

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

**June 26, 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: 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 June 12, 2023 with the following amendment. Change Bud Light Entertainment to Buckeye Entertainment.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Gates, Isern, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Abstain, two; LaRosa and Matney.

### **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.

### **Solicitor**

Brian said he had nothing to report.

### **Village Administrator**

Russ said the park is moving along. It will be graded this week and the fencing will be removed. Paving went to UST today. It was also discussed briefly in Finance. This will be the year to fix some of the stub roads and hopefully not looking back for a while. A significant amount of paving in the Shawnee Trail area. There are some potholes and some side repairs that we have to do.

Mark has been working on numerous zoning issues with Brian.

Bridges End Brewery submitted their plans to our engineer and they received their mark ups back.

Kudos to Richard and Andy, the village looks great. They have been doing a lot watering and working hard every single day.

Council member Isern asked if the orange barricades on Osage are permanent or is something else going in there.

Russ said with the paving project, the apron will be removed and curbing will be put in. Grass will be put back in and a sidewalk. He said the road has deteriorated and some of it is from a nearby property owner doing work without having approval, to a point where it would cost us tens of thousands of dollars to bring it up to passable. It is a road that we had earmarked for closure a while ago.

Council member Zimmerman said isn't there a school bus that uses that road.

Russ said we have already talked to them.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Baron gave a staffing update. Aaron Patterson was appointed a couple of weeks ago and there is legislation on the agenda tonight for him.

With the couple of new hires that we have, I did apply for the body armor grant again.

There were no issues during the tournament. The sidewalks were used.

Walgreens has become, with the teenagers out of school and on their bicycles, Walgreens has become their magnet. We are there every day, sometimes three times a day. Parents please talk to your children about being respectful. The kids are riding their bikes inside Walgreens and knocking items off the shelf.

### **Communications**

Mayor Mathews said I swore in Aaron Patterson two weeks ago. Mary and I met with the riverfront residents again today. Still game planning on what help we can get from the county level, City of Columbus, or something, to do with the watershed. We sent a letter to several politicians and office holders.

### **Committee Reports**

Council member Thatcher said UST met tonight. We discussed the paving project and approved it to move forward.

Council member Gates said Finance met for the first time in several months. Shirley printed out the RITA numbers and as of June we are twenty thousand below last year's numbers at this time. Collections vary month to month so we won't know until December where we are with those numbers. Most of the monies that we have used this year so far has come out of the TIF Fund so we still have about a \$400,000.00 carryover and we had to reappropriate some more money because the audit is costing five thousand more than anticipated. Paving has been budgeted at \$330,000.00 and it looks like our paving at this point looks like it will be half of that.

### **Legislative Actions**

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Isern to remove Ordinance 12-2023 from the table. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Second Reading – Ordinance 12-2023 – An Ordinance authorizing the payment of the invoice received from EQ 6058 Glick, LLC Company and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to waive the third reading and declare Ordinance 12-2023 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 Matney to adopt Ordinance 12-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Third Reading – Ordinance 16-2023 – 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 31-2023.

Shirley said that she had made some changes and asked for this to be amended by substitution. It was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to amend Ordinance 17-2023 by substitution. 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 Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 16-2023 as amended. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Third Reading – Ordinance 17-2023 – An Ordinance repealing Sections 1113.07(B)(2)(F), 1113.08(B)(2)(E), and 1113.09(B)(2)(G), thereby removing apartments from the list of conditional uses in the Neighborhood Commercial, Community Commercial, and General Commercial Districts.

It was moved by Thatcher, seconded by Zimmerman to adopt Ordinance 17-2023. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Second Reading – Ordinance 20-2023 – 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 and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Isern, seconded by Zimmerman to suspend with the third reading and declare Ordinance 20-2023 an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by LaRosa to adopt Ordinance 20-2023 as an emergency. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Second Reading – Ordinance 21-2023 – An Ordinance amending Section 1313.05 (A) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Shawnee Hills (Weeds and Litter on Private Property).

Second Reading – Resolution 09-2023 – A Resolution setting the Village of Shawnee Hills Trick-or- Treat to coincide with MORPC’s formulation.

First Reading – Ordinance 22-2023 – An Ordinance confirming the Mayor’s appointment of Aaron Patterson as a full-time Police Officer for the Village of Shawnee Hills and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Thatcher to suspend with the third reading and declare Ordinance 22-2023 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 Thatcher to adopt Ordinance 22-2023 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 Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,333.90. 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	434,403.90	Enfct. and Education	1,245.85
Street Fund	345,506.72	Fire Fund	85,482.63
State Highway	35,768.32	TIF Fund	68,386.69
PD Body Armor	2,019.24	TIF 2 Fund	43,927.68
Cont. Pro. Training	2,535.48	Police District Fund	239,355.11
Evans Farm JEDD	89.41	Veteran’s Memorial	298.97
Drug Law Enfct.	534.41	Sewer Operating	39,825.38
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Replacement	7,506.08
Law Enfct. Trust	3,259.20	Storm Sewer Fund	21,582.09
Am Rescue Plan	63,418.14	Debt Service Fund	135,178.02

For a total of \$1,530,709.16.

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

**Miscellaneous**

Council member Isern said she attended a JEDD meeting this month. There is still some confusion over whether residences can be taxed, for income tax, as well as businesses within the JEDD District. The Vice Chair of the Board is going to put a letter, with some facts and figures in it, addressed to the parties to the agreement to see if they would be willing to amend the agreement to exclude residential properties. We haven’t seen that yet. They are going to look into insurance for the Board and a bond for the treasurer.

Mayor Mathews said my understanding is the whole thing was commercial anyways. The fact that this is coming up about residential is no surprise to me and I have no problem with it.

Council member Isern said when RITA read the contract they said residential should be included.

Council member LaRosa said he talked to a couple of people who are disappointed in the MORPC legislation for Halloween. They liked having it on a weekend. I did bring up that we had a lot of people come from outside the village. They said they didn’t run out of candy. It was good.

Mayor Mathews said I can tell you this is a hotly contested topic. It was the last time too.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Gates, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, LaRosa, Matney, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.