

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

November 25, 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 Gates, seconded by Hanna to approve the minutes of November 11, 2019. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, none. Abstain, one: Thatcher. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Agenda

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Matney to amend the agenda by adding a first reading of Resolution of 26-2019. 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.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Mathews to approve the agenda as amended. 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 on a couple of zoning issues that popped up and we worked those out. I attended the planning and zoning meeting in October and they were working on things with respect to a certificate of zoning compliance and should there be a time frame on the end of the certificate of zoning compliance. That individuals would have to start construction within a certain amount of time or finish construction within a certain amount of time. ABR is also working on some changes in the code as well. There will be legislation coming forward based on these meetings.

Village Administrator

Craig Thompson gave the following report:

- Sanitary Sewer Line Inspection: Held pre-construction meeting with contractor, United Survey, Inc. Starting date for inspection will be December 2. Contractor will provide street schedule to Village and will place signage notifying residents on each street prior to beginning work.
- Village truck is ready for winter.

- Glick Road Storm Water Improvements: Awaiting approval of revised plans by the City of Columbus.
- City of Columbus Drainage Easement: Have received approved Ordinance from the City of Columbus authorizing the storm water easement as part of the O'Shaughnessy Crossing Project.
- Russ, Shirley and I continue to meet to discuss the 2020 budget.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said we attended the Delaware County Criminal Justice Association meeting along with the EMA Executive Board meeting for the year. There will be slight increase in the fee we pay for EMA next year and there will be a small percentage increase in 2021. It should be less than \$100.00.

Upcoming- Delaware County Law Enforcement Executive Committee, the Child Abduction Response Team and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Small Agency Committee, the Police Departments Awards Dinner and Shop with a Cop.

We do a donation drive every year for Turning Point and I talked to Raechel Peters and Missy Capobianco who were kicking off a donation drive this year for Diaper Bank so we decided to combine our efforts and collect for everyone.

I will have the end of the year report for everyone at the first meeting in January.

I worked with Craig and Shirley on the budget.

We were audited by the Federal Surplus Program and we are compliant on that and we were also audited by LEADS and we passed. They said we were one of their better agencies.

We had an incident on 11/12 which involved a pursuit with a stolen car that wrecked at the end of the bridge. The car contained an adult male and three juveniles that were entered as missing. They were all out of Columbus, Plain City and Grove City. Last week the male was indicted for auto theft and failure to comply with the officer. The juveniles were recovered, returned and they were all wards of the State before that. There were multiple agency warrants for running from police and stealing cars. We are working with Columbus Police sex crimes unit and human trafficking task force for future charges on that.

K9's of Valor, an Ohio based charity, is running a fundraiser to purchase a heat alarm for the car. That's the last piece of equipment that we need for the car. The install is about \$2,000.00 and we are nearing close to that in our donations. Just to show what kind of an asset he has been for us, in the last month we used him to track a few people, the County has used him, Powell has used him, he has found evidence and we used him in our arrest warrant with multiple suspects and had to search a house out of a burglary. Also the apprehension of an armed subject threatening to shoot his neighbor just outside of the village that Havoc brought to an end very quickly.

Officer Dorian Martin has resigned and is going to the Plain City PD. His last day is today. We are not going to fill his position until Moeller comes back in February. He is currently deployed somewhere in the Middle East. We will still have full time coverage; it is just going to be a little tight.

Visitors

Cheryl Heavilin – 121 W. Mohawk Dr. said I would like to see a park at the river. We have just been made aware that this could be a possibility and I would love to be on the river. I think it would be an awesome place for families to go for picnics. I can envision a fishing area for young children. I think this would be an asset to the village.

Josh Vidor – 120 E Cherokee Dr. said I want to thank the Mayor and Council members for the job they do. I am aware that it is a lot of work and it is a thankless task. A lot of it is mundane work that you do but every once in a while, maybe once a term, you get an opportunity to do something that can shape the village and really change it for the better. I think if you look back over the years a lot of people missed that and terms went by and time went by and we didn't build the village better, it just existed. I think you guys have an opportunity here to make a mark that will change our village for the better and that would be adding water access to a waterfront community. While it sounds like a no-brainer, we are on the water, you would think a waterfront community would have a public access. Somehow it has kind of been missed up until now. I would just like to encourage you guys to work together to make this work. I realize there are a lot of moving parts, there's Columbus, there's us, but there are a lot of opportunities and a lot of choices if we can work together I think we can make a great community spot there.

Katie Mathews – 119 E Waterview Dr. said I am supporting the community with a possible option or public access to the river also. I do not know if it is possible or we have the monies to do it but I hope we can work together and see if there is a spot for us to have a little space.

Renee Vidor – 120 E Cherokee Dr. said several years ago there was one of our members of our village who had this idea, if anyone remembers, it has been about fourteen years, there was an old park where our new park is now. It was kind of dangerous and there wasn't a whole lot for the kids to do there, but she brought up an idea. She thought it would be wonderful to be able to have something better for our kids. That one idea brought about what we have there now. If you notice, we have so many people coming there. We have people from the east side of the village joining with the west side of the village. Having play dates, having a blast. We have the wonderful memorial pavilion there and people are having picnics. That did not happen before. There is something about the community aspect that I would love to see happen even further. We have a beautiful water view, we just can't touch it. Which is kind of frustrating especially when you can see it every day and I love to go running near the river, unfortunately the reservoir is off access right now. I had envisioned when my kids were in their teens they would be able to go and hang from the trees in those cool hammocks. We do not have anywhere in the village for the kids to do that. I would love to have a place where they can access the river. Where we can take stand up paddle boards and have extra exercise, different things we can do without having to try to pile them in a vehicle where they don't really fit. I would just love if you would be able to explore that idea and if there is anything we can do as villager to help or provide ideas or what not please let us know. Thank you for all the work that you do and for giving us the opportunity to express that idea.

Shelly Congrove – 92 E Cherokee Dr. said I am also proposing water access for the village. I think it is a shame that we, as residents, don't have easy access down to the water. I think it would be a great amenity for our village like the park and the playground have been. It would

just be an additional gathering place for villagers and families to get together for a beautiful water view. I think it is something that would greatly benefit our village and even our house prices. I would be glad to help in any way that I can.

Emily & Kody Law – 195 W Parkside Dr. Emily said we just moved into the village in July. Renee reached out about the possibility of public access to the water and we are definitely excited about that idea. We love living here; we love to take walks through the neighborhood, especially down by the water so I think it would be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood to have public access to the water.

Mayor Monahan said I went to a meeting last November 8 which dealt with the watershed. One of the things that was stated on the 88.5 miles around the three reservoirs there are 70 accesses to the river. The history of Shawnee Hills is such that in the late 80's a lot of the roads that used to go to the river were closed. When they were closed that ended the access that some people had at the time. The only access that we actually have is at the end of E. Old Powell Road. The only thing that we can legally do is put a sixteen foot wide road in there. I think it is great input from folks. Obviously, there will have to be grant monies involved and different things like that. I appreciate everybody coming to talk.

Council member Stacy said you can only put a road about forty feet. You can't put a road all the way to the river as that is City of Columbus property. The City of Columbus right now is in the process of revising all the river fronts where they want to reforest. They do not want to have access to the river so I would encourage you to write the City of Columbus.

Council member Hanna said if that road goes down there, right now they are not going to grant you any other areas to move around like a picnic table. There are not structures that can be put on their property. They want a buffer to the river. Right now it is fifty feet in their code. You will not be able to get to the river. You will have a road that goes to brush to the river. They are changing all the rules for all the people on the river. They cannot mow anymore, so life is changing radically for the village and the riverfront people.

Mayor Monahan said I do believe, since there are seventy other accesses, there will be some awareness that could be raised with them.

Communications

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

Email sent by resident Rob Miller to Mike Schadek 11-15-19 in conjunction with the Watershed

Hello Mike-

I hope you've been well since we met during your recent visit to Shawnee Hills. We truly appreciated your time and interest regarding our real concerns and issues.

