

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

**August 28, 2023**

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 Gates to approve the minutes of August 14, 2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: Yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the agenda with the following amendment: add an executive session under R.C. 121.22(G)(5) to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. This will be after the Miscellaneous section and invite in the Solicitor, Shirley, Russ, the Mayor and Council. Following vote on the motion is recorded: Yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

### **Solicitor**

Brian said the Berlin Park Business Park JEDD Agreement has been vetted by all sides, including ours. The last word I heard from their attorney was: we are waiting on a commitment for a petition to form a JEDD. I think they have some folks out there you might be interested in doing something, then that would kick start the JEDD.

I drafted Resolution 12-2023 which is this Delaware County Multi-Hazard Plan.

I wanted to let you know that the Deed of Easement from Equity was signed by Equity and was recorded by Equity on August 14, 2023 so the Village has the Deed of Easement for the park space on Glick Road.

### **Village Administrator**

Russ said the park is almost complete. Benches and tables will be about four more weeks. We are starting to see grass.

We are going to have a kick-off event with Shawnee Hills Blooms. It will be a fund raiser event for Shawnee Hills Blooms. The Village and Maumee Bay Brewing company are going to sponsor it with us. It will be an Oktoberfest event on Saturday October 14.

Trick-or-Treat will be on Halloween this year.

Paving is under way. It should be done soon. We did add West Hiawatha from Hillcrest to Dublin Road.

I have been working with Chris on the drainage issues on West Hiawatha. We have a course of action and this will probably be a 2024 project.

Dealt with some blight issues on Dublin Road and Mark sent out a handful of tall grass and tree trimming notices this week.

I want to remind council that we did engage Delaware Regional Planning. We met with them earlier in the year and they are very interested in updating the Shawnee Hills plan. We are going to circle back this fall. They wanted to get through the summertime.

Working on 2024 projects that include paving, some safety upgrades and review, potentially in the parks and then some storm water projects. If council or anyone has any inputs or things that we can look for, let me know. Obviously, we can't talk about paving until after it freezes and thaws. We already know a couple of areas that we know we will have to look at next year.

The Board of Elections hit the corner of our building when they were dropping off the machinery so we are working to get that fixed.

As part of the storm water issues, we looked at what can we do to reduce the amount of time it takes us to respond to the storm water complaints. UST discussed it and Finance discussed it tonight. We are going to move forward with purchasing a push camera that will work with our 12-inch stormwater pipes. It will also let us look at sinkholes. So instead of us waiting six weeks for the camera guy to come out and charging us an exorbitant amount of money. We can take off the first six weeks. We then have to rely on contractors to do the work to fix it since we do not have the equipment for that. We will be doing proactive work with it also.

### **Police Chief Report**

Chief Baron said I want to recognize Officer Gerdeman for his work with Safety Day and the community partners that made it happen. I passed the torch to Zach to plan Safety Day and he did a phenomenal job. It was a good event. We would have liked to see more people out.

Reminder to keep an eye out for the busses in the morning and in the afternoon.

The EMA legislation is housekeeping. We passed this five years ago. One of the things municipalities are required to do is plan for these hazardous events and our partnership through Emergency Management covers that for us. There is nothing in the plan that binds us financially. I am on the EMA Executive Board. I was part of refreshing the plan.

We are entering the busy season with schools, sports events, holidays, etc. Please remember to lock your doors and your vehicles. Don't keep anything valuable in them. We have had a vehicle stolen and a couple of other things stolen throughout the village. Don't do anything to make yourself a victim.

Working on 2023 training requirements as well as planning officer's in services.

We are low on the staffing level. We have a full-time officer out due to surgery.

Officer Patterson has been released from his training period.

### **Visitors**

Carol Kender, Shawnee Hills Chamber, read the following:

Music in the Village of Shawnee Hills concluded on August 10.

Music in the Village is sponsored by the Shawnee Hills Area Chamber of Commerce.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Village of Shawnee Hills for posting banners and signs to promote eight weeks of awesome music.

I would like to thank Craig Tuthill, our Chamber Vice President, for the awesome job he has done of lining up our entertainment, helping set up the stage and being our MC for the summer.

When I had the vision for Music in The Village ten years ago, I told Mayor Monahan that I wanted to put on events that would attract visitors from surrounding communities who would see what our village had to offer, both with restaurants and businesses. All total we have had more than 15 zip codes represented over this time frame. And this year's attendance averaged about 100 attendees every week. And it was all ages. People brought their children who played on the playground and danced with the music. A dedicated group of "Empty Nesters" from Muirfield also contributed to the audience. Craig judiciously chose bands who had followings and those people bought food from our local restaurants, too.

This year, with the approval of my Board of Directors, and the village management, we had food trucks every week. This turned out to be very popular.

We also had neighborhood groups, such as Shawnee Hills Blooms set up entertainment tables.

Most importantly I want to thank the band sponsors who participated with fees and fun events.

- Buckeye Entertainment and Lucy Depp Civic Association
- Middlefield Bank (two events)
- Minuteman Press Dublin
- Dolce Vita Baby Boutique
- Steve Smith and Associates

We are all looking forward to 2024 and an even greater season.

### **Communications**

Mayor Mathews said, just today, Mary and I were down at the Statehouse to meet with Senator Andrew Brenner. This was about the riverfront situation with the land stewardship. We also took Jason Haney, Concord Township Commissioner, with us. He doesn't have the same problem, he has a problem with Columbus and the water front. We kind of double-teamed Senator Brenner. He was pretty interested with our conversation. He had some ideas of his own and I think he and

possibly Representative Lorenz are going to formulate some sort of plan, whether that be contact with Columbus legislation, whatever that may be. It sounded like he was very interested in helping us.

Russ and I met with Craig Baldrige last week. We finalized some details for the Octoberfest on August 14.

### **Pro Tem Report**

Pro Tem Thatcher said I am still working with the American Legion to set up our Veteran's Day. We have a speaker. It will be held on November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Committee Reports**

Council member Gates said Finance met before tonight's meeting. We had three topics to discuss. One was the purchase of a new truck. This came from UST. We are trying to put our trucks in rotation. The current one is a 2019. It has rust in the back from the salt spreader. Any new truck will come out of the street fund. We tabled it and will discuss it next month. We also talked about a stormwater camera. Russ covered that. The last topic, we briefly talked about health care cost and Medicare. We are now at a point where one employee now, and a couple down the road will be choosing Medicare. We are looking at a stipend to offset Medicare cost in lieu of being on our insurance.

### **Legislative Actions**

Third Reading – Ordinance 23-2023 – An Ordinance vacating a portion of unimproved right-of-way running on, over and through twenty-two parcels between E. Osage Drive and Glick Road (AKA Benmar Drive),

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 23-2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: Yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 12-2023 – A Resolution adopting the Delaware County 2023 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

First Reading – Resolution 13-2023- A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to pay the bills in the amount of \$31,058.39. 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 Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer's report.

General Fund	408,166.42	Enfct. and Education	1,795.98
Street Fund	274,460.01	Fire Fund	85,482.63

State Highway	36,849.77	TIF Fund	56,104.23
PD Body Armor	2,019.24	TIF 2 Fund	43,927.68
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	232,794.40
Evans Farm JEDD	4,021.70	Veteran's Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	70,790.19
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	27,016.11
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	69,005.45

For a total of \$1,390,371.93.

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

**Executive Session**

At 7:23 p.m. it was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session under R.C. 121.22(G)(5) to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes. To include the Solicitor, the Administrator, Village Treasurer and Mayor Mathews

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

At 7:58 p.m. it was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to return to the regular meeting. 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 Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: Yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.