

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Michael Koren, Justin LaRosa, and Todd Zimmerman

Absent: Robert Thatcher

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 April 27, 2026. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Isern, Koren, and Zimmerman. Abstain, one; LaRosa. Nay, none.

Agenda

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Village Administrator

Russ gave the following report:

AltaFiber – If you have issues in your yard pertaining to AltaFiber please call them directly and also let us know so we can keep track of it. Also, we have a lot of water infiltration into our sewer system. If you notice any wet spots in your yard where your sewer lateral is please let us know.

Code Enforcement – Letters have been sent out regarding yards.

Chipper Day – May 18.

America250 – Agenda is on our website. Two weeks of activities are planned, starting with the village picnic on June 20.

Veterans Memorial – Found an engraver. We are going to invite people from Lucy Depp to add their family members to the memorial.

Arbor Day – We met the standard for Level 2 Arboretum. We qualified for the fifth year for the Tree City Award and the Growth Award.

Police Chief

Chief Baron said thanks for passing the police levy.

He said the surplus carry-over will be used for upcoming projects, for example, the Main Street Plan. We have to contribute a percentage of any grant received for this project.

There will not be any activities at the Bogey Property during the tournament this year.

Communications

Mayor Mathews thanked everyone who came out and voted. He also thanked Officers Meyers and Carskadon for their support at the Zoo and the Glick Road bridge.

Committee Report

Council member Gates said Finance met and we went over the RITA tax collections. We also discussed replacing the cruiser with EV cruisers.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading – Ordinance 10-2026 – An Ordinance creating, establishing and adopting a policy governing the Village of Shawnee Hills Social Media Platforms.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to adopt Ordinance 10-2026.

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

Third Reading – Ordinance 11-2026 - An Ordinance approving the continued operation of the Village of Shawnee Hills DORA.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Koren to adopt Ordinance 11-2026. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Second Reading – Resolution 08-2026 – 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 – Ordinance 13-2026 – An Ordinance confirming the mayor’s appointment of Austin Bauder as a full time Police Officer for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by LaRosa, seconded by Gates to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 13-2026 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Koren to adopt Ordinance 13-2026 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Bills

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to pay the bills in the amount of \$63,555.44. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the following treasurer’s report:

General Fund	594,674.63	Fire Fund	224,054.41
Street Fund	106,243.70	Weed Fund	258.33

State Hwy.	56,905.64	TIF	125,882.58
PD Body Armor	3,561.69	TIF 2	78,925.25
Cont. Prof. Training	15,042.20	Police Dist. Fund	61,156.38
Drug Law Enfct.	534.31	Veteran's Memorial	298.97
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Operating	79,935.72
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Sewer Replacement	7,441.08
Enfct. & Education	1,830.98	Storm Sewer Fund	48,894.27
OneOhio	800.11	Enterprise Improv.	26,569.00
Evans Farm JEDD	3,478.33	Debt Service Fund	140,037.16

For a total of \$1,584,864.56.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to adjourn.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa and Zimmerman.
Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.