As discussed during our walk to view the area, we want to work with the City of Columbus to develop and implement a workable reservoir specific management plan that protects both the residents and the water we all care about.

The buffer plan we proposed will achieve both goals and serve to greatly reduce ongoing costs to the City to eradicate unwanted invasive vegetation and also eliminate the need to spray chemicals along the shoreline to control growth that are known carcinogens.

Many authorities continue to warn people everywhere that vector borne diseases are increasing at an alarming rate..... with no end in sight. This situation must be taken seriously. The buffer plan we proposed will help minimize the growing threat to our residents and prevent the City from violating their own codes currently in place City-wide to protect the health-safely and welfare of it's citizens. We only want the same for our residents.

Columbus has recognized and published that a 35' buffer works.

Historically, concerns of our residents have been expressed, then unfortunately, generally ignored by City officials. We hope this time will be different. Towards the end of your visit, you expressed that a compromise might be in order.

Together, I believe we can make this work.

Rob Miller
Shawnee Hills

Rob sent a follow up email on 11-22.

This is in conjunction with our effort to attain a 35 foot buffer at the river's edge. This is based on the health risk presented by the Columbus land overgrowth and the insuring issues.

Recent activity:

Yesterday I emailed Mike Schadek, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Affairs Mayor's Office.

Hi Mike, hope all is well! I know we have been working on the watershed issue for over a year now. It has also been worked on for decades.

I believe we have proposed, in agreement with other organizations, a 35 ft. buffer for all, as a solution, will accomplish all of our common goals.

Mike, I recognize this time of the years' calendar fills fast. I am asking for a mtg. with Mayor Ginther in the 1st two weeks of January. Please let me know what you can schedule.

Thanks for your help Mike and the best and safest Thanksgiving holiday weekend to you and yours!
Pat

Mayor's Report

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

Our Annual Tree lighting will be Sunday, Dec 8 at 6 PM in our Memorial Park. It is a great community event and we have been honored by the Eli Pinney school students to lead us in the holiday songs. The Church's Choir also wants to be part of this.

ABR conducted a workshop meeting, on November 21 and examined our existing code and made recommendations. I asked Brian to take the proposals and bring them to Council to further clarify the process. It will help make it better for the applicant and the Village. I want to thank ABR for their great work on this!

Planning and Zoning will meet tomorrow evening to have a hearing on the rezoning of 6 lots next to Hellas from Neighborhood Commercial to General Commercial and 2 lots from Residential to General Commercial.

The second part of the meeting will be a pre-hearing to further the potential development of 10 patio homes on E. Osage behind Cedarbrook and the boat shop. This will also give us a lead into a density discussion, I feel we must have.

After the July 23rd meeting, when the E. Osage concept was first aired, I sent an email to Brian asking if we can have legislation that would only allow density where there is a direct street to either Dublin or Glick roads. I believe we must deal with this for the protection of our Village. Unless someone buys and dedicates the 10.5 acres at the North Western section off of Westview, this will come back to haunt us.

I also want to thank Planning & Zoning for the work at the October 22 meeting on reviewing and proposing a back door on development, when issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness. Brian took that input and we will bring back to Council proposed legislation. This will help clear up some gaps in our legislation.

I had, following up on a resident's request, asked that we look at lot splitting and density. We will be discussing density at Planning and Zoning and will also look at lot splitting at our Jan 28 meeting.

Tala Rogers is leaving the ABR and I talked to Raechel Peters and I asked her and I would like to make an appointment of Raechel Peters to the ABR and we will have another vacancy soon and at that time I have contacted Josh Foy who has expressed interest. At this time I would like to appoint Raechel Peters to ABR. I ask Raechel to step up and give us her bio.

Raechel said I have been an Ohio Certified Firefighter/Paramedic since 1999. I have also been an EMS Fire Instructor since 2002. This has been tied into my State of Ohio Certifications, which has led to different building construction suppression systems and emergency egresses. This is going to become extremely important with new builds, especially businesses on development here in the village so that we have the correct egresses and sprinkler systems installed. Also some things that are helpful to keep in mind on this would be making sure that we have the proper allotted space for turning radius of fire/ems apparatuses. The fire department that I have been with for fourteen years, one of the biggest issues we run into is you have a fire but you can't get to the building. Which then delays you so we are parking out front or we have to find the closest street to that building or we cannot get our ambulance close enough to the patient. We are having to walk over things or go through different yards to get to this patient because our truck will not get in and out of parking lots. These are just some things that I hope I can bring to this committee that we can keep in mind with new builds and new development. I think another

big thing that has come up within the last couple of months is making sure the exterior is aesthetically pleasing not only to the village but to the public which helps bring in business but at the same time it is an exterior that is going to keep our public safe, our villagers safe and our first responders which will be a fun balance to bring to the table.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Raechel Peters to the ABR. 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.

Raechel Peters said the Diaper Drive is for the Franklin County Youth Advocacy Group. It is single moms and dads that have children and they are homeless. The spinoff of that is an acquaintance of mine is having a donation drive in Columbus for a family homeless shelter. She had it last year. It is not just new toys; it is also just gently used items that they are really in need of. They had a lot of children show up last year with parents and they were actually giving some of the children adult clothing. If the residents can donate washed, folded items then we can sort them out a couple of days before the event which is December 22.

Committee Reports

Council member Matney said Finance met prior to the council meeting. We discussed the 2019 budget and end of year revenues. Shirley shared the RITA collections. They are similar to what we expected, down from 2018 but what we had anticipated. Shirley, Russ and Craig presented some budget recommendations for the future. A couple of areas to cut expenses, including as Russ mentioned, potentially not filling the fifth full time police officer position. We made a recommendation to explore entering into a contract with the Delaware City Prosecutor's office instead of using our Mayor's Court so we have asked Shirley and Craig to move forward and explore this and it is very likely that we will move forward with this. This could save us potentially quite a bit of money going forward. We also made a recommendation, a resolution for Shirley to reach out to Delaware County regarding a certificate for a possible 3.5 mill police levy.

Council member Stacy said that Safety met last week but Russ has covered everything we talked about.

Legislative Actions

First Reading- Resolution 25-2019- A Resolution authorizing the Administrator and the Fiscal officer to enter into a contract with the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District for certain public information and participation programs/services required under the Village Storm Water Management Plan and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 25-2019 an emergency. 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. It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Gates to adopt Resolution 25-2019 as an emergency. 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.

First Reading- Resolution 26-2019 – A Resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation, requesting the Delaware County Auditor to certify to the Village of Shawnee Hills the total current valuation of the Village of Shawnee Hills and the dollar amount of revenue that will be generated by an additional three and one half (3.50) mill, five (5) year tax levy for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under R. C. 145.48 or R. C. 742.33, and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Mathews to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 26-2019 an emergency. 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. It was moved by Matney, seconded by Mathews to adopt Resolution 26-2019 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Stacy. Nay, one, Thatcher. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

Bills

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Thatcher to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,822.53. Yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Treasurer’s Report

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

General	196,337.13	Mayor’s Court Computer	2,670.14
Street	136,363.14	Fire	41,896.63
State Highway	19,487.71	Weed	4,019.36
Parks and Recreation	0.00	TIF	24,444.03
PD Body Armor	0.00	TIF 2	53,795.57
Cont. Prof. Train.	2,382.94	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.51	Sewer Operating	82,857.42
Indig. Drivers Inter.	385.84	Sewer Replacement	166,759.87
Law Enfct. Trust	3,848.09	Storm Sewer	12,431.32
Enfct. and Education	1,195.85	Debt Service	52,272.45

For a total of \$801,930.87

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.

Executive Session

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Thatcher to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 1121.22 (g)(1) to consider the compensation of a public employee. 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.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Stacy to reconvene the regular meeting. 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 December 9, 2019. 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.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor