

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2026

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Michael Koren, Justin LaRosa, 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 Isern to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, Larosa. Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Agenda

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

Solicitor

Brian said when you get to Ordinance 05-2026 you will have to amend it by substitution since we changed some of wording in the document.

Village Administrator

Russ said we were approved for Tree City 2025 and we also received the Growth Award. Been working with Chris and ODOT to submit plans for a grant for the Main Street Plan. Curtis is busy inputting GIS information into his computer. Hopefully. it will be rolled out by year end.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said we have a couple of aging cruisers and looking at options to replace them. We received a grant from Ohio Department of Development for training. Friday I am meeting with a group to discuss America 250.

Visitors

Craig Baldrige, Shawnee Hills Blooms, talked about the Pink-Out for this summer. Pink will be the official floral color scheme for the village. Shawnee Hills Blooms is offering a Pink Out Kit exclusively for village residents. The kit includes a special-order terra cotta 12" x 12" cylinder planter, pink petunias and pink begonias, customizable slate plant label, premium blend garden soil and time release fertilizer. The cost is \$35.00 per kit. Buy 2 get one free. Order by March 20 to secure your kit.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said he will be meeting with the Mayors from Ostrander, Galena and Ashley next week.

Committee Report

Council member Zimmerman said the Public Art Committee met and they discussed the planter that Craig just talked about. They are hosting an Air Art Competition on June 14. One judge will pick a winner.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Resolution 06-2026 – A Resolution supporting a community-wide Pink Out Summer and encouraging everyone to participate.

Second Reading - Ordinance 04-2026 - An Ordinance amending the Village of Shawnee Hills Police Department Staffing Matrix.

Second Reading – Ordinance 05-2026 – An Ordinance amending the Village of Shawnee Hills Employee Sick leave Policy.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Gates to amend Ordinance 05-2026 by substitution. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, Larosa. Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to pay the bills in the amount of \$55,599.02. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, Larosa. Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer’s Report

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

General Fund	514,560.12	Fire Fund	129,201.82
Street Fund	54,133.57	Weed Fund	258.33
State Hwy.	55,405.47	TIF	99,220.00
PD Body Armor	3,561.69	TIF 2	70,053.17
Cont. Prof. Training	15,042.20	Police Dist. Fund	87,129.14
Drug Law Enfct.	534.31	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Operating	100,657.63
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Enfct. & Education	1,830.98	Storm Sewer Fund	38,997.69
OneOhio	800.11	Enterprise Improv.	26,569.00
Evans Farm JEDD	5,740.60	Debt Service Fund	124,016.67

For a total of \$1,339,755.69.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, Larosa. Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Gates to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, Larosa. Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.