

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

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

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

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

Minutes

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021. Following vote on the motion is recorded. Yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy and Zimmerman, Nay, none. Abstain, one; Thatcher. Motion passed.

Agenda

It was moved by Stacy, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Solicitor

Brian said we are in the process of finishing up the Mayor's DORA application. We still have to get an updated zoning map on that. After that the application will be complete. I just want to remind Council of the process. Once that application is formerly delivered or filed with Council they will advertise the fact that a DORA is being considered. This has to be advertised once a week for two consecutive weeks. Eventually Council will have to either approve it or deny it by legislation. This has to happen not less than 30 days but no more than 60 days after the first time it was advertised.

I did work with Mark on a few zoning issues, some new zoning complaints that might be going out.

I worked with the Chief on Resolution 07-2021, the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Village Administrator

Mayor Mathews said Mark has given me a report of everything that has gone on. There were some things I was glad to hear.

The trees in the easement on City of Columbus property have been planted and they will be watered twice a week with water bags.

Ohio Groundskeeping has started work on the front of their building. The deadline for them is May 1.

Osage Woods, the Galbreath property, and Equity have come to an agreement on how to handle their drainage.

The resident just west of the Ninja Gym complained about the lighting from the Ninja Gym. They were pretty bright. Mark contacted them the very next day and they either had to remove the lights, change the fixture or box in the existing lighting to prevent spilling onto the surrounding properties and they are to remain off until it is corrected. Some of the lights were not on their original plan.

The restroom at the park is open and it is cleaned by Health Department standards seven days a week.

We had a tree that was on village property removed because it was leaning over a resident's house.

The ten acres on Westview is back on the market with an asking price of 1.65 million.

Mark contacted the Bogey in regards to them submitting a special events permit and a noise variance.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said I did assist, and will continue to assist Delaware County for their in services on teaching missing children to the Deputies. Also, in October, it looks like I will be presenting at the Ohio Attorney General's conference as well.

Cameras have been installed in the park. Everything is working. Mark and Richard have access to the cameras in the park as well as the streets.

I worked with Mark, Brian and Mayor Mathews towards finalizing the DORA. Mark and I had some questions about signage and I will get with Brian later for clarification.

We did have an audit from the surplus program. We were found to be in compliance.

Our calls for services are starting to ramp up so there are a couple of ordinances I would like to cover especially since this is broadcasted. Residents can watch.

- a. Dogs are required to be on a leash or controlled in a yard with a fence. Electric fences are fine as long as the dog stays inside the yard.
- b. We understand that dogs bark, but if it is excessive please be mindful of your neighbors, especially at night.
- c. Our noise ordinance for construction is 7 am – 10 pm. While we understand it is an inconvenience, the police department cannot do anything about construction noise that falls within those timelines.
- d. Golf carts require an inspection, license, and insurance. We can do most of this at the PD for you. Please make sure you do this before you put a golf cart on the street.
 - i. No other recreational vehicle is permitted to be operated on our streets. Four wheeler, go carts, utv's, etc.

- e. Wildlife
 - i. We will not take in an injured or deceased animal. You may contact the Ohio Wildlife Center but it is your responsibility to facilitate this.
 - ii. If an animal is injured or sick beyond assistance our only course of action is to put that animal down.
 - iii. Coyotes live around here, there is nothing we can do about them. Please be mindful of smaller pets during the evening hours. They are scared of humans, if you encounter one make noise and they will run away.
 - 1. Mating season ended in March. We should see some pups around learning the ropes. Be mindful of protective parents.
- f. If you are out walking at night please wear something reflective, bright colors, or have a light with you. Our streets are very dark.
- g. Last, while you are driving through the neighborhoods, please be mindful of children playing or residents out enjoying the community. The speed limit is 25 mph and our officers will be out making sure everyone is safe.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said I will add one thing to the DORA. Where we stand right now is anywhere the DORA stops there will have to be signage. I do think that we should ask the Chamber to help with any of the cost on this because this is in fact a multi-faceted project. Yes, we want people to come to Shawnee Hills. Yes, we want them to spend their money here but yes this is for the benefit of the businesses here so I think we should require some help from them.

On April 20th I have a scheduled zoom call with the City of Columbus over the riverfront land stewardship issue. Also, in April, I am waiting on some dates, a conference call pertaining to the Glick Road annexation that has been out there for a couple of years.

I talked to Rob Platte last week in regards to the Berlin JEDD. They are working towards getting that going. Just as a comparison, that may end up faster than the Orange as far as getting ramped up and money starting to flow.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said I will be meeting with the American Legion to see if they are going to do anything for Pat's memorial on May 23.

I will be attending the Orange Township JEDD annual meeting in June.

Legislative Actions

Mayor Mathews said on March 30, after much thought, I decided it was in the Village of Shawnee Hills best interest if the Village and Craig parted ways. The way in which that process works is a majority vote to uphold my decision would be needed in order for that to be finalized or without my decision it would be a three quarters vote. In this particular case it would need a majority vote. A yes vote would uphold my decision and obviously the other way would not. If you would like other discussion around it or we could go straight to vote, it is completely up to you, it's your decision.

Council member Matney asked do you want to share, just for public record, some things involved in your decision so that it can be clear to everyone.

Mayor Mathews said initially the idea behind what we thought of doing was, last May, initially it was an economic decision and it continues to be an economic decision. I think there are different reasons why I came to that point. One, it would save some money. Two, I know it is a part time position, however going forward we could have potentially more coverage, not just a part time per week. I just thought it was in our interest that some projects maybe took a little longer than they should have.

Council member Matney said I guess what I am implying is that some of your decision was performance based, right.

Mayor Mathews said correct.

Council member Stacy said so, in the meantime, projects that are going forward, who is going to have that responsibility. I understand that many of these projects, most of it comes from our engineer or our council so I completely understand that.

Mayor Mathews said that is part of it, they do answer most of the questions, especially projects like this. I had a conference call with Bill Schirmer. I do not speak engineering language. I did not know what he was talking about so it was easier to just go straight to the horse's mouth. I agree most of the projects are deferred to the engineer.

Council member Matney said tonight's discussion is just to agree or disagree with the decision that you made on the 30th.

Council member Zimmerman said, just for clarity, if I know this to be right, Craig was a part-time employee and a non-contractual employee.

Mayor Mathews said correct. He was an at will employee so he served at the pleasure of the Council and the Mayor so he could be let go at any point. Now, with that being said, on March 30, I did ask Shirley to pay his time for this past week and the remainder of that same week.

Council member Stacy said so what is before us right now.

Mayor Mathews said before you right now is either a yes or a no vote.

Brian said someone should make a motion to consent to the Mayor's termination of Craig as Village Administrator.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Thatcher that Council consents to the Mayor's termination of Craig Thompson. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

First Reading- Resolution 07-2021 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator (and Police Chief) to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Cities of Delaware, Dublin, Powell, and Westerville as well as the Villages of Ashley, Ostrander, and Sunbury as well as Genoa Township, and the Delaware County Preservation Parks Authority.

First Reading – Resolution 08-2021 – A Resolution concurring with the Mayor’s appointments to the Tax Incentive Review Committee.

Bills

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Gates to approve the bills in the amount of \$48,699.61. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Thatcher to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General	230,074.93	Fire	134,241.67
Street	309,453.45	Weed	3,569.30
State Highway	20,798.48	TIF	41,367.62
PD Body Armor	810.52	TIF 2	12,615.80
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Operating	77,041.07
Law Enfct. Trust	6,198.05	Sewer Replacement	51,333.93
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Storm Sewer	13,680.31
Police District	78,149.29	Debt Service	106,936.16

For a total of \$1,088,660.65

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

Miscellaneous

Council member Isern asked if any progress was made with a chipper day. Shirley said UST did not meet but the cost is more like \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Mark told me that sometime he has Matt cut down trees when he is out here. I do not know if any cost estimates were gotten.

Council member Zimmerman said for the landscaping we had to do down on Shawnee Trail for the Columbus easement, I remember Craig making a comment saying that this would only cost a couple thousand dollars. This ended up being \$4,400.00

Council member Thatcher said I know he said that but the amount was always between 4 and 6. I still think for what we replaced down there is incredibly high. They did do a nice job. I do not think it was an intentional misspeak.

Council member Stacy said I think it is ridiculous. The whole place would have grown up anyways. What they planted will probably die come July anyways.

Mayor Mathews asked what was the cost of the fence around the generator.

Council member Zimmerman said \$2,500.00.

Council member Stacy said I think some of these estimates that we get are extremely high. I got an estimate for 75 feet of privacy fence and it was \$2,000.00.

Council member Zimmerman said there is no gate on the back, it is just open so you can get into it. From a design standpoint, if they ever had to take out the generator they are going to have to knock the fence down.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn until April 26, 2021. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor