

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2020

President Pro Tem Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor Monahan and Council member Jeff Stacy

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

Minutes

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Agenda

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

Solicitor

Brian said in regards to Resolution 06-2020 you can remove it from the table and then amend it by substitution. There were some minor changes to the cost sharing agreement.

I was part of the meeting with the Ninja Gym folks and their engineers. It was a productive meeting. It seemed like there was some miscommunication and misunderstanding. Their engineers maybe didn't really understand what Chris wanted. It seemed like Chris was able to right the ship and get them to understand what they still needed to do. I think they submitted some revised plans. Not sure they are completely correct yet.

Mark has sent a couple of zoning matters to the Delaware Prosecutor's office and I think they had not looked into them very much. I called to check on their status and I think we kind of pushed them in the right direction.

Resolution 12-2020 is the CARES Act resolution. This is the resolution you need to adopt so you can officially have your ducks in a row to request that CARES Act money.

Village Administrator

Craig Thompson gave the following report:

Glick Road Storm Water Project – At the least meeting, I said we were going to push to hopefully get that work done before the Memorial Tournament. Unfortunately, it was not feasible for them to do it that soon. They have to order the materials once the contract is signed

and they are looking at a minimum of thirty days. Then they have to get the project scheduled and set up.

Brian talked about the Ninja Gym. There is a lot more to come on that. I think Craig is right. It was a productive meeting. We were able to hash out a lot of stuff as it relates to the drainage plan. Now we are faced with the plans that they have submitted and the plans have changed from the one they submitted to the ABR which has created set back problems.

Pump Station Backup Generator – We did get a bid from T&B Electric in the amount of \$33,154.00. It is on the agenda as a resolution and we would ask that that be passed as an emergency tonight because we need to get the backup generator installed at the pump station.

Dublin Road repaving. You have seen the signs that have been put up. ODOT will be repaving Dublin Road from Glick to Home. It could be six weeks or more before they start. ODOT will notify us before they start.

Osage Woods PUD – no new information.

New guardrails have been installed throughout Delaware County.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said I held an Open House the other day. I am going to continue to make myself available a few more times. I had some good conversations with residents. We talked about what is going on in the country right now and how we relate. A handful of people I met with wanted to know what our police department is doing and how we meet these new requirements.

We had some residents talk about the levy. A lot of them are supportive. I don't think a single person, maybe two people, that want to see our police department go away entirely. A lot of residents put emphasis on the fact that they want us to be around.

We did have a few domestic incidents this weekend including an incident that spilled over from the zoo. The reason I mention it is there were a lot of people at the playground. It spilled over from the zoo and the female driver struck her boyfriend with the car in our parking lot.

This weekend there were break ins in Wedgewood and Tartan Fields and miraculously again there were none in Shawnee Hills.

Two Tournaments coming up. I did speak with Mark from the Bogey. They are planning on some live entertainment. It sounds like two weeks' worth, of live entertainment. I did remind him it would probably be in their best interest if they filed for a noise variance.

Last week we received a donation from the City of Powell. It was a canine cage valued at \$2,000.00. This will be installed in 55. Fifty three has been put back on the road as a patrol car. This is the 2010 Dodge Charger. The air conditioner was not putting out enough cold air for the dog. I need a vote to accept that donation.

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to accept the donation of the canine cage from the City of Powell. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Visitors

Mike Koren, 9301 Westview Dr. said:

A municipality must provide two services to justify their existence per Ohio Revised Code. Of those on the list, Police protection, sewer service, and road maintenance are the only ones Shawnee Hills directly provides.

As many of you likely remember, Shawnee Hills once had the same reputation as New Rome, that it was just a speed trap.

The New Rome Police at one point brought in \$400,000 in traffic fees that the Village council used to fund the Police, but their practices were found to be unlawful and led to first; the demise of the Police, and then the Village itself. New Rome was dissolved by the State Attorney General in 2004 based primarily on failure to provide Municipal Services.

Luckily many years ago, our Council and Police realized the failings of New Rome and got out of the habit of relying on traffic fees and shifted focus to the currently recommended Community Policing standards before the rest of the country did. If memory serves me, Chief Baron had Shawnee Hills positioned well enough when Governor Kasich implemented Community Policing Reform in 2015, that Shawnee Hills was within the first 5 agencies in the State to be certified compliant. Over half of the Police agencies in Ohio are still not certified as of last month. A major portion of the certification is to implement and maintain proper equipment and provide in-depth Community Policing training for officers.

When Chief Baron requested my assistance with technology issues the Police were having, he asked if I wanted a contract to be paid for my services. I told him then, and reaffirm now, that I believe it is more important to keep Officers patrolling our streets to keep us safe than for me to take funds from the Police budget. In my almost 5 years volunteering for Shawnee Hills Police, I have witnessed first-hand the revolving door of staff. When asking them why they are leaving, the often too common response is that they love the Village and the Residents, but they cannot support their family when every agency around us pays substantially more. Proper officer pay can reduce training costs and raise the retention rates to have better community officers. I personally think it is pathetic that the starting pay for an officer here is \$14 per hour, while Target and Walmart are now paying a \$15 per hour starting wage, and their employees are not putting their lives on the line.

In these crazy times where protesters are asking municipalities to defund the police; I am asking the opposite, that you both fund and support our Police. Statistics have shown that residential theft has decreased since our Police went to 24/7 coverage, and that Dublin and Powell still have more issues in this area than we do. I received an alert just yesterday from Ring that on Saturday night, Muirfield Village had two vehicle break-ins within walking distance of the Westview/Mohawk intersection.

If this council is not willing to do what it takes to support our Police, maybe it is time to dissolve this Village too.

Communications

Pro Tem Mathews said the Mayor wanted me to read the following:

I want to thank Bobby Nothstine for getting a professional tile person to reset the tiles on the Veteran's Memorial. I also want to thank Connie Frambes who paid for half of the job, \$450.00. I split the cost with Connie.

I want to bring you up to date on my health. Twenty-two years ago, I had a hiatal hernia operation related to Agent Orange exposure in Viet Nam. In May, I developed a blockage in my esophagus. I have had many tests, including last week's endoscopy, with the best possible results indicating inflammation of the esophagus. I was diagnosed with Barrett's Esophagus. I am on the road to recovery and look forward to be returning soon. Thank you, Pat.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Mathews said I was talking to Russ last week, and we talked about the Today show and their talk regarding community policing and the trend towards that now. We have already written the book on community policing. The trick or treat stuff. The officers stopping their cars and talking to the residents. I just want to commend you for being ahead of the curve there.

Committee Reports

Council member Matney said Finance met and we reviewed the 2020 budget and revenues are down, as expected, from this time last year. We discussed police department funding for the remainder of 2020. We are recommending that \$15,000.00 be used from the rainy day fund to finance the police department for the remainder of the year. We may not need to move forward with that if we get enough funds reimbursed to us from the CARES Act.

Council member Gates said Planning and Zoning meets tomorrow night.

Legislative Actions

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Gates to remove Resolution 06-2020 from the table. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Mathews to amend by substitution Resolution 06-2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Second Reading- Resolution 06-2020 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute an offsite storm sewer cost sharing agreement with Imperial Renovations & Design, LLC and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the third reading and declare Resolution 06-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 06-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, and Thatcher. Nay, one; Matney. Motion passed.

First Reading- Resolution 11-2020 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute a Municipal Inmate Housing Agreement with Delaware County, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 11-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Gates to adopt Resolution 11-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

First Reading- Resolution 12-2020 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Fiscal Officer to register for coronavirus relief funds through the Office of Budget and Management, requesting the Village of Shawnee Hills receive its share of the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund, confirming the funds will be expended only to cover costs consistent with the requirements of Section 5001 of the Cares Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(D) and any applicable regulations as are necessary pursuant to S.B. 310, now H.B. 481 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Gates, to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 12-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 12-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

First Reading- Resolution 13-2020 – A Resolution to proceed with placing the issue on the ballot for a two and one-half (2.50) mill, three (3) year additional tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation 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 Hanna, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 13-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 13-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

First Reading- Resolution 14-2020 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute a contract with T&B Electric to provide and install a standby backup generator at the pump station located at or near 9371 Shawnee Trail and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 14-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 14-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Second Reading- Ordinance 07-2020 – An Ordinance repealing Section 1121.07 (Environmental Review District) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances.

Second Reading- Ordinance 08-2020- An Ordinance repealing Section 1121.09 (Architectural Standards for Commercial Zoning Districts) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances.

Second Reading- Ordinance 09-2020 – An Ordinance amending Section 147.02 (Purpose of the Architectural Board of Review) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances.

Second Reading- Ordinance 10-2020 – An Ordinance amending Section 1113.13 (C)(1) (Building Orientation), Section 1113.13(F)(2) (E) (Maximum Site Coverage), Section 1113.13(G)(4) (Upper Story Windows), Section 1113.13(G)(11) (Roof Pitch), Section 1113.13 (G) (12) (Building Materials and Colors), and Section 1113.13 (G) (18) (Lighting)

Second Reading- Ordinance 11-2020- An Ordinance amending Section 1129.01(F) (Issuance of Certificates) and adding Section 1129.01(I) (Secured Structures) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances

First Reading – Ordinance 13-2020 – An Ordinance authorizing the payment of the invoice received from Tebbe Civil Engineering, LLC and declaring an emergency.
It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Hanna to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 13-2020 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.
It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Hanna to adopt Ordinance 13-2020 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Bills

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to approve the bills in the mount of \$57,078.68. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

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

General	168,822.66	Mayor’s Court Computer	1,030.14
Street	205,719.91	Fire	50,044.03
State Highway	22,240.64	Weed	3,965.04
Parks & Recreation	0.00	TIF	27,656.96
PD Body Armor	1,073.83	TIF 2	55,830.18
Cont. Prof. Training	179.77	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	47,166.67
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Replacement	77,405.09
Law Enfct. Trust	8,224.59	Storm Sewer	9,462.53
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Debt Service	110,197.00

For a total of \$791,409.11

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to adjourn until July 13, 2020. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney and Thatcher. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.