

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2020

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, Administrator Craig Thompson and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Matney to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy ad Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Agenda

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Thatcher to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy ad Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Solicitor

Brian Zets said Morter Construction came into the office and gave us a check for the money that he owed. Once the check clears, we will release the judgement that we have for that. I have been working with Mark and Chris on the O'Shaughnessy Crossing off-site storm sewer cost sharing agreement. That is reflected in Resolution 06-2020 which is on the agenda tonight. I will answer any questions you have about it during the legislation but it spells it our pretty clear. It is a not to exceed contract because Chris does not know the exact costs. The first reading is tonight.

Council does have to make its appointment to the JEDD Board tonight. The JEDD Board meeting is scheduled for June 10.

Mayor Monahan asked if that was his appointment or Dan's appointment. Brian said it is Council's appointment. Mayor Monahan said if I was going to do it, I intended to appoint Dan. Brian said whomever you guys want you can place on the Board.

Mayor Monahan said in the fall planning and zoning and ABR worked on some things. One of the things planning and zoning worked on was putting a back door on when someone pulls a permit to build something. Where is that?

Brian said I am working on that. I set it aside a little bit while all of this coronavirus thing happened. I got some of it done and I will continue to work on it and get it to you.

Council member Mathews said just a couple of things on that just because it has been some time on both of these. Would the landscaping place fall under that, the length of time, or would that fall under the blight.

Brian said it would fall under the blight ordinance.

Council member Mathews said didn't we do something with the storm sewer in regards to the O'Shaughnessy Crossing project a couple years back or was it just our intent to do it then.

Brian said the project has been going very slowly, so I think our intent was what we are doing now, which is how the storm sewer is going to look and what our upsizing is going to be.

Village Administrator

Craig Thompson gave the following report:

- Glick Road Storm Water Improvements: At this point, the plan is to advertise for bids on May 8th and to open bids on May 29th.
- Plat Map in County Auditor's Office: No additional Information. I continue to follow up
- Village Repaving Program: This will be discussed at the UST meeting on May 11.
- 2020 Budget: We continue to monitor any revenue impacts on the 2020 Budget as well as revenue sources (grants) as a result of Coronavirus. Shirley and I will meet next week to take a look at the budget and come back to Finance at their next meeting.
- Ninja Gym: Chris and Mark met with their Engineer at the site on April 23rd. They went over what is required per our code and answered questions. Currently awaiting the submission of the drainage plan.
- O'Shaughnessy Crossing: Brian is preparing the contract for upsizing the storm water line from 24" to 36". This will be on the UST Agenda for Monday, May 11.
- Osage Woods PUD: We have not received an amended application. We have received a draft MOU regarding the paving on West Osage. Brian is reviewing. The earliest public hearing would be in June.

Council member Mathews asked Craig if the \$78,000.00 cost for the storm water line size increase was an anticipated cost or is it conservatively high.

Craig said I think when you ask Chris about that, it is conservatively high. He expects it to come down a little bit.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said Delaware County has 171 COVID cases, 165 recoveries and 3 deaths. Financially, we applied for a grant through the State for ongoing supplies related to COVID 19. We requested masks, disinfectant equipment and chemicals for our building to last a twelve-month cycle. The total for that grant was a little over \$15,000.00 and it requires no matching

funds. I continue to document the expenses in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. We will be submitting to FEMA for disaster relief funds. It is a 75% reimbursement, twenty-five percent match.

Over the next few weeks, as Ohio opens back up, we are going to kind of get back to normal a little bit more. Delaware County Municipal Court will be back to normal in a couple of weeks. We are still going to move forward with an abundance of caution, urging our officers to use PPE's. Right now it is mandatory so when out of their cars they have to wear a mask. Cruisers are cleaned before and after each shift. We are still going to keep out three part-time officers that work at the hospital off. They are all working in close contact with emergency room patients. Two of them are in COVID designated areas.

