

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

Mayor Mathews 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

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

Minutes

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Abstain, one; Matney. Motion passed.

Agenda

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Isern to approve the agenda with the following amendment: add Resolution 12-2021 to the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Solicitor

Brian said you had to amend the agenda tonight to include that Resolution 12-2021. That is the resolution regarding the Ohio Opioid settlement with those three distributors. This came in as a flurry last week. The information was pushed out by the Ohio Municipal League and the AG's office with respect to this potential settlement that the distributors were having basically with every municipality in the State of Ohio. There is a deadline of next Friday that this participation form has to be filed.

Brian said I will be attending the BZA meeting tomorrow night.

Mark has told me that Larry Burchfield has submitted an application to rezone his property here on Dublin Road. Quoting Mark, who was quoting me at one point in time, the application was woefully incomplete. Mark will work with Larry on getting that application complete and proper.

Village Administrator

Russ said we worked on finishing the DORA with Liquor Control. Shirley has been working on some of that. We had to send in a map of the signage. That is complete.

Talked to the Chamber and the Chamber is going to purchase the signs and the trash cans. Thank you. Mark and Richard will get them set up and installed. I think we will install in phases. We have planned a series of events throughout the rest of the year focusing on different restaurants because we can't do a full-blown DORA like Dublin does. We just don't have the businesses.

We are going to start in the area of Hiawatha, getting the signs in, and then work our way out. Speaking with Nest regarding a partnership and creating a walkable, vibrant area downtown on Glick Road. They wanted a plan for the area. I have a copy of what we submitted which includes

sidewalks on both sides and a little pocket park in front of their existing building. They seem very interested in giving us an easement for the sidewalk and park and a few street trees. I presented two medium impact storm water fixes to UST and we are moving forward with them. One is on E. Old Powell and Shawnee Trail that affects a handful of houses over there and one on W. Reindeer at Hillcrest and going east to cover the four new houses. The way we dumped our water, we dumped in the field across from the police department. We are still dumping all that water into their front yard.

Water issues on E. Cuyuga will be fixed once Strader's completes the project on their property. They are digging out their retention area a little bit deeper to hold more water.

A drain pipe is to be placed across Logan Road and that should fix the sinkhole in front of the Tattoo Shop.

Oneida will be regraded because the storm drains are an inch or two above the grade so they are not catching any water.

I spoke with Bill Schirmer. He is on track with the Brew Pub. He hopes to break ground soon. Equity should be installing a fence around their property to screen it during construction.

Working through and identifying several small clean up projects with Mark and Richard. I have kept Richard really busy. As you can see, walking in the building, the pictures are back on the wall. The flower bed has been cleaned out.

Work on the sanitary sewers began today.

I started to work on Lexipol. It should take a couple of weeks and I will have all the policies in place here.

Council member Zimmerman asked Russ, on the American Rescue Plan funds, do you have any paperwork yet on what it can be used for. How long do we have to use the funds and can we do any carryover from one year to the next?

Russ said I do not know anything about the American Rescue Plan funds. Shirley did a lot on that.

Shirley said we received half of it this year and will receive the other half next year. We have until 2024 to appropriate it and then we have until 2026 to spend the funds. It can be used for storm water, water, sanitary sewer and broadband only if it is not available or if we do not have high speed broadband. The US Treasury has set up the guidelines for this.

Russ said my recommendation for those funds is to hold on to the American Rescue Plan funds. With all the development going on and other things, we may fix something here and knock something off the table over there. I think that might be a little nest egg to hold onto and use it at the last minute so we don't lose it.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said one of our business owners, Jeff Parenteau, suffered a heart attack and a car accident and is currently in the hospital, hopefully recovering. We are such a small village that everybody has been to the Bogey in the past and I just want him and his family to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers and hopefully things turn out the best for him.

Equity would like to get together with Russ, myself and Chris Tebbe next week sometime to have a discussion about the traffic light.

Legislative Actions

First Reading- Resolution 11-2021 – A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2014 fully loaded Ford Police Interceptor and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Mathews said the Charger is basically dead and we came across an opportunity for a fairly new vehicle, pretty low miles, and a fairly low price so we decided it was in our best interest to purchase this.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 11-2021 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 11-2021 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Mayor Mathews said all three of these tonight are emergencies. While we don't like to do things as an emergency; sometimes time is of an essence so you have to adopt them as an emergency.

First Reading – Ordinance 13-2021 – 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, 2021 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 13-2021 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to adopt Ordinance 13-2021 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

First Reading - Resolution 12-2021 – A Resolution accepting the material terms of, and authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and/or Fiscal Officer to execute all documents necessary to participate in, the settlement concerning the State of Ohio's Opioid litigation with distributors Amerisourcebergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 12-2021 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 12-2021 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Bills

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Thatcher to pay the bills in the amount of \$231,277.34 Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

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

General	201,035.88	Weed	3,514.30
Street	371,007.57	TIF	59,980.57
State Highway	22,324.51	TIF 2	22,280.16
PD Body Armor	810.52	Police District Fund	214,480.08
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Operating	19,289.11
Law Enfct. Trust	5,713.53	Sewer Replacement	45,996.08
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Storm Sewer	6,730.37
Fire Levy	66,422.54	Debt Service	55,674.84
American Rescue Plan	42,947.94		

For a total of \$ 1,140,598.07

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

Miscellaneous

Mayor Mathews said I would like to welcome Craig Baldrige. Craig has volunteered for our last spot on the planning commission.

Craig said my wife and I moved here about six years ago. We lived about five miles south of here for the last eighteen years where we raised our family. I went looking for water and ended up here. We just sold our business three years ago. We ran a travel agency for 25 years and survived and thrived in that environment. I have more time on my hands and wanted to get involved in some things and this came up so I threw my hat in the ring.

Council member La Rosa asked if we are set on following the MORPC schedule for Trick or Treat or would be open to having it on the 31st every year. Would we be open to putting it out there and Facebook to see what the consensus is of the residents.

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 7:26 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor