, Wilma was one, but the landowner never responded. It is supposed to be up to the individual to take care of their own trees and branches and cut them back from the road. As leaves are falling off the trees here in the next couple of months and you can access it better, I ask all the residents to check that. A couple of tall grass notices are going out tomorrow. I know the property across the street is starting to look egregious.

We did address the property on the corner of Olentangy and Miami. Richard cut that back as far as he could with what we have.

Ohio Groundskeeping. I really don't have any updates. A long slow progress, is what they seem to be doing. They have an active work permit through the County so there is not much of an enforcement angle that we can do. They had to repair the foundation under the building which set them back even further.

The remainder of the planters for the light poles have arrived. That will put the planters all along Dublin and Glick Road. Hoping to get them installed this fall. Craig Baldrige and his group are hoping to put some kind of decorations in them.

We were not awarded the grant funds through OPWC to complete the remainder of the sewer repairs. The EPA mandates that we have. I will be meeting with Chris to see what all needs to be done and how we can fund it. We do have a lot of COVID money left over that can go towards it.

I follow Facebook in the village and a lot of residents have spoken about sidewalks and having to cross Dublin Road several times and we have talked about pocket parks and we talked about several things. We are going to put a list together and put a dollar amount with it. That way, when there is grant money available, or there are excess funds wherever, we can go to that list and actually start completing some of these projects. Chris has said that everywhere there is no sidewalk is an engineering nightmare and very costly.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said we did hire a part-time officer. We have been running with the least amount of staff as we possible can. It works, but we came across a retired Ohio State University officer, who is currently a school teacher over at Olentangy. Phenomenal guy. Lots of experience. His references spoke very highly of him. Dan swore him in last week so we have that legislation on the agenda tonight.

We have seen an uptick in calls coming into the office or my cell phone. Please call dispatch if you need an officer to respond. You are going to get a quicker and better response when it happens if you call dispatch than when you are meeting two days later or leaving a voice mail in the office.

If you have an incident or an issue please report it immediately. We are getting a lot of calls two days later, hours later, a month later, there is not much we can do looking back. There is a lot of things we can do in the moment when something happens. We ask residents to help us help you.

Working on plans for Trick-or-Treat Tailgate this year.

Council member LaRosa said I have talked to a lot of my neighbors about the vendor going around the village. They said he has been very aggressive and very pushy. What is the best way to deal with this without calling you.

Russ said don't answer the door. Tell him you are not interested. I have the same company in my neighborhood and they don't care about the no soliciting signs. The village requires a soliciting permit. The best way to take care of it is to ignore them and call us. We will make sure they have a permit. If they are being aggressive, I think there is a way to revoke that permit. Call dispatch.

Visitors

Carol Kender said Craig Tuthill was in charge of all of our musicians for the Music in the Village concerts. I did want to thank the Village very much for cooperating with us for Music in the Village. The signage worked out beautifully. I know they were paying attention to the signs because people were calling the Chamber to find out where the park was. The attendance varied. We started out very small. I think part of that was it was an extremely hot day that day. I thought the mix of musicians was really good. We averaged about 62 attendees. The largest number was 86 and that was the final event with Jim Cunningham. We had probably fifteen different zip codes represented. I had one woman asked me if there was any food around here. I think this is really going to grow in the coming years.

Council member Thatcher said Shawnee Hills Dental did sponsor one of the music events. In years past we did more with that so maybe next year we can get more sponsors. I saw a lot of pizza from Iacono's and lots of stuff from the wine store. Everyone was enjoying the DORA and the availability in the local products.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said Sustainable 2050 needs a representative from the village that we have to nominate for their first meeting on September 16 at 9:30 a.m. at MORPC. If anyone is interested. I actually have someone in mind that I think would fit well in this role so I will contact them. The riverfront group, in dealing with the watershed and Columbus, possibly getting together with them this week to set up a date for the Town Hall.

Planning and Zoning will be meeting tomorrow. I would come early if you want a seat.

There was a major drug bust on 71 that our K9 Havoc was a part of. A lot of drugs were confiscated. Things like this make us proud of our department and how they have grown over the years.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said I am working on Veteran's Day. If you know any veterans who we have not yet highlighted in the village please let me know. We are definitely going to do our normal thing with the American Legion. We will probably do it the Saturday before Veterans Day.

I had a couple of different people stop me and asked questions about some repairs and stuff in the village and I talked to Russ and they were handled right away.

Shirley and I attended the Tax Incentive Review Council meeting in Delaware today. Our TIFs were approved for another year.

Legislative Actions

First Reading – Resolution 10-2022 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator to execute a compensation agreement, for the Berlin Business Park, with Berlin Township, Concord Township, and Delaware County Finance Authority and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 10-2022 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 10-2022 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading- Ordinance 18-2022 – An Ordinance confirming the Mayor’s appointment of John Quinlan as a part-time Police Officer for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Gates to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 18-2022 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by LaRosa to adopt Ordinance 18-2022 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 19-2022 – An Ordinance creating and establishing Fund Number 2901 (State of Ohio Opioid Litigation Settlement Fund)

Bills

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,437.74. 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 Matney, seconded by Gates to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	362,257.39	Enfct. and Education	1,245.85
Street Fund	483,528.79	Fire Fund	133,437.76
State Highway	27,312.11	TIF Fund	98,234.83
PD Body Armor	2,753.48	TIF 2 Fund	33,846.44
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	208,336.82
Evans Farm JEDD	.91	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	24,930.82

Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	13,036.08
Law Enfct. Trust	7,818.04	Storm Sewer Fund	12,979.10
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	63,332.24

For a total of \$1,540,173.50

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

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 7:25 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor