

## **Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2019**

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

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

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

### **Minutes**

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Matney to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

### **Solicitor**

Brian Zets said number 14 on your agenda tonight is just opening and recessing the Evans Farms JEDD discussions. I received an email late last Saturday from Rob Platte and said that there were further discussion between the developer and Delaware that needed to happen and said to not act on the legislation, go ahead and open the public hearing and recess it until February. There was a new rezoning for a PUD for Osage Drive received this past week so the process is getting started. Mark left a packet for me to work on the legislation. It will eventually go to Planning and Zoning to work its way through all the process and then eventually come back to Council for rezoning. It's a long way between now and then, there's a lot of things to do but that process officially has started with the submission of that paperwork.

### **Village Administrator**

Craig Thompson gave the following report:

Sanitary Sewer Line Inspection: Work is progressing well. Chris Tebbe will be reviewing the video that is taken as part of the inspection. We anticipate the project to be completed by January 10, 2020.

Glick Road Storm Water Improvements: Awaiting approval of revised plans by the City of Columbus. Will need ROW cleared out prior to construction.

City of Columbus Drainage Easement: Awaiting easement from City of Columbus.

MS4 Storm Water Inspection: Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) will be completed and submitted to Ohio EPA by the end of December 2019.

Russ, Shirley, and I completed our work on budgetary revenue and expenditure recommendations which we made to the Finance Committee at the last meeting.

Just a follow up with what Brian had mentioned on the Osage Woods PUD that was submitted last week. We began our review of it this morning which included Mark, Shirley, Chris Tebbe and myself. Russ is a part of the review also.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Baron gave the following report:

Before we turn our focus onto the legislation portion of this meeting I would like to make a few points. Craig, Shirley, and I have worked on finding solutions for the budget and keep services in-tact, the solution we came to a package solution that would solidify the current level of service provided to our residents across the board.

First, we have agreed that the 5<sup>th</sup> full time police position will be unfilled until Ofc. Moeller returns from deployment in February. Moeller is slated to leave our agency for a position with the Columbus Fire Department in June, when he does leave we will resume operating without the 5<sup>th</sup> full time officer. While we should be able to maintain 24/7 police coverage this will put a severe strain on the department moving forward. I cannot guarantee that there will not be a gap in coverage. Keeping this position vacant for the majority of 2020 will allow for little or no disruption until levy monies are received in 2021.

Second, is placing a 3.5 Mill Police Levy on the ballot this March. This levy will produce \$124,475.00 in revenue; it will cost \$122.50 per \$100k of your homes market value.

Aging equipment such as radios and body worn cameras need to be replaced and there is no money to do so. We are operating a 24/7 police department which entails 4 shifts a day with 2 good working police vehicles, the Charger is hanging in there and assigned to the K9 officer which covers 1 shift 5 days a week. We have 1 unmarked vehicle that is primarily shared between me and the Detective. We have been so busy recently that, I have had to walk to a meeting and our detective had to use his personal car because there were no available cars to use. Our agency is the lowest paying full time agency in Central Ohio. With rising healthcare costs our Officers are forced to choose between health insurance for their family or receive a full paycheck. We have an officer bringing home less than \$200 for an 80 hour pay period after deductions because of healthcare costs. Our turnover rate is extremely high and the rate of pay has been cited every time a full time officer leaves. The patrol officers have had 5 Sergeants in 4 years, their direct supervisor. A small portion of the levy funds will create some stability towards salaries but it will not completely rectify employee retention.

Third, is eliminating Mayors Court; while it is convenient to keep our judicial system in the Village it is not cost effective to do so. In 2019 we spent approx. \$30k to operate Mayors Court, with fine money coming in at \$5,800; this is a \$24k loss. Municipal court costs \$235 per case contested. Speaking with other communities using Municipal Court we expect Municipal Court to cost well under \$10k (which includes overtime for officer court appearances). We will still receive fine monies for citations written under village code, we would lose any fine money written under the Ohio Revised Code. We would like for the contract to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>,

if the contract is approved this evening we will have enough time to coordinate with the Prosecutors Office for this to take effect. This will be paid for using levy funds.

When I was appointed to be the Chief of Police in 2015 I made a promise to this community to ensure that they are protected, that they will feel safe in their homes, and that their children are safe playing outside. I have kept that promise, our staff is phenomenal but we could be better if we could retain officers longer than a year, recently our average retention of full time officers has been less than a year. Our community is incredibly safe, break-ins and thefts happen on all 4 sides of our Village. The reason it doesn't happen here is that we are out and we are visible. We deal with burglaries, thefts, domestics, sex offenses, fights, suicides, child abuse, and everything else on the "crime" list.

Minutes matter, whether someone is breaking into your house or you are having a medical emergency, minutes matter, seconds matter. Our average response time in the village is less than 2 minutes... Other agencies that have had to respond here before we were full time is well over 15 minutes, the fire department has a 6 minute minimum response time (much longer at night)... Minutes that matter when it is you or one of your loved ones.

The police department is hanging on by a thread; these options are the light at the end of the tunnel. We have had our budget cut tremendously; we cannot retain employees due to pay, and losing the 5<sup>th</sup> full time position stretches us very thin... The bottom line is there is nothing left to cut but services, and those services are the ones that show up when minutes matter. A levy to fund part of the police budget will ease the burden of public safety from the Village General Fund, freeing up funds for growth in other areas of the Village such as parks and improvements. By passing the legislation tonight it allows us to meet the deadline to place a levy on the ballot this spring and gives us the opportunity to discuss this openly with the community. At the end of the day the residents will have the final opportunity to have their voice heard at the ballot box.

### **Visitors**

Shelia Hiddleston, Delaware General Health Commissioner said I have a couple of messages for you from Brittany. She wanted to let you know that the Village Wine Bistro is approved to be open. They will no longer be able to do mobiles unless they get a separate license for that and also the Third Base Pint House was approved to be open. She is looking towards, very soon, doing her thirty-day inspections and you can view those reports on line.

Shelia said I also wanted to let you know that we did publish our Accidental Overdose Fatality Report and that is something that we have been working on with the community for the last few years so I am bringing you a report today. This goes through June 2019. It takes about six months for the Coroner's office to actually finalize the cause of death so we are always almost six months in arrears because they have up to six months to finish that. In June we were actually a little bit better than we were last year. We had thirteen deaths from January to June of 2018 and only ten from January to June 2019. We had five men and five women and the average age was 34. The primary race was Caucasian. The place of death, and this is something that gets a little bit confusing, you will hear the Sheriff's Office say a different number than what the Health District and Mental Health and we all agree to and that is because the Sheriff's Office and the Coroner's Office count everyone who dies in our County regardless of their place of residence. The Health District and Mental Health when we look at this, we count everyone who lives in Delaware County regardless of where they died. Most of the drugs that were involved in the fatalities had two or more substances involved. Eight of the ten deaths did have fentanyl in them. I am going to leave this report with you.

I also wanted to let you know that our DKMM (Delaware, Knox, Marion and Morrow) are recycling Christmas lights this year. I really encourage you to not throw them in your trashcan, to recycle them instead.

Shelia said we are always looking for quality improvement and how can we do better and we do have several performance management measures that we track on a regular basis. We now have that available on our website and what is on our website is what we are calling our externally tracked things. The things that we think you, as a community, would care about. You can go to our website, look for the dashboard and it will tell you how quickly we are responding to emergencies, how quickly are we doing permits and some of those kinds of things.

The other thing that is available now, and this is new for this year as well, with our community health improvement plan you can go on to our website and look at each of our priorities and where we are with meeting all of the measures.

She said we are surveying our partners to find out whether us coming to your meetings and whether that interaction is good or not and when we did this the last time we didn't get very much response so we decided we would go back to the old fashioned way and I have a paper copy for each of you and an envelope for the surveys to be returned to me. One of the questions on the survey is do you feel like you understand what health and all policies is and that is really is one of the reasons we come to your meetings is so that we are aware of those things that you are working on and then if there was something you were working on that could impact the health of your residents, how could we work on those things with you.

Mayor Monahan asked if there has been any thought a mobile vehicle for picking up recycling items instead of having to go to the fairgrounds.

Shelia said I think that is an excellent idea and I will check with Jennifer on it.

Bevan Schneck, Public Affairs Coordinator at MORPC said I am here to talk about the regional transportation priorities, specifically our 2020 to 2050 metropolitan transportation plan. MORPC is the Central Ohio Regional Council. We have seventy local governments and members from Cities, Villages, Townships and Counties. Our program and services span from transportation to sustainability, data & mapping, residential services communications and engagement and government affairs. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is something we do every four years. What we do is look twenty to thirty years out at what our regional transportation needs are going to be. The plan sets a framework for what regional transportation investments we are going to make. It is also fiscally constrained. We do revenue forecasts and cost estimates so it is not just a huge wish list. It is something that is actually doable and then at the end of the process we submit a document to USDOT and ODOT for their approval. This applies to what we call a Metropolitan Planning Organization. This is based on census numbers in formalized urbanized areas so for us that includes Franklin County, Delaware County and portions of Union, Fairfield and Licking Counties. We need to do this transportation planning so that we can submit them and eligible for federal funding. Central Ohio is growing. We are now the largest region by population in the State now while other portions of the State are flat growth or negative growth. What we have found through our Insight 2050 initiative is that for the seven county area we know that we will have over six hundred thousand more people by the year 2050 and about three hundred thousand more jobs. We have to prepare for that. We also have to take in peoples changing preferences of which some are: smaller homes, walkability, access to transit and bike

and pedestrian projects and basically they want to be closer to the places they want to go to. They are also greener and want to preserve more park space. We take all that into consideration as we do the plan. The plan has six broad vision statements that are our goals and they kind of drive the process. These plans and goals can be viewed on our website at [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org).

Judy Stephenson, 100 W. Hiawatha Dr. said I have noticed recently that there are a ton of emergency pieces of legislation being passed and I think we all know that that is not the ideal way to do it. I don't know if you need to do more planning ahead or just what the problem is. I know at the last Finance Committee meeting that I attended it seemed to me that not all the members of the Finance Committee were even aware of some legislation that was coming due and that was kind of disturbing, kind of disjointed.

Mayor Monahan said I don't disagree with you and you're pretty much the straight person for what I am going to say in the Mayor's Report about that. That information is distributed to Council to be able to look at in advance. We have worked over the years and I have brought up a come up file numerous times to know when contracts are coming up. There are certain things that have to be an emergency measure.

Mayor Monahan said over the past two and a half years we have lost about \$50,000.00 in income tax revenue and we used to have a carry-over of about one hundred thousand and that has decreased.

### **Communications**

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

**THE GREATER COLUMBUS CAREER FAIR**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

11:00am to 2:00pm

Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington

6500 Doubletree Avenue

Columbus, OH 43229

**MEET FACE TO FACE WITH SOME OF THE BEST EMPLOYERS IN GREATER COLUMBUS ...**

**POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN:** Administrative, Advertising, Banking, Clerical, Customer Service, Financial Services, Grocery, Healthcare, Hospitality, Law Enforcement, Management, Mechanical, Real Estate, Retail, Sales, Warehouse and many others...

For QUICK ENTRY PASS and more information, please go to:

<https://choicecareerfaairs.com/e/columbus-career-fair-december-11-2019>

Thank You and please forward this to your friends...

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

November 2019 Mayor's Court Report

**RECEIPTS**

\$912.00 Total receipts

**Disbursements**

\$197.50 Treasurer, State of Ohio

\$7.50 HB 562 IDAT Fund

\$637.00 General Fund

\$70.00 Computer Fund

Erik Spaulding  
Mayor's Court Clerk

Overall, I am setting a goal that I need your help with, to work toward less emergency legislations in 2020. I recognize a number of these are housekeeping and will happen. I ask that we take steps to lessen these and ask for your help.

Tonight, we will be considering 2 pieces of Legislation that need to be an emergency decision by council. They are cost cutting, with the closing of our Mayor's Court, which has never operated on a profit, it is to lessen the loss. The other Legislation is a revenue increasing issue that will be put before the voters. The vote of Council is to put before the voting residents the question, if they want to retain the current and improved level of Shawnee Hills Police Services.

We have over the past 2 years been cutting costs and working on new avenues for Village revenue:

- JEDD,
- working to get new businesses
- Had the Business's audited to make sure their income taxes were coming to the Village
- Requesting Businesses to audit their employee income taxes to assure they were coming to the Village
- I have requested many times for residents who work at home assure their income taxes are paid to the Village. As I have stated, when I closed my office and moved home, I saved ¾ % income taxes and payed 8 times as much to the Village

We have exhausted areas to cut and to increase income.

Tonight, you will be considering:

**Resolution 27-2019** = This directs The Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute A 1 year Professional Services agreement with The City of Delaware to Provide Municipal Court Prosecution Services.

This will eliminate our Mayor's Court and save a considerable amount of money while giving The Delaware Court a 1-year opportunity to confirm it.

**Resolution 28-2019** = The vote before you tonight is to put on the March ballot an opportunity for our residents to make their own decision if we retain the same and an increased level of Shawnee Hills Police. This has to be dealt with tonight to meet a Dec 18 ballot cutoff.

I am appointing Josh Foy as an alternate on the Architectural Review Board. Unfortunately, Christy Schimmoller will be moving, and will be missed. At that time, I will come back to you with an appointment of Josh again. I need Council's confirmation. It was moved by Mathews,

seconded by Gates to appoint Josh Foy as an alternate to the ABR. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Our Annual Tree lighting was Sunday, Dec 8 at 6 PM in our Memorial Park. It was a great community event and we were honored by the Eli Pinney school students to lead us in the holiday songs. Very much want to thank: The Civic, always a great partner, for supplying the hot chocolate and cookies and Richard Ey and Mark for all of their help! Most of all want to thank all who attended this great Community event!

I want to thank all of you for the work done on behalf of the Village this year. We appreciate the support we have received and wish you and yours the best and safest of Holidays!

I will only, for the second time in over 12 years, miss the next Council meeting on Jan 13. I will give the State of the Village on our Jan 27 Council meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Council member Thatcher said that UST met and Craig covered all that we talked about.

Council member Gates said that Planning and Zoning met on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Bill Schirmer presented us with a request to rezone property to General Commercial that is currently Neighborhood Commercial and Single Family District. The property is just south of Hella's and is currently owned by Bill Biratsis. Bill Schirmer has agreed tentatively to purchase, contingent on the rezoning approval. He is proposing to build a craft brewery and taproom on the property. The craft brewery would be the first of its kind in Shawnee Hills and Dublin. Craft beers are produced on-site and would be primarily sold on-site. He envisions a neighborhood gathering spot that is open, relaxed, having an open-air design with outdoor seating and green space. Planning and Zoning voted to move the rezoning to Council for approval.

Marlena and David Galbreath, owners of the Osage lots and Joe Clase from Plan 4 Land wanted to have another informal discussion as they did in July and update us on the project overview of their proposed development on Osage. This is a development of ten homes. They will be Fee Simple which means they'll own their lots and would be responsible for the outside maintenance. There would be an HOA for landscaping. There has been an agreement that this project will take place within a PUD which is a Planned unit Development and gives more flexibility to both parties. This would be the Village's first PUD. They will be working with Mark going forward with the PUD and for formal application paperwork.

Next, we reviewed a draft ordinance prepared by Brian concerning Certificates of Zoning Compliance. The ordinance would promote timely completion of construction projects. Planning and Zoning vote to move the legislation for approval by Council.

**Legislative Actions**

First Reading- Resolution 27-2019- A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute a professional services agreement with the City of Delaware to provide Municipal Court Prosecution Services and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 27-2019 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote. It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Hanna to adopt Resolution 27-2019 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

First Reading- Resolution 28-2019 – A Resolution to proceed with placing the issue on the ballot for a three and one half (3.50) mill, five (5) year 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 Mathews, seconded by Gates, to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 28-2019 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote. It was moved by Hanna, seconded by Mathews to adopt Resolution 28-2019 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

**Bills**

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Hanna to pay the bills in the amount of \$50,052.10. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Hanna to approve the following treasurer’s report.

General	182,691.54	Mayor’s Court Computer	2,740.14
Street	138,849.96	Fire	41,896.63
State Highway	19,893.65	Weed	4,019.36
Parks and Recreation	0.00	TIF	23,064.03
PD Body Armor	200.38	TIF 2	47,795.57
Cont. Prof. Train.	2,108.53	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.51	Sewer Operating	87,683.45
Indig. Drivers Inter.	385.84	Sewer Replacement	166,759.87
Law Enfct. Trust	3,848.09	Storm Sewer	13,244.66
Enfct. and Education	1,220.85	Debt Service	55,461.00

For a total of \$792,646.93

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Hanna, Mathews, Matney, Stacy and Thatcher. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

**Miscellaneous**

**Adjournment**