

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

February 28, 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 Isern, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 with the following amendments: on page one change *he* to *the* and on page two change *sad* to *said*.

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

Agenda

It was moved by Thatcher, 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. Motion passed.

Solicitor

Brian said development has picked up so there are things to do. I have been working with Mark and Russ with respect to development.

I mentioned HB 51 at the last meeting, which gives us the ability to attend all public meetings remotely, has been signed by the Governor so it is now in effect. It does expire June 30.

Village Administrator

Russ gave the following report:

The village did receive the development plans for the ten acres at the end of Westview. I do want to clarify that when we put that out in response to the residents asking to be informed and to stay in the loop, we have not spoken with Maronda since December. They sent their wish list which was posted online. Over the coming months we are going to whittle it down and turn it into something that is more in line with our codes and the village's lots. It is a negotiation. What you see on Facebook isn't what we are going to end up with. Please be patient and let the process work out. Constructive criticism is welcome and any information that the residents in the area would like to add is welcome. I am more than happy to listen to them.

Spent a lot of time working on Osage Meadows PUD. Looks like there is still some more to do to straighten some things out. It will probably go back to Planning and Zoning.

Another thing I want to put out there. I am getting a ton of questions. I have zero information on the Bogey. The Bogey is in the City of Dublin. We will probably be next to last to know if something happens with the Bogey, if it sells.

One thing I want to clarify and point out, and I don't typically do this, but the Gazette just published an article and in quotes, the Village sentiment "nothing to see here". That phrase alludes to the fact that we are hiding something, that we are holding something back, we are being less than forthcoming. There is nothing. Shawnee Square, the Bogey, any other questions the residents have asked lately about those lots, we have no proposals, we have no talk of proposals. We do have a meeting next week with the new owner of the land at Shawnee Square to discuss code enforcement violations. That is all I know. As soon as we have something formal we will put it out to the residents.

Storm water – We have gotten a lot of rain recently, coupled with melting snow, the ground is still frozen, there is nowhere for the water to go. There were a couple of sand bags left on the new drainage areas on the north end because the grass had not grown in and those will be removed so that should work better. Straders will be fixing the rest of their drainage hopefully by spring.

I do encourage residents, if they have issues with storm water, to take pictures, contact the office so that if it is something we can fix we will put it on the list to get if fixed at some point. If development is going to happen around those problem areas, that is something we can consider when negotiating with the developers on what we can make better. We also have a partnership with Delaware Soil and Water and if you have an issue that the village can't handle, we can send the owner to them and they can make recommendations to get the problem fixed.

I have been working on a list of paving, hydrants, drainage and other projects expected this summer. I should have everything to UST by the end of the month.

I spoke with Finance and UST regarding a new mower. The mower we purchased a few years ago used is fifteen years old. It has high hours. Both committees saw the quote for a new mower which is included in the reappropriation ordinance today. If it does not get approved tonight, the price will go up significantly.

Spring cleanup – We will be sending notices out for unsightly properties to both commercial and residential properties. There are a few egregious violations that are being addressed. This is a lengthy process. There is a thirty-day notice and then they have to be taken to court. We have had other properties that we have taken to court and they have gotten a small fine and not cleaned up their property. They get another notification and they are back in court. It is not as simple and as clear cut as you might think.

Sewer Taps – We negotiated our sewer years ago with Dublin and initially they were talking about taps. That never came to fruition. Our system is based on capacity. We have 120,000 gallons per day that we can release into Dublin's sewer system. We are currently at 54% capacity on that. At our busiest month we were at 65,000 gallons per day. The flow can be restricted at the pump station so we can choke that down to 30% right now. Currently our pump station is wide

open so there are no restrictions to the flow. Speaking with our Engineer we have plenty of capacity for years to come. We can have significant growth in the village and it will not affect capacity. Something that did stick out that he said was, regardless of the capacity at some point we will connect our last user.

Council member LaRosa said the Bogey is somewhat of an eyesore and the curbing is all broke up. That is all Dublin right?

Russ said yes. We are hoping someone will buy that property and take some pride in it.

Police Chief Report

Chief Baron gave the following report:

Applied for the Body Armor Grant. We have three officers that have expired body armor. The Ohio Attorney General offers a 75% reimbursement.

Hiring – We still have part-time positions open. The full-time officer that was hired at the last meeting replaced an office that left. We did not create another full-time position.

Council member Matney asked Russ if the full-time officer's schedule was based on seniority.

Russ said somewhat. He said all but myself and the Lieutenant work the later shifts and weekends.

The legislation tonight, in regards to fireworks, just updates our current code to reflect changes in State law. Setting off fireworks in the village is not allowed.

We will have fundraiser for Havoc on March 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Third Base Pint House. To date, we have run the K9 program strictly on donations and fund raising. Havoc has been an excellent tool PR wise, enforcement wise, community relations wise and officer safety wise. Priceless.

Ohio Collaborative – We received certification on the two latest releases. Masked Protests and Demonstrations. Our policies and training had to reflect that. We have responded to other areas in regards to that. Agency Wellness, I wrote that standard for the Ohio Collaborative, myself and a State Trooper.

Lexipol – we have been participating in their accreditation for the last two years now. We have maintained a gold status throughout those years.

Visitors

Brittany Zoecklin – Delaware General Health District. Brittany said she wanted to reintroduce herself. She is a registered environmental health specialist with the Health District. I have been your Community Partner but COVID kind of got in the way of our visits. Myself and Health Commissioner Shelia will switch off every quarter to come to your meetings with any updates. She said she really does not have much of an update. They are just starting to get back to their regular duties. I do food, schools, pools, and tattoo inspections specifically for Shawnee Hills. These inspections can all be found online.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said there are constant conversations between myself, the Solicitor, the Engineer and Russ on the different stages of development in the village.

Committees

Council member Matney said that Finance met tonight. We discussed the purchase of the mower which Russ has already covered. We also discussed and support a part-time laborer position for the summer months. There have been a lot of things in the past that have not gotten done, such as mowing, landscaping, tree trimming. This position will be from May 1 to October 1 not to exceed 16 hours per week.

Council member Isern said Planning and Zoning met on February 22 to look at the final development plan presented by Lopriesti for what is now called Osage Meadows. It started out as Osage Woods. There were some things that we saw that needed to be corrected from the preliminary plan to the final plan. There was discussion on a number of issues even including notice to the residents. With the number of issues that were presented they were going to come back and I heard today that they are withdrawing the PUD. Not sure if that is final. We will have to wait to see what happens from here.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading – Ordinance 02-2022 – An Ordinance amending Section 1519.04(B) (Fireworks – Possession, Sale or Discharge Prohibited; Exceptions) of the Village of Shawnee Hills Codified Ordinances.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 02-2022. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Second Reading – Ordinance 05-2022 – An Ordinance to increase the credit card limit for the Chief of Police for the Village of Shawnee Hills

Second Reading – Resolution 02-2022 – A Resolution to increase the rate of pay for Village of Shawnee Hills Administrator Russell Baron and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the third reading and declare Resolution 02-2022 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 Zimmerman to adopt Resolution 02-2022 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 07-2022 - 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, 2022 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 07-2022 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 07-2022 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

First Reading – Ordinance 08-2022 - An Ordinance vacating the unimproved E. Eileen Drive right-of-way.

First Reading – Ordinance 09-2022 – An Ordinance to grant variances to the provisions of the Shawnee Hills Code Section 509.09 to allow applicant, Shawnee Hills Chamber of Commerce, to deviate from time and volume standards for the Music in the Village Summer Concerts

Bills

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to pay the bills in the amount of \$15,118.60. 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 Isern, seconded by Thatcher to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General	186,596.80	Weed	3,157.30
Street	371,463.95	TIF	58,580.57
State Highway	25,071.82	TIF 2	17,366.65
PD Body Armor	810.52	Police District Fund	135,579.61
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Veteran’s Memorial	248.97
Indigent Driver	385.84	Sewer Operating	12,573.00
Law Enfct. Trust	6,840.72	Sewer Replacement	13,211.08
Enfct. and Education	1,245.85	Storm Sewer	10,339.64
Fire Levy	74,992.20	Debt Service	100,267.21
American Rescue Plan	20,127.29		

For a total of \$1,039,393.43

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Miscellaneous

Council member LaRosa asked if there are attachments that can be added to the mower. Russ said not to my knowledge.

Mayor Mathews welcomed Council member LaRosa back.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Matney, seconded by Thatcher to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor