

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2022

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 July 11, 2022 with the following amendment: on page one, third paragraph, under Administrator, change *t* to *to*. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Abstain, one; LaRosa.

Agenda

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

Solicitor

Brian said the theme of my report is zoning. I am back on the zoning train. Lots of things happening. First is the Maronda Homes Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. I am helping to work through some of the issues that came to be after the meeting. Sort of deal with those and get ready for the next Planning Commission meeting on August 23. Second thing is the Berlin Business Park JEDD. There is a Berlin Business Park Compensation Agreement. It is only in draft form right now. I sent a copy of it to council. It came to me a week or two ago. I actually spoke with the counsel for Delaware County Finance Authority because the agreement was forwarded to me. I took a look at the draft compensation agreement and then went back to the Evans Farm JEDD agreement. Council can take a look at it. There is no action needed tonight on this Berlin Business Park Compensation Agreement. In essence, what it does is, it outlines how the money will flow. If you remember the Evans Farm JEDD, how the money flows, was one part of the agreement. My understanding is the Townships and Delaware County Finance Authority have been working, generally, on things for a long while now and the fruits of those discussions are this compensation agreement. What they would like to see is this compensation agreement agreed to because then it would be how the money flows for all, either future JEDDs or one JEDD, when other parcels are assembled. Right now, there is no real assemblage of parcels. It's this grand plan in theory that is in place so what they want the entities to do and what they want the village to be part of is agreeing to this compensation agreement so then when parcels are assembled and the JEDD comes together, the whole agreement, who's on the JEDD Board, how are those things, those will be worked out, but any true agreement will have this compensation as that portion of it. This will always be included in any future JEDDs or

an expansion of any originally created JEDD. There's a map that is referenced in that agreement. I am trying to get a copy of that right now. It wasn't sent along with the draft I have. Also, conversations I have had with the folks there was an incentive agreement that I believe has been agreed to between the Townships and Delaware County Financing Authority. I think it has something to do with this compensation agreement and maybe some other tangential issues pertaining to properties that may come into the JEDD and how the income tax will be applied and how money will be divvied up. I am in the process of trying to get a copy of that incentive agreement as well for myself. I would imagine that action will be needed sometime in the near future on this but I think the Townships are preparing to take a look and vote on this. I will say the individual I talked to was very candid and up front with me and I appreciated but I did throw the question out there with respect to compensation agreement is there a lot of room for negotiation still with this from the village's standpoint and the answer to that was no. That's not necessarily a bad thing. You needed to know that and I needed to know that. We are just one part of what will be the JEDD income tax portion of it. In simplest terms, the village will be collecting the income tax plus an additional one percent to pay RITA for their processing and then there is money after the mandatory things are taken out. The Village does have a small portion of the actual JEDD revenue that will be coming in. Similar to Evans Farm JEDD. It's a smaller portion but it is eventually set to be a much larger JEDD.

Village Administrator

Russ said that Maronda has resubmitted for planning and zoning next month. It looks like they are down to 27 houses. I haven't had time to look at the plan yet. I counted the houses real quick and have not had time to go through the details so I don't have answers to any questions for that right now.

Equity is moving along. They have an inspection tomorrow for water and fire hydrants. Mark and I will be down there. I know Matt the Miller pulled out down there. I haven't heard who is going in to replace the restaurant anchor.

Tree Trimming. We sent a bunch of letters out a couple of months ago. The majority of the people we sent letters to complied. They have cut trees back from the side of the road. I think there are three or four locations now, and at Wilma, that are a lot at the north end, that have not responded or we can't get in touch with the owners. We spoke with Concord Township and they are going to cut some things back because they have the specific mower to be able to do that. If anyone is watching that owns those properties, I urge you to do it because if we do it it's not going to look pretty. It's a giant mower that essentially just snips it all down. We are not going to clean up after. We will get it out of the road but we will just push it back on the property.

Shawnee Hills in Bloom is going well. I want to thank everyone who planted the flowers at the municipal building. Straders donated a bunch of things to plant. They planted a bunch of flowers at the rock. It's starting to look pretty good. We have a meeting next week with the beginning of a Main Street Committee to plan some events. Looking for Halloween as the first event and really trying to coordinate trick or treat with what the police department does with the tailgate and kind of bring it all together for a fun evening.

Spent a lot of time on the JEDD. I'm reading about one of every two emails that Brian has been sending me. He's been busy on that. I'm joking, I just can't keep up with Brian. The JEDD, in my conversations with them, it's a lot more than the \$0.91 we have gotten from Evans Farms so far. It has potential for more JEDDs and I will stress what Brian said. It's pretty much a take it or leave it contract for us at this point but it's a gateway into future JEDDs. Our participation in that will signal that we want to be a good partner, we want to work with everybody. Looking forward to getting that moving.

Council member Zimmerman asked when Concord Township comes in and cuts the trees and they bring that machine in, on Miami and Olentangy, can they cut that grass? It is three to four feet tall.

Russ said that's a separate issue because we have an ordinance about grass cutting. I will defer to Mark and I will get with Mark.

Council member Zimmerman informed Russ that Richard said it is so tall now he can't get the mower through it.

Council member Thatcher said there are trees involved in that on the one side of the road too because they have just grown up. It's the same as on Wilma.

Russ said I will ask. Because of our ordinance, we will do what we can.

Police Chief

We received an award from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for our departments training and preparedness and responses we have had for missing children over the last calendar year.

Next week I will be presenting a training block at the Ohio Homeland Security Safety Symposium on missing children. People from all over the country come in for it.

Working on the budget for 2023. We discussed the finances and we are looking good for 2022 and hopefully it continues into 2023. The cost of living is looking a little high for next year so we are going to speak and see what we can do for the employees to make sure that we kind of meet at least something close to the cost of living rate.

Visitors

Candace Myers, Delaware General Health District, said she has a couple of flyers from the Health Department and will also send them out electronically. One was latex paint and they have permanent paint collection locations in Knox County/ Mt. Vernon and also at Environmental Enterprises, Inc. Columbus Ohio. The other flyer was on opening up more items that can be recycled. There is a survey the Health Department would like everyone to complete and you could win a \$75.00 gas card. The other flyer was pertaining to free lactation services provided by the Health District.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said I will echo Russ with the Village in Bloom. Craig Baldrige puts in an extraordinary amount of time and effort into this. This is just in the beginning stages and I think this is really going to snowball and the village will be much better looking as this gains steam. I want to commend him for the people that he has assembled and the work they have put in. It really does look great and we owe him greatly.

Committee Reports

Council member Matney said Finance met tonight. We reviewed the budget so far. This year our revenues are up, RITA revenues are up. They have been up the last couple of years, probably attributed to more people working from home and filing all their income tax in Shawnee Hills. We will be looking at the budget for next year and Shirley will be working on that.

Legislative Actions

First Reading – Ordinance 17-2022 – 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, 2022 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 17-2022 an emergency. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to adopt Ordinance 17-2022 as an emergency.

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

Bills

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the bills in the amount of \$24,347.83. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to approve the following treasurer's report:

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| General Fund | 337,083.15 | Enfct. and Education | 1,245.85 |
| Street Fund | 439,289.47 | Fire Fund | 62,700.08 |
| State Highway | 26,955.87 | TIF Fund | 78,693.46 |
| PD Body Armor | 2,753.48 | TIF 2 Fund | 27,718.62 |
| Cont. Pro. Training | 2,535.48 | Police District Fund | 189,221.83 |
| Evans Farm JEDD | .91 | Veteran's Memorial | 248.97 |
| Drug Law Enfct. | 534.41 | Sewer Operating | 54,783.23 |
| Indigent Drivers | 385.84 | Sewer Replacement | 13,036.08 |
| Law Enfct. Trust | 8,957.75 | Storm Sewer Fund | 15,614.29 |
| Am Rescue Plan | 63,418.14 | Debt Service Fund | 134,683.82 |

For a total of \$1,459,860.73

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor