

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

Pro Tem Thatcher 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

Absent: Mayor Mathews

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski, Administrator Russell Baron and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022 with the following amendments: on page one, fourth line up from the bottom change hardy to hard; on page 2, after Lexipol, change is to are; on page 3, fifth paragraph, change was to were; on page 4, fifth paragraph, change us to up; on page 5, first line, add said after Josh and in paragraph seven, change That to That's.

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

Agenda

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern 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 Russ and I dealt with some miscellaneous issues. I prepared numerous pieces of legislation that are on the agenda tonight. We can discuss each of those individually when we get to that section of the meeting.

Village Administrator

Russ said I did have one question for Brian. Looking at the ordinances you prepared, Ordinance 23-2022, An Ordinance creating and establishing the full-time position of Street/Maintenance worker. Are they able to make that an emergency and pass that tonight? That way we are not three months out from filling the position.

Brian said yes, Council can amend that to make it an emergency. You can do it tonight or next time to make it an emergency.

Russ said this is a two-part piece. We discussed hiring Richard full-time and in order to do that we have to create the position first. If one or the other is not an emergency, we are looking at three months before he is in that role and we will be done plowing by then.

Paving has wrapped up. I know there was a lot of conversation about the paving project on Facebook and residents were upset. We are all doing the best we can. Residents have not had any notification before. We took steps to try to notify residents. The way we look at it is, we know not everyone is on Facebook, we know not everyone comes to council meetings. But, between the two, we are hitting a pretty wide majority of the residents and we hope that people talk. There is no net we can cast to inform every single resident. Even if we send out mailers we are going to miss residents. People aren't going to get their mail. We are really trying to do the best we can. With the small staff we have, we are trying to improve things. We just ask for patience, kindness and understanding. With 860 residents, we are all in this together, to make this a better community. With the paving project we had zero road closures and some minor inconveniences. If we were closing an entire road and there was major work we would absolutely notify the residents to make sure that everyone in that affected area knew. In this instance, there was ten to fifteen minutes, maybe thirty, in one location. I was notified late on the Friday before the paving was to start. I was already gone for the day. Part of the reason why we get the deal on paving, or why they work us in when they can, affects our rates on the paving. They had other work in the area and they said they could come and work in Shawnee Hills for a few days and then go back and work on their larger projects. We had very little heads up notice on this. Other communities that do their own paving have all the time in the world to plan and notify. We had 24 hours.

Equity is moving along nicely.

Fire Hydrants – I know we approved that a long time ago. We are still at the mercy of DelCo Water to install them.

Richard will be changing over the planters to fall mode. We bought some pumpkins and scarecrows to put in them.

The truck is in the shop to get some repairs before it snows. We wanted to get that done early instead of later this year.

There is no update on the Bogey. I spoke with Muirfield and they do not have any plans for the Bogey yet. They keep having meetings internally. Not sure what they are going to do. I pointed out to them that their property is starting to look a little peaked, look a little dilapidated. They assured me they would have it cleaned up this week or the next. They are going to winterize it and get the tents down.

I have nothing new from Maronda.

Just to remind everyone, trick-or-treat tailgate will be held on whatever date Council decides tonight. This will start at 4:00 p.m. before trick-or-treat which runs 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be at the Wyandotte/Shawnee Trail area and we will close down Shawnee Trail again for the duration of trick-or-treat.

Council member Matney said I thought the paving company did a really good job. They were quick. They didn't mess around. They came through. It looked nice, it's smooth. I asked you a couple times at meetings, what streets were being done, and you were like, I don't have that

information on me. Maybe next year, when we roll around, I don't know if anybody watches or reads the minutes, but at least they might see if their street is affected or not.

Russ said we did publish a map when we posted the notice on Facebook.

Council member Matney said maybe if I knew in August that whenever the paving comes it is going to be my street. We can try to send as much information out as we can. I thought they did a great job.

Council member LaRosa asked if we were going to widen Shawnee Trail down by Glick Road. The little bridge is very narrow. Do we have any plans for that? He said the entrance and exit to Equity is there and this area could get pretty busy. You could fit two cars down there, but some people, I have seen their driving. It's not the best.

Russ said we haven't had that discussion. There are no current plans to widen anything.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said we are doing the Veterans' Day Celebration November 5 at 11:00 a.m. Still looking for a veteran in the village to honor.

Committee Reports

Pro Tem Thatcher said UST met prior to the last meeting and we did discuss the gas aggregation and then we also did have some electrical discussions so we did not have anything extra for this month.

Shirley said we still have not gotten a contract from Jay.

Council member LaRosa said something that I found out today, because I turn mine off seasonally. I am just now having it turned back on. If you do that, when you call back up to restore your service, you have to call and get put back on the aggregation account. They charge you \$40.00 a month whether you use gas or not. It is a \$50.00 reconnection fee. Five or six months without it makes sense.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading – Resolution 12-2022 – A Resolution to approve the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Fifth Amended Countywide Emergency Management Plan.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to adopt Resolution 12-2022. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading - Resolution 13-2022 - A Resolution setting Trick-or-Treat on Sunday, October 30, 2022 in the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Council member Matney said last year we moved forward with having it on Halloween. I think we, as a body, have failed by not discussing this sooner. We all should have been talking about this in the summer, probably, and we were not. So, obviously there is a lot of confusion about

when and why. A few weeks seems like enough but we have a big event here so we need to decide, not now, but probably next summer, we need to decide are we going to have it every Sunday, the week of Halloween and just stick with that or are we going to have it on Halloween every year, what are we going to do? I thought last year we said we want it on Halloween. That is what we decided last year and then this year we say we want it on Sunday. This is understandable because it is a lot safer and there are a lot of benefits to having it on Sunday but we haven't been very consistent.

Council member Gates said I think last year the reason why is because Halloween was on a Sunday. Since it is just Monday the alternative would be to do it on a week night, school night the whole thing, so that was our discussion last time. I think what the impediment is, with all of this, is the fact that many years ago there was an absolute drawn up in the form of an ordinance to do this. Maybe we need to nullify the ordinance and just handle it every year in the summer and talk about when we want to do it and make an ordinance just for that year.

Council member Matney said we either do that and speak about it a couple of months earlier or we need to have a plan and stick with that plan so everyone knows the Sunday of Halloween week is what we decided. We just haven't been very consistent and we have not given enough time for everyone to be satisfied.

Russ said I think we can look at a calendar for the next couple of years and address a couple years at a time. MORPC will never have trick-or-treat on the weekends, just Monday through Thursday.

Council member LaRosa said Sunday is the only day that makes sense. This will give everyone a chance to get the activities all set up.

Council member Isern said another consideration is having the party on Sunday and trick-or-treat on Halloween night.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by LaRosa to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 13-2022 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 13-2022 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Second Reading – Ordinance 22-2022 – An Ordinance to reappropriate funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Shawnee Hills, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

First Reading – Ordinance 23-2022 – An Ordinance creating and establishing the full-time position of Street/Maintenance Worker.

It was moved by LaRosa, seconded by Zimmerman to amend Ordinance 23-2022 by making it an emergency measure. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 23-2022 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 23-2022 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 24-2022 – An Ordinance creating, establishing and adopting a new compensation and pay schedule for certain non-police positions within the Village of Shawnee Hills.

First Reading – Ordinance 25-2022 – An Ordinance amending Section 4 of Ordinance 34-2019, thereby amending the Village of Shawnee Hills Police Department staffing matrix and increasing the starting pay for part-time Police Officers, full-time Police Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, and the Police Chief.

First Reading – Ordinance 26-2022 – 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, 2023.

Bills

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to pay the bills in the amount of \$40, 820.45. 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 Matney to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	457,212.75	Enfct. and Education	1,245.85
Street Fund	486,804.15	Fire Fund	70,672.93
State Highway	32,007.18	TIF Fund	97,855.06
PD Body Armor	2,753.48	TIF 2 Fund	30,699.54
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	140,940.45
Evans Farm JEDD	.91	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	45,286.76
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	13,036.08
Law Enfct. Trust	5,538.59	Storm Sewer Fund	17,657.87
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	73,498.84

For a total of \$1,542,333.28.

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 Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.