

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

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

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

Absent: Kathy Isern

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski, Administrator Russell Baron and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of June 26, 2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, 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, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Solicitor

Brian said it has been an uneventful two weeks. He should have the Equity road vacation legislation at the next meeting.

Village Administrator

Russ said the Shawnee Station Taproom and Nelson Auto Group have submitted plans to the ABR. There will be a meeting on the 20th. Paving is out for bid. I will defer my remaining time to Chris Tebbe, Engineer.

Mayor Mathews said Chris is back to recap the discussions we have had in regards to the pending sewer costs that we face in the next twenty years.

Chris said we have implemented the ten percent increase for this year. We are working towards getting caught up because Columbus is out pacing us on their fees. One of the questions that was coming up was the impact of development over the next twenty years. You have a certain amount of land that is available to you to develop. You are constrained by the development around you. People are asking what the impact of development is to this. One of the things to remember is as you increase the number of residents you increase the amount of sewer lines. For 24 houses in an area, you add 2,400 feet of sewers in order to serve those houses. That cost and that maintenance is then added to the amount that everything is going to cost. As you grow a little bit you are chasing those numbers. Basically, what it comes down to is units per feet of sewer. Each house is paying for an average of 100 feet of sewer. What is the impact of multi-

family development? If you have that same 2,400 feet of sewer in a relatively similar area might have 60 units to that same area. Instead of having 24 people, you now have 60 people paying for the same amount, so you have more people added to your total amount paying towards it, brings down everyone's share slightly. The total cost goes up but you added more to it than what the average is right now.

You only have about 30 acres left to develop. Some of it is in the village now and some is not. There is always a balance of how development works. You have a good mix of commercial and residential. We will look at these numbers at the end of the year to see where we are at.

I attended a meeting in Columbus for water a few weeks ago and I can tell you their pace at increasing fees is not going to slow down. They have too many demands and too many things going on right now where there is so much development happening to the east that they have to build this water plant to the north to be able to serve it. That is ridiculously expensive. All that additional water is going to have to have sanitary.

Mayor Mathews said if we compare multi-family versus commercial. Which would be more beneficial to us?

Chris said a condo or an apartment uses less water. They are paying their fair share of debt service and usage. If you have ten thousand dollars split by 100 people everyone pays \$100.00. If you have 200 people, everyone is paying \$50.00. If you have one commercial site, like Straders, they are paying the debt service for one. You have to have a balance. Commercial is great. Single Family is great; but you also want the additional people paying into the debt service. Any denser property with a higher number of people are more people paying towards that debt service, that base fee.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said I have a meeting on July 20 with Senator Brenner about the riverfront situation with the reforestation that Columbus is kind of demanding. Our little group had identified people who could possibly take an interest and help us. He received one of the letters and reached out.

In talking to Joe Garrett, Concord Township Trustee, last week, he seems to think Representative Lorenz, who was on our list also, that he could help out. I talked to Joe about the JEDD and the water plant up there also.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading – Ordinance 21-2023 – An Ordinance amending Section 1313.05(A) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Shawnee Hills (Weeds and Litter on Private Property). It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to adopt Ordinance 21-2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Third Reading – Resolution 09-2023 – A Resolution setting the Village of Shawnee Hills Trick-or-Treat to coincide with MORPC's formulation.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 09-2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to pay the bills in the amount of \$102,797.24. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer’s Report

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

General Fund	481,015.73	Enfct. and Education	1,795.98
Street Fund	299,142.54	Fire Fund	85,482.63
State Highway	35,937.41	TIF Fund	63,856.73
PD Body Armor	2,019.24	TIF 2 Fund	43,927.68
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	215,379.09
Evans Farm JEDD	89.41	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	47,544.15
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	22,340.67
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	137,343.89

For a total of \$1,513,813.27.

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

Miscellaneous Business

Council member Zimmerman said he will be on vacation so he will not be attending the next meeting.

Russ said the old lawnmower that we bought from Dublin for about \$1,200.00 is no longer in use and it is not running. It is valued under \$1,000.00 now. We would like to donate it to the Youth Athletic Association ballfield at Concord Township.

Brian said he will prepare legislation for this.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Matney to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.