

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

**February 24, 2020**

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Geoff Hanna, Dan Mathews, Renee Matney, and Jeff Stacy

Absent: Rob Thatcher

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski, Administrator Craig Thompson and Solicitor Brian Zets

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Matney to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Mathews to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

### **Solicitor**

Brian said he worked a total of twelve minutes for the village these past two weeks and that was answering questions for Russ.

### **Village Administrator**

Craig Thompson gave the following report:

- Glick Road Storm Water Improvements: At this point, the plan is to advertise the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March and open bids by the end of March.
- Computer Recycling Update: In addition to the Powell Chamber of Commerce electronics recycling event on May 9, residents of Shawnee Hills will be able to participate in the Orange Township recycling event on April 18 at the Home Depot parking lot, 8704 Owenfield Drive.
- Plat Map in County Auditor's Office: No additional Information. Sent follow up email.
- Crosswalk Discussions: Meeting was held with Josh Cross, Ohio Edison to discuss lighting options on Dublin Road and Glick Road. Staff will prepare recommendations.
- EV (electric vehicle) Station: Discussed options with MORPC for an EV station within the Village.

- Staff met to discuss lot splits and lot sales. Recommendations were sent to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Monahan said to Craig. We had a number of issues come up about the burning and stuff. When people file to build or anything like that, can we make sure that they look at the fire code and other things that are applicable?

### **Police Chief**

Chief Baron said he worked with Brian to get a fact sheet about the levy. There is very little we can and can't say so I wanted to make sure that anything we put out that Brian was able to vet so that should be coming out later this week.

Stats for 2020. Looking at year to date we are already about 35 calls ahead, which is a lot.

Councilmember Matney asked if they were a certain kind of call that was up. Russ said he did not look through the list of calls.

The Third Base Pint Room and Raechel Peters are working on a fundraiser for body armor. They are going to do a round up from March 1 through May 15, which is Police Memorial Day. They were talking about donating a portion of their proceeds on Police Memorial Day, providing funds for body armor for the police. They have been a great partnership.

Staffing – Moeller will be returning in the middle March. He made it home safely from Iraq. He is still planning on leaving us for Columbus Fire Department. It looks like his start date there will be June. Also, we currently have one full time officer and two part time officers in the advanced stages of hiring processes elsewhere. We will continue to monitor this but it is going to be tough if we lose two full time officers in such a short time span. Currently we do not have any open positions and no active postings. I do not want to hire part time or full time. We will run with what we have to make it work. Detective Waldenmyer will be leaving at the end of the year. He is in his 40 plus year of law enforcement. Officer Gough is working with him to take over the detective position at the end of the year. We found that having a dedicated detective has helped us close cases quicker and more professionally as well as create and maintain relationships with the courts and other agencies that they deal with.

We spent a lot of time in common pleas court closing out some 2019 case. We have been very busy but we keep winning so that's good.

Last thing I want to hit is the burning in the village. It has been all over Facebook and Nextdoor and everywhere else. The police do not have the authority or the training to enforce the fire code. That is the 1511 open burning section of our ordinances. We will always defer to the fire department. Any of the fires this weekend, if they came in through dispatch or we saw it, we did notify the fire department. They handle it from there. If we get called to a big enough fire we will stand by and wait for the fire department but we will not try to put the fire out unless there is an imminent threat to someone.

## **Visitors**

Amy Girten, 50 E. Pawnee Drive said I am here tonight to talk about the burning. Concerns about health and environment in particular. We have had a lot of it going on for about six months around here. Sometimes it keeps us trapped in our house. We go outside and our eyes and lungs burn and it has just been a health concern. I just wanted it to be on the record here and I hear that it is already on the record. I have also spoken to the fire department a couple of times and they have responded. The only issue I have had since was having it happen day after day from sun up to sun down and it not being attended to. We have neighbors with asthma and other kinds of things that this kind of thing can really affect their health. We want to live in the healthiest environment we can in the village because we really like it here and have been here fifteen years.

Dr. William Schirmer, 8950 Dunn Ct. said I am here to talk about the rezoning application I submitted for the property immediately south of Hella's. My intention is to build a microbrewery taproom. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback from the community. I have continued to work on it and build a team around it so I am looking forward to answering any questions or concerns people might have. My goal is to make it something that complements the community. I come from a small town, Ashland, Ohio, so I know the importance of always being cognizant of the neighbors so if anyone has any concerns I would be happy to talk about it.

## **Communications**

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

Email I received from MORPC on 2-11-20:

Mayor Monahan,  
Shawn Hufstedler and Jon-Paul d'Aversa from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission would like to schedule a phone call with you regarding EV charging. They are both available Thursday, February 13 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or at 3:30 p.m. Please let me know if any of those times work for you.

Thank you,  
SHARI SAUNDERS, PACE, CTA  
Executive Coordinator | Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

I forwarded this on to Craig.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

In the continual efforts, we have been working on the Watershed, I sent the below letter to Columbus Mayor Ginther:

Mayor Andrew Ginther

2-19-2020

Mayor Ginther, over the past 15 months we have had over 30 correspondences between our Village of Shawnee Hills and the City of Columbus. Our desire is to create a Win – Win and I have asked on a number of occasions for a meeting with you. (More information attached than you want to read!!)

For the sake of time, let me frame the issue:

- Contiguous to Shawnee Hills boundaries, the Columbus property is deep, sometimes in excess of 225 ft. (see drawing # 47)
- The Shawnee Hills residents lots are shallow, often 70 ft. The end result is today most of our residents have an unhealthy over-growth from the Columbus land within 15 feet of their homes, not lots, homes. These noxious weeds exceed both of our ordinances.
- Shawnee Hills, unlike surrounding land, is 100% sanitary sewers and we are in full agreement with the City's common goal to protect all of our water supply.
- We have engaged our Delaware County Health Commissioner, Sheila Hiddleston, (please see her letter), following her visit (# 20). Health Commissioner Hiddleston, in her Sept 18 letter to me, states the potential health concerns. We do not want to expose our residents to these risks and find it unacceptable to wait for our residents to contract lime disease or other pest borne illnesses.

Mayor, we ask for your help with implementing a 35-foot buffer with a 10-foot access path consistently around the reservoirs.

As another issue, I believe we can help Columbus with, is the patrolling of the Columbus land contiguous with Shawnee Hills. This is one of the additional issues I wanted to discuss with you.

Thanks for your consideration!

Respectfully!

Pat Monahan Mayor, Shawnee Hills, OH

P&Z members received from Mark a notice in conjunction with the E Osage follow up proposal:

All,

The next P&Z meeting is tomorrow, February 25 at 6:30. There is no time needed for notifications since it will still be a negotiations meeting.

I was proud to perform the wedding for our residents Collin Arledge and Heidi Sheets

### **Legislative Actions**

Third Reading- Ordinance 03-2020 – An Ordinance amending Section 749.01 (Hours of Operation, Lighting) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Gates to adopt Ordinance 03-2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Second Reading- Public Hearing- Ordinance 04-2020- An Ordinance to amend the zoning district map of the Village of Shawnee Hills, Delaware County, Ohio by rezoning parcel number 60043208015000 (lots 1324 and 1422) from the Single Family District (R-2) to the General Commercial District (GC), and rezoning parcel number 60043208016000 (lots 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1423,1424, 1425 and 1426) from Neighborhood Commercial District (R-2) to the General Commercial District (GC)

**Bills**

It was moved by Stacy, seconded by Hanna to approve the bills in the amount of \$98,948.92. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**

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

General	163,477.17	Mayor’s Court Computer	2,760.14
Street	149,682.66	Fire	41,896.63
State Highway	21,206.39	Weed	4,019.36
Parks & Recreation	0.00	TIF	21,256.03
PD Body Armor	200.38	TIF 2	47,795.57
Cont. Prof. Training	1,613.53	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	53,086.47
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Replacement	94,275.09
Law Enfct. Trust	9,359.59	Storm Sewer	7,112.79
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Debt Service	76,354.50

For a total of \$696,486.37.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to adjourn until March 9, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.