

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

**May 12, 2025**

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 Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of April 28, 2025 with the following amendments: on page 1, change he to the; on page 2, change season to seasonal and change Nobi to Nobin. 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 he attended the Tree City Awards Ceremony in Reynoldsburg last Thursday. We received a growth award for the second year in a row and we received the Tree City award for the fifth year in a row. Fun fact, we were mentioned because we are one of the highest communities with a 42% tree canopy. The Arbor Foundation and Natural Resources uses 40% as the gold standard. I heard Shawnee Hills mentioned more times than any other community in that room in a positive light. America in Bloom gave a presentation and Shawnee Hills Blooms was recognized as well.

The sewer issue on Mohawk should be fixed now. It was a private issue and we were working with the property owner and we got it mitigated.

Still waiting on the concrete for the playground. Ohio Groundskeeping stepped up and they are going to do it for the turf contractor.

Thanks to Blooms, flowers are popping up all over the village. They worked all weekend long. Richard and Ryan were helping them out.

May 19 is chipper day.

We got the report back on Frambes pond. It is not doing too well. It is about 3 foot deep. There is an average of 3-5 foot of sediment in the pond. If we don't take action on that pond in the next couple of years it is going to be a mud pit. We are working on grant funding to get that dredged.

We want to do a hydro excavation dredge instead of machinery. This will be less disturbing to the environment as well as to the neighbors so it is more expensive.

The legislation tonight to amend the ordinance for the seasonal worker, we upped the hours and the pay a little bit. This position is only going to work until mid-August. Kyler LaRosa worked for us a couple of summers ago and did a phenomenal job and wants to work for us this summer.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Baron said Lt. Cullen retired a week ago. We thank him for his years of service. We had a part-time officer resign as well.

The body camera grant has been finalized.

The tournament is coming up in two weeks. The traffic patterns will be the same as years prior. Holly and Zach will keep up on that to make sure updates are pushed out on Facebook.

### **Communication**

Mayor Mathews said he swore in Kayla for her notary.

### **Pro Tem Report**

Pro tem Thatcher said he attended the Immigration Naturalization Ceremony in Dublin the other day. I did the Color Guard as part of the American Legion. It was a really nice event. It was really cool to see all the new U.S. citizens and it was a big turnout.

We also got some people together to clean up the rock on Buckeye Drive. Saw Blooms out there working on the flowers.

### **Legislative Actions**

First Reading – Ordinance 14-2025 – An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 10-2022 and declaring an emergency. It was moved by Zimmerman, Seconded by Isern to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 14-2025 an emergency.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Recusal, LaRosa.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt ordinance 14-2025 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Recusal, LaRosa.

First Reading – Ordinance 15-2025 – An Ordinance to hire Kyler LaRosa as a part-time seasonal maintenance worker for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 15-2025 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Recusal, LaRosa.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 15-2025 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Recusal, LaRosa.

### **Bills**

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to pay the bills in the amount of \$47,554.97. 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 Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	642,275.82	Fire Fund	194,221.61
Street Fund	49,253.77	Weed Fund	648.38
State Hwy.	49,638.14	TIF	102,556.68
PD Body Armor	5,475.83	TIF 2	53,268.70
Cont. Prof. Training	15,537.70	Police Dist. Fund	110,228.13
Evans Farm JEDD	12,315.31	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	93,737.37
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Storm Sewer Fund	36,464.09
Am. Rescue Plan	10,410.14	Enterprise Improv.	23,419.00
Enfct, & Education	1,795.98	Debt Service Fund	130,693.94

For a total of \$1,544,518.09.

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

**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 7:15 p.m.