

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

**January 28, 2019**

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Geoff Hanna, Dan Mathews, Renee Matney, Jeff Stacy and Robert Thatcher

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

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Stacy seconded by Thatcher to approve the minutes of January 14, 2019 with the following amendment. On page three correct the spelling of caliber. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote

### **Solicitor**

Brian said I worked with Mark in regards to vacant building registry. We worked on some timing issues. Also had some questions about a potential appeal to the BZA. I worked on a couple of pieces of legislation that are on the agenda tonight. I took the lead on the information with respect to the village hall being a polling place. I have passed this on to Craig and Shirley. I worked with Chief Baron on Ordinance 03-2019 with respect to adding an additional part time police officer. I worked on some other language with respect to Ordinance 40-2018, which is the blight ordinance, though from the conversations I heard tonight council is going to keep that tabled I think so we can continue to work on that more.

### **Village Administrator**

Craig said as a future project I have asked Chris Tebbe to put together some cost estimates on a sidewalk that would connect with the O'Shaughnessy Crossing development, which is north of Straders. The sidewalk would connect with the existing sidewalk at Mohawk. It is actually an idea that Pat came up with and I thought it was a good idea. I am just asking for some rough estimates.

I did not receive any plans/files from Pomeroy on the connector path. I mentioned at the last meeting that I put a deadline on it and they did not meet it. We will move ahead with that project through Chris Tebbe, our village engineer.

I want to acknowledge Mark Katzenbach and Richard Ey for all the work they have done the past couple of weeks with snow removal. They have done a really good job given the weather conditions, a combination of snow, ice, and rain and there is more on the way.

I am exploring additional options for purchasing salt. Currently, we buy from the City of Dublin and Concord Township as a backup. I would like to have a third backup. You can never have too many backups when you are dealing with snow removal. I have approached the City of Powell today and am waiting for a return phone call.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Baron said they attended their usual monthly meetings. I am on the Delaware County Hazard Mitigation Plan update committee. This encompasses what could happen throughout the entire County and how the County is going to prepare for it.

A newly formed organization, the Ohio Small Police Department Association, held a meeting last week that I attended. I thought Lt. Cullen would be a good choice to represent our agency at these meetings moving forward. There are some grant opportunities and collaboration opportunities through this group. Grants for small departments are few and far between so their thought was put them all together and try for some grants.

I will continue to follow the Liberty Township fire issue and how that may or may not impact us.

We did complete our evidence audit. Once a year we complete a partial audit and then towards the end of the year we complete a full audit on what should be in the property room and what is actually in the property room. This was done by an officer who had nothing to do with the property room and a detective and it was signed off by a supervisor. Everything is good there. There were some suggestions on how to better our process and we have taken those steps and it is better now.

We did complete an annual inventory. Everything we were supposed to have is accounted for.

We received a donation of two used AED's in December. These came from the airport police. We had our fire department check them out and were told they were good and compatible with the other systems we have so now we have one in every patrol car, one in the municipal building and one in the PD.

We are actively seeking grants for equipment replacement. A couple of immediate needs. The shield conversation isn't going away. Delaware County has informed us that in the next two or three years they will be switching over to an all encrypted system. I got a price quote of \$36,000.00 to replace the radios in the cars and the handhelds. We did get a grant a few years ago for radios. We applied for twelve and were given six. Those radios will still need to be upgraded in addition to the quoted price.

Body cameras were purchased in 2016. They have a five to six year shelf life. We are going to do an internal study to see if we should continue body cameras or not.

In 2018, serious crimes or crimes in general were down in the village. Activities such as call to service and assists were up. Our biggest jump was mental health crisis situations, it was up 133%. This is one of our primary focus for training in 2019. It shows the importance of having a trained negotiator on staff and requiring all our paid officers to attend crisis negotiation training.

The last thing I have is the staffing legislation. It was kind of our masterpiece of 2017 to wrap up and define and put everything under one umbrella and to be able to come back to it and change it if needed. Moeller is effectively gone on military deployment. He leaves next week. We had discussed replacing him with a full time officer which would have required just the legislation to hire someone. Moeller got pushed back from Columbus Fire Academy to tentatively June 2020. He returns February 2020 at the latest from deployment. To fill his spot with a full time officer is not reasonable because there will be too much overlap so I came up with adding an additional 36 hours and a part time spot to cover during Moeller's absence. Our current part-time officers have no desire to become full-time here so we want to recruit a part-time officer that wants to be full-time and move that person into a full-time position once Moeller leaves in June. This saves the village money this year. I do ask that you give me discretion on the part-time hours during events and emergency situations.

### **Visitors**

Joseph Fodor, Commander, Legion of Honor. Joseph said on behalf of the Aladdin Shrine Center and our past Potemtate, the Illustrious Sir Todd Jones, I have a special plaque we would like to present to the Village of Shawnee Hills in appreciation of your support for Shriners Hospital for Children. We thank you for allowing us to solicit funds in your village for the 2018 Aladdin Shrine Tabloid Day. Joseph said eight of us worked to collect funds back on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the corner of Dublin and Glick Road for a period of four hours. We collected a total of \$3,023.00 in contributions. That is the highest amount of money we have ever collected. We also received private donations in the amount of \$2,000.00. This all went to the Aladdin Shrine Hospitals for Children. There are 22 hospitals in North America, 20 in the U.S., one in Mexico City and one in Montreal Canada. We are anon-profit organization that provides funds specifically going towards pediatric treatment for children for orthopedic problems, surgeries, the burn hospital, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate injuries and restoration. All patient care, hospitalization, medical procedures by doctors, nurses and other staff are all provided at no cost to the patient not to their families. Thank you again for allowing us to come to your community and we hope you give us the opportunity to work in this area again.

Robin Fellure, Shawnee Hills Civic Association, read the following:

The Shawnee Hills Civic Association (SHCA) has been a part of the Shawnee Hills community for many years and hosted various annual events at the building located at 36 West Mohawk. One of the greater challenges faced by the SHCA Board is the continued upkeep and maintenance necessary to preserve the building and property. The sole purpose of hosting building rentals was to raise enough funds to pay the monthly bills that arise due to building ownership. Unfortunately, rentals have also proven a challenge with increased repairs from damage and complaints from a nearby resident.

The SHCA has been fortunate for many years to have an actual building, but we also recognize that the financial struggle is becoming more and more relevant and it is quite uncommon for a civic association to own property and a physical building.

So that the SHCA can continue to be even more committed to the social well being of the community and the residents, the SHCA Board has decided to sell the property located at 36 W. Mohawk so the heavy financial burden is lifted. The SHCA is not disbanding. The SHCA will continue to have annual events and bring residents together for community gatherings, just at different location around the village, including the Police Station Park for the annual Easter Egg hunt for example.

Over the years the SHCA has been lucky to have a small resident support group, who year after year continue to pay their annual membership dues and attend a variety of events where donations are made so the next event can be funded. The local business support of decorations, materials for the holidays and cash donations for various building maintenance has always been extremely appreciated. The SHCA is committed to continue a robust social calendar and aims to provide support towards the community that has been there for it over the years by using dues and donations for events and not building/property maintenance.

We look forward to growth in the community and even more involvement from the village residents.

The Shawnee Hills Civic Association Board

Robin Fellure, President

Sherry Hall, vice President

Virginia Miller, Treasurer

Ally Fellure, Trustee

Jackie Salisbury, Trustee

Lauren Decker, Trustee

Emilee Hall, Trustee

Mayor Monahan said the Civic is so much a part of this village and you are such a great community partner. Thank you for all of that.

Robin said this has been a very personal struggle for me. I have been president of the civic for over twenty years so it is like my baby. I was talking to Jeff and Angela last night and we have decided to do a final send off fundraiser. We will be having a chili cook-off this Saturday, February 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **Communications**

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

On Thurs, 1-24 I sent a follow up email to Kevin Kershner at Stantec. This is pertaining to the watershed study impacting the properties around the 3 reservoirs. It is a follow up to the mtg. we had with them on Jan 11th:

Hi Kevin. I hope 2019 is treating you well! We appreciate your help achieving a Win-Win and improve the health risk and work with us to improve the pollution, view and recreation for our residents and our Village. We want the same ability to filter runoff as Columbus does with grass on the Scioto Mile, the parks along Riverside, The Zoo and at Leatherlips Yacht Club. Kevin please let us know what else you need from us and the next steps.

Proposal To alleviate the current health risk to our Village residents and improve the Pollution, View and Recreation.

- Allow a weed cut year-round with grass planted eliminates honeysuckle, provided the resident plants and maintains a filtration strip within the last agreed # of feet with deeply rooted less than 24 in high vegetation (controlled vegetation).
- Allow the removal of ground vegetation (sm trees) of less than an agreed caliper and honeysuckle.
- Maintain current boat dock rules.
- Reach agreement for and provide a public access, so Village residents have reservoir viewing access.

Other points?

- 1) City wants good water, so do we.
- 2) City wants to control costs involved with water treatment.
- 3) City has huge problem with invasive honeysuckle.
- 4) City incurs ongoing costs in attempts to control honeysuckle.
- 5) City is spraying herbicide to control honeysuckle determined to be a carcinogen in CA that runs off into drinking water.
- 6) City in violation of their own codes by allowing areas to become overgrown.
- 7) Mowing protects water and solves all these problems with no cost to City.

Plus- Shawnee Hills has made a huge investment in a sanitary sewer system to protect water quality. Let us plant a 20' buffer of grasses and everyone has their needs met. Low cost, easy oversight, clean water, healthy environment.

Thanks for your help Kevin and please let me know what else you need from us!

Pat Monahan  
Mayor Shawnee Hills. OH,

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

I know I have stated this before, but I do again ask that we need the help of the residents and the businesses to make sure we have taxes that are coming to us.

**The help we need: Residents,** please make sure your income taxes are being designated to Shawnee Hills and not another municipality. This is especially true with residents who work at home, like I do, you will find it may result in an income tax reduction, as it did for me.

**The help we need: Businesses:** Please validate that you and your employee's income taxes are being paid to Shawnee Hills and not another municipality. This is especially more likely with chain businesses where an employee could have been hired working as an example in Columbus paying 2.5% and now works in Shawnee Hills and could be paying 2%. Thanks for your help!

**We also need the businesses to eliminate the rest of the temporary signs.** We don't have many left. If someone has them, get the tent sign holders and place them on the tent signs and pull them in when your business is closed (per our legislation). We will not apply this to Hiring signs.

We continue to progress working with Delaware County Economic Development and Orange Township on Joint Economic Development which if it all works, should net us income in 2020.

I want to thank Richard Ey and Mark Katzenbach for his hard work keeping our streets safe during the snowstorm this past month.

Tonight, you have the ability to take Ordinance 40-2018 off the table and resolve it. At our 1-14 mtg. I asked that you get together to resolve this. If you are ready, please proceed.

The intent is to deal with repeat offenders, who show no respect for their neighbors, the Village and themselves. As this was recommended by Planning and Zoning, the intent was that anyone running an e business must keep all items within their residents and not all over the property, on their porch or in the driveway. It is also intended to take improperly stored items to be out of sight. If needed to be stored behind a home / structure, they may apply for a fence permit to block it from public view. Again, this is the intent, I know it takes work to capture that and give our Code Enforcement something to apply. If you are ready, let's move forward. If not please work and bring it forward. Thanks!

### **Legislative Actions**

Second Reading- Resolution 01-2019- A Resolution to approve the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow Solid Waste Management District's amended draft Solid Waste Management Plan.

First Reading- Resolution 04-2019- A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Village Solicitor to take whatever steps are needed to utilize the Timothy L. Fellure Municipal Building as a polling place, execute any documents necessary to accomplish the same, and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 04-2019 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote. It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 04-2019 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

First Reading- Ordinance 03-2019- An Ordinance amending Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance 34-2017, adopted on December 11, 2017 thereby creating one (1) new part-time Police Officer position with the police department.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Thatcher to approve the bills in the amount of \$21,910.30. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

General	161,193.78	Fire	25,426.82
Street	149,529.12	Weed	6,710.95
State Highway	16,662.77	TIF	11,812.50
Parks and Recreation	3.02	TIF 2	34,529.13
PD Body Armor	.40	Veteran's Mem	248.97
Cont. Prof. Training	3,102.66	Sewer Oper.	47,802.02
Drug Law Enf.	34.41	Sewer Repl.	176,499.87
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Storm Sewer	7,048.80
Enfct. and Education	1,195.85	Debt Service	173,493.77
Court Computer	2,460.14		

For a total of \$818,140.82.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

### **Miscellaneous**

Shirley said we need to increase Mark's limit on his credit card to \$2,000.00. I know we have to do legislation for this but Mark had to buy salt and he put it on the Discover Card and this is going to put him over his limit. She asked if Council could just vote on it tonight and pass legislation at the next meeting as Mark is going over his limit this month. It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to increase to limit of Mark's Discover card from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Shirley said I received an email today from Laura Reinbolt in regards to the little free library that she would like to install at the playground. She sent pictures and specs of the library. She said they would build, install and care for the upkeep of the library. She said her family and the Sancin's would keep the library stocked. It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Thatcher to allow Laura Reinbolt to build a little library at the playground. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Stacy, seconded by Hanna to adjourn until February 11, 2019. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.