

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021

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, Administrator Craig Thompson and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, 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, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Roman Nyquist – Eagle Scout Project

Roman said I am Boy Scout from Troop 117. I am going to be doing an Eagle Scout project soon for a rank from Light to Eagle. You have to do a project that shows leadership and other things like that during the project. One of the hardest things for many people is coming up with an idea for a project. I understand that you are putting a stone in somewhere for former Mayor Pat Monahan and I thought it would be a nice idea to if I could beautify the area by putting in flowers, a tree or two, or bushes, or benches. I just wanted to run that by you. I also wanted to see if you had any ideas for a project if you do not like my idea.

Mayor Mathews said we have not decided on the location of the stone. The sign has been made. Should this go to Planning and Zoning? Mayor Mathews said to Roman, I think this is something we can definitely use. I wonder if you can brainstorm with our planning and zoning group to figure out what location to place the rock.

Council member Matney asked Roman if he had a time frame on when this project needs to be completed.

Roman said no. I am fifteen and a half right now and this has to be completed before I turn eighteen so there really is no time rush.

Council member Zimmerman said maybe this should go to the ABR since Terry is on there and she is a horticulturist. Terry could help him out to select the right materials.

Council member Isern asked who pays for what goes into this.

Roman said what I have seen other Eagle Scouts do is they will go out and go to stores like Home Depot and ask for donations for their project. They will explain what they are doing and what they would hopefully get with donations from the stores. If I wanted to go down the path of planting trees or flowers I could go to Straders and ask for donations from them as well, keep it local as well.

Council member Matney said I think it is a great idea.

Council Member Isern said I think this should go to the ABR since they have a landscape person.

Mayor Mathews said I will get you in touch with Terry Herzog who is on our ABR Board. She is a landscape architect and she will have some good ideas for you.

Solicitor

Brian said we had a public records request come in regarding the Wine Snob and Larry Burchfield. This person was asking for emails and documents related to the Wine Snob, the application and things like that. I also received a letter from I believe Larry's attorney regarding the TREX transfer. It was more of an inquiry letter more than anything else urging the village to process that TREX transfer application.

Village Administrator

Craig gave the following report:

Ninja Gym – We still anticipate them being completed by the end of this month. I have asked Mark to keep me up to date on the status of that.

Osage Wood PUD – Nothing has come in on their final PUD application.

O'Shaughnessy Crossing – Today, they were working on installing the water line under Dublin Road. They were on the west side. Where that comes out on the east side is where that pile of dirt is and where that sidewalk needs to be repaired. Once that waterline is installed and that is by Parenteau's contractors, Del Co will come in and hook it up and then the sidewalk will be repaired. Just north of that and south of the Tattoo parlor is the other part of the sidewalk that needs to be repaired. The soil and underlying material has been washed away under this section of the sidewalk. We are going to work some kind of an arrangement that when they repair the sidewalk they will put some concrete under the sidewalk to stabilize that. I am hoping we can knock those two projects out at once.

Brew Pub – I have not heard anything.

Pump Station – The backup generator and the fence is installed so this project has been completed.

Wine Snob – Brian talked a little bit about this and Rob will cover under his committee report.

Glick Road Annexation – Still waiting to hear back from my contact in the Mayor's office. I suggested in UST that if I do not hear back from him in the next couple of weeks, I will come up with some suggestions for the next UST meeting to kind of jump start this whole process. This has been going on for almost two years now.

Glick Road Redevelopment – This goes before the ABR on March 18.

E. Cuyuga Drainage – We talked about this at UST. Chris is continuing to work with Straders on the storm water drainage issue. Right now Straders is temporarily diverting some of the water that comes off of the parking lot into their detention pond. Chris will work with them in terms of what they need to do to resolve the storm water issue permanently. Once we finish up with Straders we will move downstream on E. Cuyuga and see if there are any issues there in terms of drainage.

Sanitary Sewer line inspection – We have legislation tonight as a first reading. We do not need that passed tonight but would like it passed on the second reading as Chris would like to go out for bid April 1. This will be for the first phase of this. There are about 32 manholes that need to be repaired. For the balance of the repairs we will apply for an OPWC grant this fall.

On the O’Shaughnessy project we had to obtain an easement for that storm water line from the City of Columbus. That is the property that is just east of the Minton-Myers easement that Jeff Parenteau had to obtain. He had to install the structure and the rip rap there. When that occurred last year we had to remove some trees and some vegetation and given that is within the City of Columbus watershed we are required to go back and revegetate to as close to original condition as possible. We have to plant six trees and some other shrubs and we plan on doing that this spring. We have one bid and we are waiting on more. Right now it is looking like the cost is around \$4,000.00.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said I want to clarify one thing real quick. I had a lot of residents reach out after the budget talks. I do want to thank Finance and Council for getting where we are with the budget. In the fall of 2020 we were appropriated \$372,527.00. That was the base budget. It was lower than the budget of 2020. The levy passed with an amount of \$88,911.00 certified by the County. Throughout talking with Finance and Shirley’s first proposal wanted to give the payments that were the police departments that had already been accounted for, already appropriated elsewhere in the general fund, in to the police budget. Cruiser leases of \$8,589.00 and municipal court costs associated with the police department of \$2,000.00 were to move into the police budget. This all comes out of the same pot. This completes the total at \$471, 662.25. I do this because the police department did not ask for any more money than what we were appropriated plus the levy to start the year off. I had a lot of residents contact me or were asking questions about the levy. Some were upset, they didn’t understand it. Some wanted to make sure that everything went according to what we told the community about the levy. Looking at percentages, the police department budget remains less the 29% of the entire village budget. The general fund, take the levy out because that’s not general fund revenue, we are at 55%. We are still within the norm for governments that have police departments.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said on March 18 Equity is going to present their project to the ABR. When we got that I emailed Marlena Galbreath and just said FYI Equity is going to present March 18. She called me and said they are just waiting on hearing from Equity in regards to working with them on the drainage. She said Equities engineers have never gotten back to her on what the plan was.

We sent a letter to Columbus about the land stewardship program. We sent this to the Director of Public Utilities, Director Davies and I heard back from Mike Shaddock, who is in possession of

the letter, so he is right now looking for availability for Director Davies and he to meet with us either here, Zoom, or conference call for a discussion on this topic.

Brian and Chris have been working together on what Bill Schirmer may be able to do with their dumpsters.

Brian said we were talking about different options, an easement versus a vacation. Our code has three different types of right of way permit. One of them is a special right of way permit where you can place something in the right of way so he might be able to go that route.

Mayor Mathews said Chris is waiting on Bill Schirmer to amend his plan to show the location of where they want the dumpsters. Bill was also going to check with Hella's to see if they wanted to place their dumpsters in that area also.

Mayor Mathews asked Brian about the DORA application.

Brian said I have started working on this. Officially this will be the Mayor's application that will go to Council. It will be done soon.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said I was talking to some state agents that I formally worked with and they said the big thing going around right now is unemployment fraud. You will be getting letters in the mail that say something about a pin or a password. If you get that there is a State Website where you can submit that you have never applied for unemployment. This has apparently happened to the Governor and on down. Unemployment has over two million false claims. Do not log on, do not use the password, do not use the logins that are in the letter you received. You can go to Ohio Department of Job and Family website and complete the fraud report section. Pro Tem Thatcher said this data breach could have happened years ago and they are just now using the information. That is why they don't know exactly when and where it came from.

Committee Reports

Pro Tem Thatcher said UST met before this meeting and Craig has covered everything that we have covered except for the Wine Snob project. In January we sent a letter to Larry and the Wine Snob asking for four things. He originally made statements that he is going to employ a certain number of people for a certain amount of income. He responded with a handwritten letter and we feel that that satisfies the requirements that we asked for items one and two. We also asked for ABR approval for his project which is still forthcoming and that he has a Certificate of Occupancy because there have been a lot of complaints with the Health Department and everything else. As far as we know there has not been any of that, even though that is out of our hands, and once we hear that that has been handled we can remove the TREX from the table and move forward.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading- Ordinance 04-2021 – An Ordinance amending Section 147.02 (purpose of the Architectural Board of Review) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 04-2021. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Second Reading – Amended Ordinance 06-2021 – An Ordinance amending Section 4 of Ordinance 34-2019, thereby amending the Village of Shawnee Hills Police Department staffing matrix and increasing the starting rates of pay for part-time Police Officers, full-time Police Officers, Sergeants, and Lieutenants.

First Reading – Ordinance 07-2021 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator, or his designee, to advertise for bid to repair numerous sanitary sewer manholes within the Village of Shawnee hills, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Bills

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to approve the bills in the amount of \$50,070.37. 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	207,994.14	Weed	3,569.30
Street	260,885.36	TIF	23,627.12
State Highway	20,443.88	TIF 2	3,114.39
PD Body Armor	810.52	Police District	22,708.15
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Operating	58,686.52
Law Enfct. Trust	5,698.05	Sewer Replacement	51,333.93
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Storm Sewer	15,017.93
Fire	58,370.24	Debt Service	97,962.76

For a total of \$832,582.36

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

Miscellaneous

Council member Stacy said people in this village are still receiving the Village Gazette and they can’t even get the dates of the council meeting right. Please ask the editors of the Village Gazette to proof read. They are commenting on meetings that haven’t even happened yet.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Matney, Stacy, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor