

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Justin LaRosa, Renee Matney, Robert Thatcher and Todd Zimmerman

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Administrator Russell Baron

Absent: Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to approve the minutes of December 11, 2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay none.

Agenda

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

Election of President Pro Tempore of Council

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Isern to elect Rob Thatcher as President Pro Tempore of Council. Following vote on the motion is recorded; yea, 5; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Abstain, one; Thatcher.

Village Administrator

Russ said the Township contract for salting and the shared services agreement has come back from the Township and we need to amend that piece of legislation by substitution tonight. The only change is that they ask for it to be self-renewing every year with a thirty day out clause. We are not solely obligated to get salt from the Township.

Our Fire Contract with the Township expired in December. They will still continue to provide services. They do not expect any changes.

Working with Delaware County Regional Planning on updating our village comprehensive plan.

Mainstreet Plan – I call it Mainstreet Plan, but it’s really drainage, sidewalks, fixing some of our street entrances, but we are going to take the opportunity to review some of the ingress and egress of some of our businesses and future planning for sites. We hope to make this all inclusive with Glick Road and Dublin Road so we can plan the way we want our main street to look.

Officially, we have to update our stormwater plan in 2025. I met with Chris last week and we will work on a long slow burn on that plan. There's a lot that we have to do.

Spent a lot of time on the budget. I took that to Finance today. We discussed employee raises and some changes to the vacation schedule. That will come before you at the next meeting.

Events schedule: April 26 – Village Arbor Day Celebration

June 6 – 9 – Memorial Tournament

June 15 – Safety Day for PD

October 19 – Oktoberfest

October 31 – Trick or Treat

November 9 - Veterans Day Celebration

November 29 - Tree Lighting

We haven't figured out entirely what we are going to do with Osage. We are going to plant Osage with wildflowers and pollinator flowers this year. It is kind of an annual planting thing. Instead of spending a bunch of money grading it and seeding it and figuring out what to do with it, we will just plant with flowers.

Justin and I have a meeting with Ultra Fiber. The Village of Shawnee Hills will be getting fiber internet services here in 2025 to 2026. They want to talk about a public partnership.

Visitors

Monica Conners – Director, Delaware County Economic Development, passed a handout out to Council. Monica said I have been on the job for a little over a year. I committed to getting out to each of our communities' public meetings and you all saved the best for last. Economic development means a lot of different things to different people. It depends on the community you are in and the size and what your goals are. I heard a lot of really great things tonight and I am excited to work with you. This is really just an introduction and hopefully we can connect on a deeper level going forward. What I passed out is our recent strategic plan which we just launched about four weeks ago. This was done in conjunction with a national consultant. There are five strategies. They spent time talking to over 75 community members to get this feedback. I am here to partner with you all. If you have a business that you are interested in us connecting with, we work very closely with One Columbus on those types of things, and we would be happy to create a program focused on the village or whatever you think best. We are here to be your partner.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said he has decided on some dates for Government 101. January 25, February 6 and February 22 all at 7:00 p.m. Note that Feb. 8 was originally mentioned but has been changed due to conflict with meetings in the building. We will discuss where we get our money, how we spend our money, and what we are supposed to spend our money on. Robert's Rules. How Shawnee Hills started.

The Bridges End Brewery project has finally started. I exchanged texts with Dr. Schirmer. He said he would like to have a kickoff event in April.

We also met with the attorneys for the Galbreath's on Osage. They are kicking around a different type of concept, but possibly revisiting their project on Osage.

Committees

Council member Gates said finance met tonight. I was elected Chair and Renee was elected Co-Chair. Shirley went over the finances for 2023 as a review. She showed that in 2023 our carryover balance was \$519,257.92 and we ended 2023 with a carryover balance of \$509,941.52 which is a \$9,316.40 difference which is pretty good with all the projects that we did last year. As Russ mentioned, we did go over pay increases and pay scales. We also discussed 2024 projects going forward.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Resolution 17-2023 – A Resolution declaring Council for the Village of Shawnee Hill's intent to collaborate and partner with Shawnee Hills Blooms, whenever possible, to support the beautification and revitalization of the village.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Matney to amend Resolution 19-2023 by substitution. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay none.

Second Reading – Resolution 19-2023 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute an Intergovernmental agreement for snow and ice removal with Concord Township and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the third reading and declare Resolution 19-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay none.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 19-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay none.

Bills

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to pay the bills in the amount of \$88,954.05. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay none.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer's report:

General Fund	538,150.44	Enfct. and Education	1,795.98
Street Fund	141,335.92	Fire Fund	95,133.95
State Highway	39,234.20	TIF Fund	59,354.78
PD Body Armor	4,305.17	TIF 2 Fund	43,601.09
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	71,824.42
Evans Farm JEDD	2,918.56	Veteran's Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	94,851.21

Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	31,832.52
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	98,395.87
Weed Fund	300.00		

For a total of \$1,300,972.23.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by LaRosa. Seconded by Thatcher to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay none. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.