

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

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: Brian Zets

Mayor Mathews asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Minutes

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of August 8, 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 Isern to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Village Administrator

Russ said paving has started. I want to apologize. They kept telling me that they will be here Friday, they will be here Friday and they did not show. They are milling now.

The benches are in the park on Glick Road. We are waiting on the tables. It does look funny. The benches are different heights.

I believe the Village and Shawnee Hills Blooms will be supporting each other on an Oktoberfest to be held at the new park. This will be held on October 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Worked on some issues between Nelson Auto Group and Equity. Equity needs to finish a swale between the two buildings. Nelson has some things to do on the side of the building. I think we have everyone coming together and it working out.

Maumee Bay is getting ready to start soon with some construction and Bill Schirmer is hoping to start on his brewery soon.

Still working with Chris on getting the sewer repairs done that were mandated by the EPA a few years ago.

Looking at 2024 projects, we are moving forward with W. Hiawatha storm sewer repairs. We will have to pave W. Hiawatha next year, even knowing there are some areas that are not the greatest.

We do have some paving changes that are before council tonight to be approved.

We did take a look at the park, and comparing it to other parks in the area, came up with some recommendations for upgrades in the park. One was defining the borders of the park and adding some fencing. We are adding three more spaces to the parking area on the north side of the park.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said Mary and I met with the riverfront group again. We went over a summary of what we had worked on at the State House.

Russ and I met with Shawnee Hills Blooms on the Octoberfest.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Thatcher said he reached out to the American Legion to see if they have a source for help with engraving and the planning of the Veteran's Day celebration. This will be held November 11.

Committees

Pro Tem Thatcher said UST met and Russ covered most of the park items, costs, mainly concrete, and fencing. Potential other items are how we can potentially help traffic and things in the area.

Mayor Mathews said one of the questions that they are still considering is do we allow or not allow bikes on the sidewalks in the park.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading- Resolution 12-2023 – A Resolution adopting the Delaware County 2023 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Second Reading – Resolution 13-2023 – A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

First Reading – Resolution 14-2023 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to accept the change orders associated with the 2023 paving project and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 14-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to adopt Resolution 14-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 25-2023 – An Ordinance to reappropriate funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Shawnee Hills, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 25-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 25-2023 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 Gates to pay the bills in the amount of \$129,252.18. 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 Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	478,079.96	Enfct. and Education	1,795.98
Street Fund	315,801.29	Fire Fund	86,502.89
State Highway	36,963.82	TIF Fund	79,106.47
PD Body Armor	4,305.17	TIF 2 Fund	53,788.36
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	256,149.85
Evans Farm JEDD	3,693.45	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	80,313.93
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	29,497.19
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	72,930.95
Weed Fund	300.00		

For a total of \$1,577,167.43.

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

Miscellaneous

Council member Gates asked was there a discussion about whether bicycles should be in the park or what was the discussion.

Pro Tem Thatcher said part of it was the potential for kids running over other kids, little kids, on bicycles and adults. There was discussion back and forth, do we ban it, do we not. There’s not enough to decide yet. Is there something else we can do to make a loop for the bicycles only? We looked at different things and Dan asked Russ to look into a couple of other things.

Council member Matney asked if the sidewalk had to meet the same parameters as the bike paths on Dublin Road.

Pro Tem Thatcher said technically it is a sidewalk.

Russ said the concern was how close the sidewalk is to the pavilion and the playground. That was the concern, is this even safe. It is a double-edged sword because you are taking kids out of the park and you are telling them to ride their bikes on the street. I think with everything else UST looked at, the park will be safer. Not that it wasn't safe. I went and looked at what other communities are doing with their parks and one of the big things was defined borders. We do not have defined borders at our park. Our borders are the streets.

Council member Gates said my concern would be, it is a very small park, so to try to jam in all possibilities might not be practical. My theory on exactly what the situation is, is that if the kids had been on the street they would not have been in danger because they were visible. The problem came because they launched from a relatively inconspicuous place and all of a sudden appeared.

Russ said that incident started this conversation. To be completely honest, Mark and I have had this talk, Richard and I have had this talk and Chris and I have talked. We wanted to look at the park and see what we can do for any projects and what Blooms could do to make it nicer. That sped this up.

Council member Gates said kids ride all kinds of things on the street and almost use the street as their driveway. People are aware of that because we have nonconforming streets. We don't have gutters or anything like that.

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, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.