

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 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: Administrator Russell Baron and Solicitor Brian Zets

Absent: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski

Minutes

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Agenda

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman 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

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to nominate Rob Thatcher. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea,5; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Abstain, one; Thatcher.

Solicitor

Brian said I worked on the legislation that is on the agenda tonight.

Village Administrator

Russ said the salt spreader is down for repairs. It will be back tomorrow.

I did meet with Mark and Richard for their project wish list for the year. Anything that is broken or projected out. I brought a lot of things to UST that we can plan out things and maybe get a better price on it. Make sure things get done properly and timely.

I will be meeting with Chris on Wednesday. We are going to get the ball rolling on paving.

Mike Eger did start on some drainage repairs on W. Hiawatha. We are trying to fix that without causing more issues downstream. I reported on this before. On W. Hiawatha we have a big problem in front of Judy Stephenson's house, in her front yard. Everything drains to there and then it hits a small pipe and then a ditch that overflows and then it goes to Shoppes of Shawnee.

When they built Shoppes of Shawnee, there's a small pipe that goes right underneath the center of the building, that already floods. If we fix that we are going to flood that plaza, which we can't do, so we have to work with them and the village to get the water around that plaza. Which is a much bigger project than just fixing down here. We can't create issues downstream. This is something Chris and I are working on.

I haven't heard from Maronda. I don't have any pending applications for anything.

Council member Isern asked if there was any word on additional tenants for Shawnee Station.

Russ said no, not that I can announce right now.

Council member Gates said on E. Muskingum, someone around the OSU/Michigan game had decided to put blue painters' tape on the M's on Muskingum on the street signs. Several weeks later it was still there so I took out my trustee step stool and pulled it all off. Since it had been on there so long, it took off some of the reflective coating on the sign.

Visitors

Jean Nolan said I live at 9505 Shawnee Trail, between Pawnee and E. Huron. I walk down the Trail with my dog all the time. I noticed that the lighting used to be motion detected. It wouldn't turn on until you walked under the lights. I didn't check it tonight, but I hope that is still true, rather than having the lights on for 12 hours at night.

Russ said our lights have never been motion detection.

Council member Isern said I walk my dog at night and I have never noticed that.

Jean asked how will they be now with Ohio Edison involved. Will they be brighter? Will they be different colors?

Russ said nothing is changing in the neighborhoods. I have said that at least ten times.

Jean said yes you have, but I noticed also, when I pulled out to come here tonight that the lights on Shawnee Trail kind of have an orange cast.

Russ said we have not touched a single light in the neighborhood nor do we intend to touch any lights in the neighborhood until we are forced to. If we are forced to change the lights, which we will be by 2030, they will be the same color LED. The only lights that we are talking about today, and we have been talking about, are Dublin Road and Glick Road. We have two options. We can add more lights to more adequately light up our sidewalks and our crosswalks or we can make what we have brighter. I think the most economical option and the most environmental option is to brighten the lights instead of adding additional lights and the cost associated with that. The legislation tonight is only for Dublin Road and Glick Road.

Jean said has Ohio Edison been involved in the past in changing out the lights or is it only now because it is LED?

Russ said they have always been Ohio Edison's lights. They are Ohio Edison's lights now. They are Edison's lights on Edison's poles.

Jean said my other concern is open space. I understand the brewery is not coming in right away.

Mayor Mathews said it has been approved. I don't have a start date.

Jean said I just wonder how many restaurants do we have. The whole ambience is changing. It is so much brighter and so much busier because more and more outside people are coming into the community. I think we are losing our sense of community.

Mayor Mathews said we could take up a collection and we could buy those commercial lots but if someone has a commercial lot for sale and someone buys it and puts in a business there's nothing we can do.

Jean asked if there were grants for open space or green space that we can apply for.

Mayor Mathews said I would think that we would need money.

Jean said we have money for other stuff.

Council member Isern said it is quite expensive to buy property.

Mayor Mathews said we actually looked into it.

Council member LaRosa said there is one piece of property that they wanted over four hundred thousand dollars.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said over the holidays, Richard and Mark did a great job plowing. I didn't realize there was a Level 3 snow emergency. I looked at our roads and I went out and I didn't think anything of it.

Committees

Council member Thatcher said UST met before this meeting and Russ covered most of it. We have a great plan for the year and we are actually ahead of a lot of the things and we are working on getting things on the calendar in advance so we are not reacting, we are acting and that has been our goal.

Legislative Actions

Third 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.

It was moved by Zimmerman, Seconded by Isern to adopt Resolution 14-2022.

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

Second 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 1117.10.10 (Procedure for Approval of PUD) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances

First Reading – Ordinance 01-2023 – An Ordinance confirming the Mayor’s appointment of Lansine Coulibaly as a full-time police officer for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Mathews said I swore Lancine in on January 6. The height of our village basketball team has dramatically improved with Lancine coming on board. He comes to us from Grant Medical Center.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by LaRosa to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 01-2023 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 Isern to adopt Ordinance 01-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 01-2023 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to execute another addendum to/extension of its 2017 agreement with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for the collection and delivery for processing or disposal of residential garbage, trash, refuse, yard waste, and recyclable materials and declaring an emergency.

Council member Matney said can you remind me what the rate is changing to and changing from.

The Rumpke representative said it is currently 18.87 and it is changing to 22.61. This matches what Dublin is paying.

Brian said he pays the same rate of 22.61 in New Albany.

Council member Zimmerman said as a reminder, if you are 65 or older Rumpke offers a ten percent discount. You just have to call them to get it.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Matney to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 01-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Zimmerman. seconded by Isern to adopt Resolution 01-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Resolution 02-2023 – A Resolution ratifying the Village Administrators’ and Fiscal Officer’s signature on a professional services agreement with the City of Delaware to provide Municipal Court Prosecution Services in 2023 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Resolution 02-2023 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 LaRosa to adopt Resolution 02-2023 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 Matney, seconded by Gates to approve the bills in the amount of \$53,138.13. 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 Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	561,391.85	Enfct. and Education	1,245.85
Street Fund	422,856.64	Fire Fund	70,672.93
State Highway	33,147.45	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	16,144.42
Evans Farm JEDD	41.27	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	42,246.04
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	8,006.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	18,501.68
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	92,278.78

For a total of \$1,460,725.78.

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

Miscellaneous

Russ said I passed out a sheet that has dates on it of all the council meetings. This is the first year that I have been here as Chief that a council meeting doesn’t fall on a holiday. If anyone wants to add something to this please let me know.

Committees - We should probably pick committees or talk about committees. I recommend that we do Safety quarterly. We should schedule a Records meeting now also.

Mayor Mathews said Rob will put the committees together again. If you are interested in being on a committee please email him.

Mayor Mathews said as you saw in the email from Shirley, we did very well as far as carry over with the RITA tax collection last year. Fiscally, Finance Committee, has done a fantastic job over the last couple of years. Working in conjunction with UST, Russ has gotten started on projects that we need to look at and I would say let’s work ahead throughout the year so we can get them on calendars, out to contractors or if we need to, out to bid.

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 7:28 p.m.