

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

**July 27, 2020**

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

Mayor Mathews said his two boys are here tonight and they will be leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was something on a website that allows kids to sign up and they can then come in and lead the Pledge.

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

Absent: Councilmember Robert Thatcher, Administrator Craig Thompson and Solicitor Brian Zets

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Stacy, seconded by Hanna to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020 with the following amendments: on page 3, first sentence; at the end of the sentence it should be a period, not a comma. Also on page 3, third sentence down, it say we were given a packet two things to read, it should be of things to read.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Motion passed.

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Motion passed.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Baron said we are at the six-month mark with municipal court instead of mayor's court. We have spent \$1,175.00 so far in municipal court. For the magistrate and court clerk salaries, at this time last year we were at \$9,533.00 for mayors court. In addition, I think we get a lot better product.

Radios – our older radios are no longer functioning or intermittently functioning. We have a new quote for replacement. Safety supports replacing them. Finance agreed with financing them with a down payment option. You will have that for the next council meeting. It replaces the radios at a lower quantity then we have now, which is perfect for future plans of the department.

Staffing – so far we have lost four officers in 2020. We have not replaced them. We will have to hire someone soon in order to maintain. The reason why we have to hire is we have one officer that will be off for the next two months on a medical issue. Not duty related.

Memorial Tournament – we had no issues. We had one arrest at the Bogey for disorderly conduct. We were able to limit overtime and we actually cut officers down to what we normally would have on the road.

This past weekend we received a missing child call in the village. An eighteen-month-old child. The family was dead set that the boy was in the water. It turned out he was hiding inside the house. What I want to talk about is the partnerships and the relationships and the investments that the village has made. We had a thirty-nine second response time to that call. Two officers responded.

One stayed with the family and Sgt. Larosa immediately deployed the K-9 to try to find the child. Havoc did not find the trail because the child was in the house. We had Westerville coming over with equipment. We had Powell and Columbus coming up with equipment. When I talk about giving a little to get a little, this is a prime example of why we do what we do and why we have these partnerships.

### **Visitors**

Elizabeth Minton Myers said I was informed by another resident that there were some changes being considered in regards to the mowing and so on and so forth. I am trying to understand what those are.

Mayor Mathews said our understanding is that the property behind you is Columbus property. We were brought up to speed, a couple of weeks ago, by Rob Miller and Dr. O'Shaughnessy as to what our game plan was to negotiate this with Columbus because they are in the process of revamping their watershed area.

Council member Stacy said Columbus is proposing redoing every stewardship agreement along all the reservoirs. The proposal is they are going to eliminate all the full mows. Because of COVID, they have not done anything since they came out with the proposal in March, April.

Council member Hanna asked Elizabeth if they had a full mow agreement now.

Elizabeth said no, just a partial.

Council member Hanna asked what is your concern right now.

Elizabeth said we were informed that everyone is going to five feet.

Council member Stacy said that is the proposal.

Council member Hanna said there are some negotiations going on. What I would do, I would just continue on with what you are doing according to the land stewardship agreement that you have right now. Having a boat dock plays into them enforcing your land stewardship. If you didn't have a boat dock you could probably mow and they say, hey you are illegal, and you say I don't care, I don't have a boat dock.

Council member Stacy said we have met with them many times. To put it mildly, they really don't care.

Council member Hanna said they are trying to incorporate one uniform agreement for Hoover, O'Shaughnessy and Griggs and just say okay this is the plan. It doesn't matter that Hoover and

Griggs have septic and we have sewer. We told them we are different, we are cleaner, you can treat us differently. It goes in one ear and out the other. He told Elizabeth that Rob Miller is forefronting this and to get in touch with him if you would like to help out.

Mayor Mathews said I wouldn't even call it a negotiation because you need two sides to negotiate. There are a lot of things going on right now and this might be at the back burner for Columbus.

Council member Hanna said they hired an outside service called Stantec and they came back with a recommendation of a thirty to fifty foot buffer. We presented that back to them, that we are okay with that, and they said I think we are just going to go this way. You are not going to lose your path to your dock. They do have some concessions for a corridor view.

Mayor Mathews said we are going to meet next week and decide, I think the angle here to kind of press the issue with them is now and take some mosquitoes with us. We are going to maybe engage Delaware County Health District to come down and give a recommendation. At least have that in our hip pocket.

Council member Hanna said they have already done that. Shiela wrote a letter saying that there's a chance of a high volume of ticks and everything else.

### **Communications**

Mayor Mathews said I signed onto the bank accounts. Nothing new from Rob Platte, Delaware County, as far as any new JEDD.

### **Committee Reports**

Council member Stacy said Russ covered a lot of the stuff. I will say that Safety unanimously supports the passage of the levy in November so that we can maintain the current level of safety in the village. To maintain the safety of the residents, help lower the turnover and plan for also eliminating part time officers.

Councilmember Matney said Finance reviewed the revenues and expenses and they are pretty consistent with what Shirley has been sharing with us. Our solicitor's costs are up a little bit for this time of the year. Russ already talked about the municipal court cost savings and the radios.

Mayor Mathews said there is a P&Z meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

### **Legislative Actions**

Tabled – Second Reading- Ordinance 29-2019 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute the Evans Farm Joint Economic Development District Agreement for income tax administration, collection, and enforcement and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to remove Ordinance 29-2019 from the table.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to amend Ordinance 29-2019 by substitution. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to suspend with the third reading and declare Ordinance 29-2019 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Stacy to adopt Ordinance 29-2019 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

Second Reading- Ordinance 15-2020 – An Ordinance amending Section 311.02(J) (Police Services, Special Duty Fees) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances

First Reading- Ordinance 16-2020 – An Ordinance to amend the zoning district map of the Village of Shawnee Hills, Delaware County, Ohio, by rezoning parcel numbers 60031514052000, 60031414053000 and 60031514054000 from the Single Family District (R-2) to the General Commercial District (GC)

First Reading- Ordinance 17-2020 – An Ordinance transferring Funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the General Fund to pay police department wages and benefits in accordance with the CARES ACT and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 17-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Matney to adopt Ordinance 17-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

First Reading- Ordinance 18-2020 – 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, 2020 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 18-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to adopt Ordinance 18-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

Second Reading- Resolution 15-2020 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute an employment agreement with Richard Ey and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Hanna to suspend with the third reading and declare Resolution 15-2020 an emergency. No second was given.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Matney to approve the bills in the amount of \$18,051.40.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Stacy to approve the following treasurer's report:

General	158,614.10	Mayor's Court Computer	1,030.14
Street	210,463.11	Fire	50,044.03
State Highway	22,895.87	Weed	3,965.04
Parks & Recreation	0.00	TIF	27,428.34
PD Body Armor	1,073.83	TIF 2	55,830.18
Cont. Prof. Training	179.77	Veteran's Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	35,678.00
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Replacement	77,405.09
Law Enfct. Trust	6,676.71	Storm Sewer	11,457.33
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Debt Service	119,957.43
		Coronavirus Relief Fund	12,422.93

For a total of \$797,511.97.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Motion passed.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mayor Mathews said the mayoral election will take place in November 2021 for this seat. I can either declare or not declare, the seat stays open, it's filled. I believe that the seat should be filled. For lack of any ambition, I will declare for the election in 2021.

Council member Stacy said once you declare for mayor, council has thirty days to appoint a new council member. After thirty days the mayor appoints.

Council member Gates said we need to have some kind of fair process put in place. I personally know two or three people that have expressed interest in this seat. I would suggest that we do post cards to all residents, post throughout the village in four or five places, on the website and Facebook.

Shirley said I think the website, Facebook and word of mouth will do. Sending out post cards is time consuming, costly and I do not have any postcards.

Council member Gates said my suggestion would be that within the 30 day time frame since we have two council meetings to do this is that people will come to the first meeting, introduce themselves, give us a reason why they want to be on council and then at the second meeting we should vote. I have done some thinking about that and I am not so sure it should be an open vote. I think it should be a paper ballot situation because I think you get personalities and things like that involved.

Shirley said it has to be an open vote. Council cannot vote in secret.

Council member Hanna asked if they could have an executive session to discuss the candidates.

Shirley said that is a question you can ask Brian at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Stacy, seconded by Hanna to adjourn until August 10, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Matney and Stacy. Nay none. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor