

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

**March 10, 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 Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the minutes of February 24, 2025. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

### **Agenda**

It was moved by Isern, 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.

### **Village Administrator**

Russ said he wanted to clarify one thing that is kind of getting spun a little bit. Maybe I wasn't too clear in the Planning and Zoning meeting. The Village does not have any plans to widen Mohawk and Westview in their entirety. There is some intersection work that is going to be done, that needs to be done, to permit a fire truck to turn or a trash truck or a school bus. The Village is not widening the entire street. The 26-foot-wide streets are for new development, so the development itself will have 26-foot-wide streets. There are other intersections in the village that will be widened also.

We have work going on at Frambes Park now that it has warmed up to stabilize the small dam that is in there. We will add an aerator in the pond so the standing water won't be an issue any more and will look much better.

The playground at Monahan Park will be resurfaced this spring.

We are calling the park at the end of Osage, Blooms Park. You should see furniture installed on the concrete pad soon. Once the weather breaks, a local scout will be installing a pollinator garden as an Eagle Scout project.

Met with Dublin and Rise regarding the Bogey site. More to come. I just want to remind everyone this is Dublin's project.

Working with Blooms and the Engineer on some beautification projects at the intersection at Dublin and Glick Road. They will be adding some flowers in planters at the intersection.

Working on getting grants submitted for the Dublin Road project. This is a very large project and it has a very long-time frame. It looks like 2026 is a very ambitious start date for us. We are working on submitting a grant for cross walk upgrades to upgrade the visibility on the street by restriping it. ODOT will not allow multi-colored crosswalks. At Dell's we will upgrade to the high intensity beacons.

Happy to announce that we remained a Tree City for 2024 and received another growth award. We also gained status of being a Level One Arboretum. I want to thank the hard work, in partnership with Shawnee Hills Blooms and our newly formed Tree Committee, the Millers did a lot of work on that and Richard.

Starting Spring Clean Up. Fixing pot holes are one of the things. If you see anything that needs attention please bring it up. We are short a part-timer. Andy resigned his position. We have had it posted since December and we received zero applications. I mentioned to UST would they support turning it into a full-time position and lowering the rate of pay down.

I will be on vacation the week of the next meeting so I will not be here.

Council member Gates said on Next Door they did post an NBC 4 article on Bridges End which was very nice and they did mention Shawnee Station and, unfortunately, said it was in Powell.

### **Visitors**

Carol Kender, Shawnee Hills Chamber of Commerce, said she had a report from the Chamber telling you what we are doing for the village. We had a ribbon cutting at Hydrate Me a couple of weeks ago. A couple of ribbon cuttings are coming up, Ultimate Outdoors and Bridges End. Individual Fitness is expanding into what used to be Experienced Possessions. When they get that all set the Chamber will do a rededication for their business.

We will be joining with the Dublin Chamber for a job fair on April 24 at Dublin Scioto from 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. We will have several tables there and inviting the businesses to come. I want to invite you to our coffee with me and the President. It is the second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Wendy's. There is no obligation, you just show up.

### **Communications**

Mayor Mathews said he attended the ribbon cutting at Hydrate Me. The space is much bigger than I thought it would be. It is quite the operation.

### **Committees**

Council member Thatcher said UST met tonight. We picked a Chair and a Co-Chair. We then moved into discussions on the part-time/full-time employee and then we discussed the sewer rates. We have been falling behind for several years due to Columbus raising their rates annually by 5 to 6 percent and we have not been keeping up with it. As a solely owned and operated sewer system for our village we have to have an EPA mandated funding to be able to fix and repair it. We are falling way behind on that. We have a matrix that we are going to run through Finance

that will fix a lot of that by 2030. After that we should be on the road to self-sustainment. The only real thing that can help us is more density or something else on the big side. As Chris Tebbe likes to say, any money we spend on the sewers is divided by 360 households.

### **Legislative Actions**

Third Reading – Ordinance 03-2025 – An Ordinance creating, establishing, and adopting the Village of Shawnee Hills Main Street Plan.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to adopt Ordinance 03-2025.

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

Third Reading – Ordinance 05-2025 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Village Administrator or his designee, to solicit requests for proposals to perform grant writing services for the Village of Shawnee Hills.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 05-2025. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Third Reading – Resolution 03-2025 – A Resolution to approve the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow Joint Solid Waste Management District's amended Draft Solid Waste Management Plan.

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to adopt Resolution 03-2025.

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

First Reading – Ordinance 06-2025 – An Ordinance to amend the Zoning District Map of the Village of Shawnee Hills, Delaware County, Ohio by rezoning 118 non-conforming lots from the Single-Family district (R-2) to the Planned Unit Development (PUD).

First Reading – Ordinance 07-2025 – An Ordinance authorizing the payment of the invoice received from MAG Tree Care, LLC and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Matney, seconded by Gates to suspend with the second and third readings and declare Ordinance 07-2025 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 Thatcher to adopt Ordinance 07-2025 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 Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to pay the bills in the amount of \$49,666.40. 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 Gates to approve the following treasurer's report;

General Fund	554,629.72	Enfct. and Education	1,795.98
Street Fund	11,568.72	Fire Fund	111,713.59
State Highway	48,521.08	TIF Fund	83,998.76
PD Body Armor	0.00	TIF 2 Fund	44,649.74
Cont. Pro. Training	13,295.80	Police District Fund	89,544.14
Evans Farm JEDD	14,350.56	Veteran's Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	58,132.58
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Storm Sewer Fund	29,979.54
Am Rescue Plan	10,410.14	Debt Service Fund	115,795.34
Weed Fund	648.38	Enterprise Improvement	23,419.00

For a total of \$1,225,030,57.

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

## Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m., it was moved by Matney, seconded by LaRosa to adjourn from the regular meeting pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(3) to conference with the Solicitor, concerning a dispute involving the Village that is subject of imminent court action and invite in the Solicitor and Administrator. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

At 7:54 p.m., it was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Matney to adjourn from executive session and return to the regular session. 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 Matney, 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 7:54 p.m.