

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2022

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, Administrator Russell Baron and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022 with the following amendments: on page two change the words *cost* to *costs* and change *EPS* to *EPA*. On page three remove the words *either from a*. On page seven, capitalize the word *But* and on page eight change *every about* to *ever heard about*.

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

Agenda

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to amend the agenda by adding an executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22 G1. 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 Isern to approve the agenda as amended. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Solicitor

Brian said he worked on the legislation that is on the agenda tonight. He has also been working with Russ and Equity on vacating that right of way behind the building. They sent in a petition to vacate part of it so we are still working on it because I don't think the petition is complete.

Council member LaRosa asked why do they have to vacate it. Can't we just say they can go ahead and use it.

Brian said the best practice is to actually get rid of the unimproved right of way so it doesn't actually exist.

Village Administrator

Russ said we are trying to swap with Equity for an easement to put a small park in between Equity and Walgreens.

The fire hydrants are supposed to be installed soon.

Our Tree City USA has been approved for 2022. We will begin documenting and getting ready for 2023.

Christmas in the Village was a success. I want to thank Richard, the Civic, and Santa for the tree lighting and Raechel Peters for her help with the toy drive. We filled a van and filled the back of a SUV to take things up there.

I talked with the land owner of Shawnee Square and he is going to try to get that plaza filled. He is looking at other options and I don't know what else we can do other than wait and see what happens. The owner wants to fill. The lady that runs the Barnstead is really pushing to get more businesses in there and get them to cleanup the plaza. Apparently, she paid for the painting of the building out of her business funds.

I know the Grocer and Butcher posted an article about them pulling out, or putting on pause, their plans to come into Equity. That plaza is not going to sit empty. There is a waiting list to get into the plaza already. Hopefully, it is already filled.

Ohio Groundskeeping has been making some good progress up there. Hopefully it will be completed come this spring.

The sewer repairs went out to bid last week and we did not get any bids. Chris was going to explore why we didn't get any bids. We will put this back out to bid.

Mayor Mathews asked if there would be any ramifications from the EPA if we do not get this finished by the deadline.

Brian said they could, but I think you have a solid answer, that you put it out for bid several times and no one bid on it.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said Russ and I are going to meet with the designer who worked with Bill Schirmer on his brewery to have preliminary discussions on what potentially a municipal building or a municipal complex could possibly look like. I don't think we will get to the point where we get costs or anything like that but just to see what the options are. What they can maybe work on.

Kathy and I met with our partners in the Evans Farm JEDD. For what it's worth, for however long it exists, just to see what are options are. Concord wanted to review it. From an overall standpoint, I don't know how long it will exist. It doesn't appear that Orange wants any part of doing it. Delaware County doesn't think it's a viable project and quite honestly it probably is not a viable project but, we will leave no stone unturned.

I would also like to second the work that everybody did on the Christmas in the Village. Halloween and Christmas in the Village is always a very nice small-town feel. It's just little things like this that makes this a really nice place to live for families.

Executive Session

7:14 p.m. It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.21 G1 to consider the appointment of a

public employee and invite in the Mayor, Administrator and Solicitor. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

7:26 p.m. It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Matney to reconvene to the regular session. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Resolution 14-2022 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute a contract with Tebbe Civil Engineering, LLC for Professional Engineering Services for the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio.

First Reading – Resolution 15-2022 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute an LED Street Lighting Agreement with Ohio Edison

First Reading – Ordinance 29-2022 – An Ordinance amending Section 1117.08 (PUD Plan Contents) and Section 1117.10 (Procedure for Approval of PUD) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances.

First Reading – Ordinance 30-2022 – An Ordinance confirming the Mayor’s appointment of Anthony LaRosa as a part-time Police Officer for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by LaRosa to suspend with the second and third readings and declare ordinance 30-2022 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 Thatcher to adopt Ordinance 30-2022 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 Thatcher, seconded by Gates to pay the bills in the amount of \$73,070.93. 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 Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer’s report:

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| General Fund | 520,281.03 | Enfct. and Education | 1,245.85 |
| Street Fund | 420,834.35 | Fire Fund | 70,672.93 |
| State Highway | 32,740.34 | TIF Fund | 92,161.26 |
| PD Body Armor | 2,753.48 | TIF 2 Fund | 28,886.54 |
| Cont. Pro. Training | 2,535.48 | Police District Fund | 51,494.22 |
| Evans Farm JEDD | 41.27 | Veteran’s Memorial | 248.97 |
| Drug Law Enfct. | 534.41 | Sewer Operating | 35,080.62 |
| Indigent Drivers | 385.84 | Sewer Replacement | 12,861.08 |

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| Law Enfct. Trust | 3,259.20 | Storm Sewer Fund | 17,274.74 |
| Am Rescue Plan | 63,418.14 | Debt Service Fund | 87,696.59 |

For a total of \$1,444,406.34.

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

Miscellaneous

Mayor Mathews said this is the last meeting of the year so I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, stay safe, stay healthy, and we will get back to more work in 2023.

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 7:32 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor