

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

**April 25, 2022**

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

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

Absent: Kathy Isern and Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski

Also Present: Administrator Russell Baron and Solicitor Brian Zets

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022 with the following amendments: on page 3, third paragraph, after involved, change the period to a question mark. On page 5, under Resolution 04-2022, capitalize Wise.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

### **Solicitor**

Brian said I do not have anything to report. Things have been quiet.

### **Village Administrator**

Russ said zoning again. We sent about ten notices out to property owners. Nine of them have responded and are moving along well with cleanup. The tenth owner is out of town so they will probably get back to it when they return.

The construction on Dublin Road between Walgreen's and El Vaquero. We spoke with the owner of that property, issued another stop work order and he still continues to work. We are working with the County now to have them take over an investigation and cite. He is not heeding our warning.

Equity – they seem to be moving along nicely.

I was informed that the Bogey has been sold and will be open for the Memorial Tournament.

They have not closed on the property yet so they have asked us not to disclose who purchased it. We may have information at the next meeting in regards to the noise variance that we always do for the Bogey.

I have a meeting tomorrow with a local company to discuss an overhaul of the banners on Dublin and Glick Road. We are working with the Chamber. We spend a lot of money on flags each year as we are constantly replacing them because they are getting hit by vehicles. We are looking at doing a two-banner system instead of one banner and a flag. The Chamber has agreed to pay for one side and we will pay for the other side.

Chipper Day is set for May 16. Have everything set out by the side of the street that morning. Holly has been doing a phenomenal job so far. She has made several Facebook posts and we have communicated back and forth about some of the things that she can do with her position. The agenda tonight was posted on Facebook and that is something the residents have been asking for.

Holly introduced herself and said anything that you want me to post just email me.

Council member Matney said I have seen a lot of your posts and we have emailed about some of them. I really like the information that you are putting out there. Are we putting it anywhere else too, for some people that don't have Facebook?

Holly said right now it is just Facebook but I can expand it.

Council member Matney said maybe a newsletter.

Russ said let her get comfortable. If she wants to move to Instagram or Twitter she can. Down the road I know we will want to do a newsletter and she can help with that. Knowing the time constriction, she has every week though, she can help, but I doubt if she can take on a whole newsletter.

I presented a proposal to Finance today regarding our health insurance. About a month and a half ago we got hit with a huge increase so we have been trying to find new health insurance plans. We went with a different plan in Anthem.

Council member LaRosa said that little section of property across from the bridge. Who owns it?

Russ said Delaware County, I believe.

Council member LaRosa asked is there any way to lease a portion of that land and put some sort of a something there that directs people to Shawnee Hills.

Russ said we spoke of that at the Chamber meeting the other day. I think the Village misses a lot given our proximity to the Zoo and Muirfield. There is so much around us that we don't capitalize on. I think moving forward the Chamber and the Village have an interest in exploring those options.

### **Police Chief Report**

Russ said we are starting the Memorial Tournament planning. It will be the same as years past. Safety Day is coming back, thanks to the Civic Association. It will be held June 11. Not sure of the times yet.

It is warming up so please mind your speeds in the neighborhood. Make sure to call us if you see something suspicious. We have already received an increase of barking dog complaints and cars going too fast.

I am sure we have all seen the Zoo incident on the news. It made the National news. Our officer did a phenomenal job. Everyone that responded, the neighboring agencies, were very happy with

our officer's activity and response over there. We were dispatched over there to help Highway Patrol with a crash. In the midst of that a vehicle sped by. I don't want to talk too much about it because it is an open case. We are meeting with the Zoo on May 3 to review their response to that incident in the parking lot. We have those incidents probably once a week in the zoo parking lot and we don't want that same response every time we have an issue in their parking lot.

### **Visitors**

Shelia Hiddleston, Delaware General Health Commissioner, said COVID wise we are doing really well. In your census tract you had zero cases in the last seven days. These are reportable cases. People doing home tests are not necessarily reporting those. On the fourth you were at three cases and in the middle of March you were at five. Vaccine wise, 72% of your census tract have begun getting vaccinated. Sixty nine percent have completed and 43% have received an additional dose. Delaware County is 83% started, 80% completed with 46% getting the additional dose and County wide we had 97 cases in the last seven days. I have seen a little bit of an uptick in those numbers over the last couple of weeks, a little bit of an uptick in hospitalizations. In the groups that we are seeing the most of is an uptick in the 0-17 year old and also in the 18-29 year old. We will continue to watch those.

The Pre-Hospital Care Board is the group that is looking to see how we coordinate all of our efforts, like frequent flyers and things. They are asking people who are CPR certified to sign up for this pulse point and then if someone was in need of CPR in your vicinity you would get a text and maybe you could go over and respond and help give CPR in case the EMS wasn't quite there.

The naloxone kits are available. Those are free to our county residents. People do have to come in and listen, be educated about naloxone. and how that works and then they are given a free kit. If you have a community event that is coming up and you would like us to do a presentation for a group and then everyone could leave with a kit, just let us know and we can make some arrangements to do that.

The hazardous collection days are coming up on June 4. That will be at the County fairgrounds and they will take adhesives, automotive fluids, batteries, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, household chemicals, paint, propane cylinders and smoke alarms. There is a \$20.00 per car charge and you will have to wait. Apparently the last few times the line has been a little bit long and people got a little irritated that they couldn't just run in and drop their things off.

The Community Health Assessment was taken last fall and we are releasing all of that data on May 18. It will be a virtual meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

We are looking for more partners for the Partnership for Healthy Delaware County. You may know as an accredited health district we are required to do a community health assessment at least every five years. We tend to do something every three years. We do all of that work but it is the partnership that actually looks at all the data, sets the priorities and then helps to make the plan for the next five-year community health improvement plan. We are looking for some partners. We are particularly looking for business partners. We have lots of agencies represented, a lot of our government partners, but really trying to target businesses in the faith community and then just our citizens to get a little bit more of kind of the ground level folks who might be interested in working with us. That information is all out on our website.

We will be setting all of our mosquito traps out this year. We only do mosquito fogging when we find a disease in the mosquito population. We will put signs out when we are going to do the fogging. Residents can request to be on the no fog zone list if they want.

**Communications**

Mayor Mathews said I want to commend Derek Slane. We have seen police videos over the last several years. One, he looks good on camera, the guy looks good in a uniform, but two, he handled himself very professionally and I think he had the camera zoomed in on that Shawnee Hills patch on purpose.

I want to welcome Holly.

**Pro Tem Report**

Pro Tem Thatcher said I attended the State of the County. Good event. They talked about all the great things that are going on in the County and how well it is growing. There are a lot of things going on. If you get a chance go on their website and check out the address and videos that they have. I want to have a couple pictures from places in Shawnee Hills in it next year.

I did work with Russ, through the Chamber, on the light posts. Those are moving forward. It looks like a really good partnership and we are trying to do more with it when we can, especially supporting the Music in the Park coming up.

**Committee Reports**

Council member Matney said Finance met tonight. We discussed two agenda items. We reviewed our RITA revenues. They are up \$67,000.00, Jan thru April of 2022, since 2021 which is fantastic news. That’s great for the financial state of the village.

We also discussed health insurance for our employees. The rates are changing substantially and we came up with an agreement to help the village pay a little bit more towards the employee’s cost of health insurance. That should allow us to retain and kind of offset our low pay scale and hopefully retain a lot of our officers and employees.

**Legislative Actions**

Second Reading- Ordinance 11-2022 – An Ordinance to amend the credit card policy of the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio.

**Bills**

Council member Gates said there was one missed bill for \$40.00, so the new amount is \$28,454.91. It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman, to pay the bills in the amount of \$28,454.91. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

**Treasurer’s Report**

It was moved by Matney, seconded by laRosa to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	240,866.74	TIF Fund	82,483.07
Street Fund	421,883.56	TIF 2 Fund	27,612.44
State Hwy. Fund	25,497.12	Police District	151,864.34
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Veteran’s Mem	248.97

Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Oper.	60,073.17
Law Enfct. Trust	12,268.88	Sewer Replct.	13,211.08
American Rescue	20,298.75	Storm Sewer	15,191.36
Enfct. & Education	1,245.85	Debt Service	115,053.45
Fire Fund	155,880.76	Cont. Profess. Train.	2,535.48
Evans Farm JEDD	.91		

For a total of \$1,347,136.18.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor