

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Renee Matney, Robert Thatcher and Todd Zimmerman

Absent: Justin LaRosa

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

Minutes

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025 with the following amendment: at the bottom of page 3, change the word system to symptoms. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Agenda

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Solicitor

Brian said he attended the Evans Farm JEDD Board meeting. He has been working with the Public Arts Steering Committee on their rules and regulation, applications, and how they are going to function. I will be here tomorrow night for the Planning Commission meeting. There have been a lot of public records requests lately. They either ask for something simple or they are asking for lots of things and they are complicated responses and actions and things so we are trying to work our way through those public record responses.

Village Administrator

Russ said you have a brief annual report for the village. It lists some of our key accomplishments from last year.

Finished the Main Street Plan. There were no changes. It is not changing Code. It is just our recommendations that we will take to the committees. We put them on paper, that way if someone wants to build here, they know what we want.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan update is almost completed.

I met with the Dublin-Powell Church of Christ and I think we are working towards some sort of formal agreement to obtain some parking.

Police Chief Report

Dealing with a bunch of public records requests that have come in lately. Our Annual Report is completed and it is here. Working towards the Ohio Collaborative. This does not cost us money to participate in. Going through employee evaluations. Working with vendors for the body cameras.

Visitors

Giacomo Bello, 205 Forest Dr., said he received a letter with notice of the Planning and Zoning meeting tomorrow. It is clearly stated on the letter that my property is not being impacted by the hearing that is taking place tomorrow. I believe this is misleading information. There is information that we acquired with new fire code requirements. I believe that the information that will be presented to the Planning Commission tomorrow has been available to the Commission since some time in December. I do not understand how my property is not impacted by this amendment to the application. I really want to understand that. Is there any way to postpone the meeting tomorrow in order to give me some time to digest the information and to come prepared since we were given misleading information from this office?

Mayor Mathews asked what was misleading.

Giacomo said in the letter it is clearly states that this hearing does not directly involve your property. This is not correct. There is an amendment in the application that was shared with you and now us as well. It is dated December 12. There is a request to widen some pieces of roads for the fire trucks. This application, for approval, has been available to you since December 12, right. In the letter dated January 16, your office is communicating to the residents, me included, that my property is not affected by the hearing about this development.

Council member Isern said the revised proposal was delivered to the office on January 17. That was on late Friday and we had to pick them up. We didn't pick them up until the following week. We have not had them since December. I don't understand how you think this is affecting your property.

Giacomo said I am asking you again to postpone tomorrow's meeting so that we have time to prepare because there is a very clear statement that there is a bunch of widening that is going to happen right on my property. There is a mailbox and landscaping in that area. Thus, it directly affects my property.

Council member Isern said I know there are some areas that need to be widened and I don't know if it is directly on your property. I don't know what there is to prepare. Planning and Zoning needs to look at this and we plan to meet tomorrow as the notice went out. I think the letters are pretty standard language. You are getting the letter because you are a contiguous or across the street from the proposed development. It means there is not a taking of your property. They're not looking for an easement.

Giacomo said you don't know. The proposal does impact my property. The proposal states that the developer is going to pay for that improvement. This letter had misleading information in it.

Mayor Mathews asked how is it misleading and how would postponing tomorrow's public hearing accomplish anything.

Giacomo said the misleading part is stated: this hearing does not directly involve your property. This is not only misleading, it is false information because it actually impacts my property. I want to protect my rights with this and need some time to do some due diligence to get prepared with questions for both you guys and the developer.

Mayor Mathews asked Brian if we had any right to reschedule it.

Brian said the letters went out on the timetable set forth in the code. Council doesn't have the ability to do anything with the Planning Commission's meeting.

Mayor Mathews asked Giacomo to explain the impact to him.

Giacomo said three foot or a little bit more.

Mayor Mathews asked would we have to ask for an easement or is it in the right of way.

Giacomo said there is a mailbox there, there is landscaping, so there is an impact.

Council member Thatcher asked is it in the right of way?

Giacomo said it is in the right of way, but it is on my current property at the moment.

Mayor Mathews said I don't see any reason to postpone tomorrow's meeting. You can state tomorrow what the impact to your property is. To your property, not necessarily property in the right of way, because that is our property. What do you think you will accomplish by postponing it?

Giacomo said I don't know necessarily. It is just a matter of doing the due diligence. I have all the right to do it. This has been brought to your attention and we can go from there.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said I spoke to the CEO of Rise Entertainment a little bit about the development at the Bogey property. As of right now, I have not seen the plans. Plans do exist but as of right now the Shawnee Hills parcels are cut out completely. There are ongoing talks.

I also talked to the City Manager in Dublin and she is on board with everybody getting together on this topic.

Tomorrow night at 6:30 is the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Pro Tem Report

Pro tem Thatcher said he had a nice conversation with Bill Schirmer last week when he was coming around and doing his petition. He is hoping the weather gets better and they can get finished and open.

Committees

Council member Zimmerman said the Public Arts Committee met on the 22nd. We were talking about prioritizing the wish list items. We talked about the Public Art Policy and the application and permitting which Brian is working on. Hummingbird Tattoo would like to put a mural on the side of their garage.

Council member Isern said the JEDD Board did meet last week and elected officers. There is still not a large enough amount of money in the account to do anything substantive. Evans Farm and the Township are coming up with ideas. They are going to build an underpass for the rail crossing to get to Evans Farm.

Legislative Actions

First Reading – Ordinance 02-2025 – An Ordinance amending Section 921.03(A) (Potable Water User Charge) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 02-2025 an emergency. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 02-2025 as an emergency.

Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to pay the bills in the amount of \$59,955.48. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer’s Report

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

General Fund	402,635.14	Enfct. and Education	1,795.98
Street Fund	17,433.89	Fire Fund	111,713.59
State Highway	47,625.10	TIF Fund	83,998.76
PD Body Armor	0.00	TIF 2 Fund	44,649.74
Cont. Pro. Training	10,819.98	Police District Fund	179,646.94
Evans Farm JEDD	2,995.69	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	85,963.70
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Storm Sewer Fund	33,143.03
Am Rescue Plan	16,968.14	Debt Service Fund	106,574.07
Weed Fund	648.38	Enterprise Improvement	23,419.00

For a total of \$1,182,608.63

Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Mathews said thanks to Richard and Mark for keeping the road clear this winter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to adjourn. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.