

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2025

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: Dan Mathews

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

Minutes

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of May 12, 2025. 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 Larosa to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said we all know Lt. Cullen retired so we had a void to fill. I looked internally and we chose Officer Gerdeman to fill this position. Zach was hired in 2018. The past couple of years we started grooming him for this position. He has attended several supervisor trainings; advanced peer support, and he is also an Ohio and FBI certified negotiator. He is on the crisis negotiation team for Delaware County. He has been officer of the year here, two years now. He has helped plan Safety Day. If we didn't have Zach there would be no Safety Day. It is good to have a strong second officer as the second person in charge of the police department. The officers respect Zach and he has definitely worked his way to this position and eager to keep moving forward as a professional agency and his wife makes phenomenal cheesecake.

Committees

Council member Zimmerman said the Public Arts Committee will be meeting tomorrow night.

Legislative Actions

First Reading – Ordinance 16-2025 – An Ordinance confirming the Mayor's appointment of Kyle Carskadon as a full-time Police Officer for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by LaRosa to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 16-2025 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 Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 16-2025 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 17-2025 – An Ordinance to grant variances to the provisions of the Shawnee Hills Code Section 509.09 to allow applicant, Shawnee Hills Chamber of Commerce to deviate from time and volume standards for the Music in the Village Summer Concerts and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 17-2025 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 17-2025 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to pay the bills in the amount of \$123,933.69. 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 LaRosa to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	650,532.88	Fire Fund	194,221.61
Street Fund	49,834.08	Weed Fund	648.38
State Hwy.	50,004.39	TIF	100,245.44
PD Body Armor	5,475.83	TIF 2	53,268.70
Cont. Prof. Training	14,362.70	Police Dist. Fund	74,978.93
Evans Farm JEDD	13,250.81	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	43,521.88
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Storm Sewer Fund	29,843.57
Am. Rescue Plan	10,410.14	Enterprise Improv.	23,419.00
Enfct, & Education	1,795.98	Debt Service Fund	134,188.07
Capital Projects	12,500.00		

For a total of \$1,475,079.89

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 Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.