I want to correct some things. With the levy not going the way we expected it to go and a lot of the grant research we have done, some of the information that was put out related to the police department and the finances was not 100% accurate. It was said a few times that the police department was 70% plus of the village budget. Looking at the overall village budget, the police department is actually 28.28% of the total village budget. When you look at the general fund, the police department is at 51% of the budget. Over the last few years the police department has seen cumulative, from 18 to 20 a five percent decrease, in the supply budget, specifically, is what we have to operate on, fix our vehicles, buy everything from toilet paper to tissues to paper. That budget has seen a 33% reduction since 2018. I know we are going to rework the budget and move forward with a recommendation for the fall. We believe there were several factors that played into the failure of the levy that were out of our control and I think the overall ability to get correct information to the community was overshadowed by misinformation and speculation. I welcome to sit down with anyone who is questioning the need for a levy or are opposed to the levy and hear your point of view. I would like to receive as much input as I can so we can move forward with a decision for the fall.

The COVID 19 situation has reduced some of our costs and some other costs we have incurred should be reimbursed by FEMA.

Officer Moeller will be leaving in June for the fire academy. His position will go unfilled. Detective Waldenmyer notified me, after three decades in law enforcement, that he is retiring. We are grateful for his service and our community is better for it. For the time being, we are not wholly replacing his position. Officer Gough will assume some of his duties with the remainder falling on myself and Lt. Cullen. We should be able to maintain 24/7 coverage utilizing our part-time hours and any hours we have now. I can't promise that there won't be gaps in coverage. We have a very nice community and we enjoy a low crime rate because we are visible and proactive. Communities are not immune to crime, neither is ours. A good, proactive police department professional is a vaccine. I am also aware that the village is expecting a shortfall in revenue. While direct funding to communities is being discussed, it is not promised as of yet. Craig, Shirley and I will sit down and have an update for Finance soon on the budget. The police department has been greatly reduced over the last three years. We have taken several internal steps to reduce or eliminate some costs. Our patrol cars all have high mileage and we have reduce training to the bare minimum. Our officers have not received a raise in three years and it is about to be four years. In today's time we cannot operate a police department as it has been done in the past. You have to invest in the training and the oversight of officers or more harm can come with it. The clock is ticking towards the 2021 budget. Without a solution I am not sure what the PD will look like in the future. If we have learned anything from these last few months I

hope that it is public safety is not a luxury, it is more of a responsibility of every village government.

Communications

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

I was on the Ohio Mayor's Association call on Wednesday, May 6.

Kent Scarrett, the Executive Director reported that the State Senate passed SB 310. This would be distributed throughout the County Auditors. It would not apply to Columbus and not the Park Districts.

The Ohio House will be dealing with 310 this week. If all passes, we will need to pass a local resolution. OML will be passing out the respective language in their Legislative Bulletin. It would have to pass by Oct 1 and money would have to be spent by December or the money will return to the Federal Government.

More to come on this.

Good News

On Sat /-9 I reached out to Dr. Bill Schirmer to get an update on the proposed "Made in Shawnee Hills microbrewery".

From Bill same Day:

Thanks for checking in. All systems go on my side. The stay at home has certainly slowed some aspects down. Most significantly, getting all the surveys done on the land to satisfy the title company before I make the official purchase. I'm sure Bill Biratsis is worried, but he need not be. Otherwise, from a planning perspective, things are going well. A little clunky when everything has to be done by videoconferencing, particularly working with an architect and design team. Hope to have something to show the architectural review board before too much longer. Looking into the building permit process with Delaware County as well. Hope you are doing well during these unusual times. Good to have something to look forward to when we get back to normal.

I let Dr. Bill know to start with Mark.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

The E Osage follow up proposal will not occur May 26. We are waiting for a filing:

Please make sure you respond to the Census. It has a lasting impact on us as a community.

PLEASE BE SAFE! We are in this together!

A couple of things we kind of skirted around a little bit today. I know we have things in the process, I am worried that Ohio Groundskeeping and the property down on Shawnee Trail is kind of becoming white noise for us. I know Dan touched a little bit on it, whether that is blight or what. We kind of accepted for years that we keep looking at something and I just hope we can move forward with that.

Council member Gates said my husband happened to talk to the gentleman that is building his own house on Reindeer that has been in process for about three years. My husband asked him how long is this going to take. When do you think it will be done? He answered I don't know maybe another couple of years. I don't know really. My husband said well you and somebody else are the only reason why the legislation was passed to put a limit on how long it takes to build something without re-upping. I am wondering if maybe Mark could say something like, it is great you are doing the inside work but everybody is looking at the outside and there is no landscaping, it is just dirt. The siding has not been put on and the Tyvek stuff is coming off. Any exposed wood looks like it has been up there for fifty years. It is really an eyesore so I was wondering if he was talked to nicely he could finish the outside.

Craig said he would talk to Mark tomorrow.

Councilmember Stacy said to Craig, on that same note, if you turn off Glick Rd. onto Shawnee Trail, the very first house, which is a mess; they have had mattresses sitting outside on the side of their house for probably three months now. That is a pretty bad thing for people coming into Shawnee Hills to see. Craig said he will talk to Mark tomorrow about that.

Chief Baron said both of those residents are under the care of Delaware County right now. We are working with them to get that cleaned up and their house cleaned up. There are some other issues we have with them also. It is all a legal process and it takes time.

Council member Mathews said I would throw in our old favorite, the log cabin, as well.

Pro Tem Report

Pro tem Mathews said I am anxious to hear the UST report, not necessarily for the storm water improvement but as far as street go, I don't know if that is an area we could save money on this year due to having a mild winter.

Committee Reports

Council member Thatcher said the UST met and we talked about the paving program and Chris has identified nothing of major use right now that has to be done so we are basically deferring to move forward to put out a bid just to do paving that may not be best served at this time. Chris also talked about the sewer inspection and how that was going. It looks like we are going to come in significantly under the original estimate. Craig has covered the rest.

Council member Mathews asked Shirley if any of those funds could be moved from anywhere. Shirley said none of the funds can be moved.

Legislative Actions

First reading- Resolution 06-2020- A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute an offsite storm sewer cost sharing agreement with Imperial Renovations & Design. LLC and declaring an emergency.

Council member Matney said you had said that it is probably an aggressive estimate with the village portion being \$78,000.00. any idea of what their portion of that would be.

Craig said I thought it was about \$200,000.00.

Council member Matney asked what funds will be paying this cost.

Craig said on this project the \$78,000.00 will come out of TIF 2, the stormwater fund and the highway fund.

Council member Matney said I wanted to make sure that was clear for everyone.

Mayor Monahan said years ago we looked at a project to drain all the water that came to the Miami Drive area and the cost for that was about \$242,000.00 to put piping all the way to the river.

Brian said just a couple of key points on this project. We are just paying for the increase in material cost only. Only the material cost going from the 24” to 36” pipe and baked into the agreement that we will have with them is that Craig and Chris will review all of the invoices that they will submit that they believe that the village will be paying for and unless that is approved by the village, we will not be paying those bills. This is not a \$78,000.00 check to these guys. The costs have to be justified and approved by us before payment.

Mayor Monahan said I think we came out very good on the sanitary sewer inspections. We had estimates up to \$450,000.00.

Bills

It was moved by Stacy, seconded by Thatcher to pay the bills in the amount of \$108,754.24. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Gates to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General	174,437.87	Mayor’s Court Computer	1,030.14
Street	198,633.35	Fire	114,450.68
State Highway	21,925.76	Weed	4,019.36
Parks & Recreation	0.00	TIF	31,126.96
PD Body Armor	1,073.83	TIF 2	55,787.91
Cont. Prof. Training	223.61	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	23,417.22

Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Replacement	92,795.09
Law Enfct. Trust	8,224.59	Storm Sewer	6,393.58
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Debt Service	95,001.10

For a total of \$830,931.12

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

Miscellaneous

Mayor Monahan asked council if they wanted to make an appointment to the JEDD Board. It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Stacy to appoint Rob Thatcher to the JEDD Board. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Stacy, seconded by Hanna to adjourn until June 8, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor