

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2020

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 Gates to approve the minutes of October 12, 2020 with the following amendments: on page 1, second line, change Mathew's to Mathews' and under the Appointment of a council member, change 2020 to 2023.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Agenda

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Appointment of A Council Member to fill the seat vacated by Geoff Hanna with a term ending December 31, 2023

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to nominate Kathy Isern as a council member.

Council member Matney said did we want to have a discussion like we have had in the past in executive session or no. That is what we did before; just being consistent with what we did before.

Brian said you would have to amend the agenda to go into executive session to consider the appointment of a public official and the motion that was just made would have to be withdrawn.

Council member Matney said I think we should go into executive session and discuss it.

Council member Zimmerman withdrew his motion.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Thatcher to amend the agenda to include an executive session to discuss the vacant council member seat. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to go into an executive session to consider the appointment of a public official. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Stacy to come out of executive session. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates, to appoint Kathy Isern to fill Geoff Hanna's seat with a term ending December 31, 2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Mayor Mathews swore in Kathy Isern.

Solicitor

Brian said I am happy to report that the cases Mark sent up to Delaware County have been straightened out and they have been filed. How it is going to turn out is up to the court and the Prosecutors up there.

One of the other things I wanted to make council aware of. The village, and probably every other political entity in Ohio, received a public records request recently from an entity called Chasing Justice, a woman by the name of Mariah Crenshaw. I say I think everyone got this because literally as soon as someone got this request for police training records the OMA's serve site just exploded. You saw everyone around Ohio starting to receive these. I worked with Chief Baron and we sent a response of denying her request as it was ambiguous and overly broad and we asked her if she wanted to amend it. Some folks might have responded. A lot of others responded like we did. She immediately sent a response back and she sent the same response back, I believe, to everyone who said they were not going to be able to provide records for her. Basically her response says tell it to the Judge, I will see you in court.

Village Administrator

Mayor Mathews read through Craig's report.
We can see the Ninja Gym is underway.

O'Shaughnessy Crossing is essentially complete.

Council member Zimmerman asked if they are going to fill in the road on Shawnee Trail. There is a metal plate on Miami also. Council member Matney said she was wondering about the section of the sidewalk that was removed. It was still gravel. Shirley said they are supposed to be back in a couple of weeks.

Osage Woods will not start for a while yet.

Mayor Mathews asked if everyone has seen the pictures for the new Brew Pub. They said yes. That is to go before BZA on November 9.

Work is underway on the back-up generator for the pump station.

The Wine Snob resubmitted an incomplete ABR application

Glick Road – there is nothing new.

Blight – two blight cases in Delaware and one more on the way.

Crosswalk Sign – this has been replaced.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said he is still waiting on Delaware City to send the municipal court contract. Natalia Harris was the prosecutor and she is now the city attorney. Darren is no longer there so that was a hitch. I asked them for it about a month and a half ago to try to avoid this being an emergency. The contract expires in December. I am hoping to have it by December now.

Car 51 is in the shop with a broken motor mount. It is under warranty. Car 53 was in the shop with a radiator issue. The only car we had on the road all weekend was the K9 car. The K9 car was used nine shifts in a row. We spent three hours on Saturday without an available car because it was broken down and we were waiting for a tow. Car 53 has 110,000 miles on it. It is ten years old and we paid more to keep it on the road then we would have for a car payment this year.

We assisted the Kenton Police Department with a missing four year old, a nonverbal autistic boy. It was a Delaware County CART call out. We assisted with water searches, K9 and we established a command structure for them. Unfortunately they found the boy tonight.

I worked with Brian on a public records request. I started to gather some of the things up that we have, a lot of it is not our records.

Lexipol produces our policies and ongoing trainings, our daily training bulletins, are releasing an accreditation process for law enforcement agencies. As we sit right now, unless some major change happens in our system, we will have their gold standard by the end of the month. Which is the highest standard an agency can achieve.

It looks like we are getting cut a little bit more for the start of the 2021 budget. No raises again. Health insurance will be going up. We still have the vacant full time position. Hopefully the levy passes and we can reassess that position.

Trick or Treat- Reminding everyone to be safe that night. Wear your masks, social distance and don't let the kids put their hands in the bowl of candy.

Mayor Mathews said I would like to thank Russ and Tony for helping with the search of the 4 year old.

Visitors

Nick Allen said I have been a resident for two years. I have been looking for an opportunity to be more a part of the community and give back so with the vacancy on the planning and zoning board I put my name in for nomination.

Julie Gynn said my family moved to W. Parkside last spring. I am a local realtor. I love to be involved in the area where I live. I am interested in being more involved and helping out where I can.

Mayor Mathews said we hope to make a decision next week for these open positions. We have several interested parties.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said he talked to the County Auditor's office last week and told them what a stink their letter had generated, at least in Shawnee Hills. I have some information to maybe clear some of this up. This is a normal thing. It happens every three years that they reassess your property values. This is solely based on sales in the area. This one they looked at the sales in the area. They didn't look to see if it was a two bedroom or three bedroom house and that is why everyone has received a pretty relative percentage of increase. If you would like to submit an informal review request you can do so before October 30. You will receive a nice letter back at the end of November or the first week of December. Your second option would be from January 1 through March 31 you can file a complaint. The informal review you can do either by letter or on their website.

I had a conference call with MORPC last Friday. It was basically just kind of the standard stuff. I wasn't included all that much when Pat was here but there were certain things that I was aware of. There are things we can't do a whole lot with but there are grants that are available and they are checking for some that we may be interested in. One of them is the electric vehicle charging grant which may be good for this area. This would make our commercial area very walkable. These grants come out in early 2021 and they will assist in writing the grant.

I sent an email to Shelia Hiddleston on October 22, just kind of checking in. I get that this is not at the top of their priority list so I will continue to cut her some slack because she has come here and she agrees with our position.

Please remember to vote on November 3.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said we are moving forward with planning for the Veteran's Memorial service. We have a speaker, we have a color guard so things are falling into place. The Boy Scouts are planning to pick up flags. This will be November 7 at 11 a.m.

I want to thank everyone who expressed interest and put in for council and different board positions. It made our job difficult because we have a lot of quality people to choose from so I thank you for that. I have two appointments that I make and those are for the BZA. We are going to move Mary into Geoff Hanna's spot which was vacated by Geoff and I am going out appoint Jonathon Spryn to the other BZA position that we have open.

Committee Reports

Council member Matney said Finance met prior to this meeting. Shirley gave us a review of the RITA collections that we received this year and which piece of those collections actually come from income this year versus we also get some collections from previous years and sometimes we owe refunds from previous years. It is kind of interesting to see the monies we get, how much are this years and how much are previous years.

Shirley mentioned that we received \$29,000.00 from the CARES Act. That allows us to reimburse some monies we have taken from the general fund. It allows us to get a couple of sanitizing foggers and hand sanitizing dispensers and that will leave us with still around \$22,000.00. Russ is looking into the potential of possibly streaming our council meetings.

We have a delay in getting our property taxes due to a software glitch.

Pro Tem Thatcher said Safety met and Russ has touched on everything that we talked about.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading- Ordinance 25-2020 – An Ordinance to amend Sections 921.03(A) (potable Water User Charges) and 921.03(B) (Well Water User Charges)

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 25-2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Third Reading – Ordinance 26-2020 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Fiscal Officer to transfer the unexpended balance of the Mayor’s Court Computer Fund to the General Fund and Close the Mayor’s Court Computer Fund

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Stacy to adopt Ordinance 26-2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Second Reading- Ordinance 28-2020 – An Ordinance to appropriate funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Shawnee Hills, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021

First Reading- Resolution 22-2020 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal officer to execute a first amendment to the Master Agreement with Dynegy Energy Services, LLC

First Reading- Resolution 23-2020 – A Resolution authorizing the Administrator and 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.

Bills

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to approve the bills in the amount of \$46,665.70. 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 Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General	199,288.39	Mayor’s Court Computer	0.00
Street	217,112.80	Fire	50,072.39
State Highway	24,015.03	Weed	3,632.27
Parks & Recreation	0.00	TIF	9,598.16
PD Body Armor	1,073.83	TIF 2	55,830.18
Cont. Prof. Training	0.00	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	44,653.30
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Replacement	66,005.09
Law Enfct. Trust	5,379.72	Storm Sewer	12,159.08
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Debt Service	65,670.32
Coronavirus Relief	29,549.31		

For a total of \$786,429.94.

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

Miscellaneous

Council member Gates said she has noticed one couple walking with their dog and they are not using a leash with their dog and the dog is pretty big. I would like to make a comment so that if they read it or anybody reads it that Ohio has a leash law and I am sure we abide by that.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to adjourn until November 9, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor