

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2014

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

Council in Attendance: Charlie Callender, James Gauldin, Dan Mathews, Mike McVan and Josh Vidor

Absent: Mahesh Dalvi

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski, Administrator Ed Swanson and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Callender, seconded by McVan to approve the minutes from November 10, 2014. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4; Callender, Mathews, McVan and Vidor. Nay, none. Abstain, one; Gauldin. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Agenda

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Callender to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Callender, Gauldin, Mathews, McVan and Vidor. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Solicitor

Brian said that he just had three things on his report tonight. The first one, I worked with the Chief and Lt. Baron on a case that came out of the Ohio Supreme Court on November 4th, State v. Hoffman which completely changed the landscape for the way criminal complaints and warrants are written and issued. The Supreme Court determined that the Toledo Municipal Court was not properly determining whether probable cause was a factor when they were issuing warrants. They basically found their practice shockingly disturbing, or something to that affect. Brian said as of the fourth police agencies all around Ohio have been scrambling to figure out what they are doing with existing warrants as are clerk of courts all over Ohio so it is really taking the legal and police system and turned them on its head for the month.

He worked with Mark and Ed on a couple of miscellaneous zoning related issues and he also wanted to let Council know that he talked with the Director of Real Estate for Wendy's and there was an issue that Wendy's had with the owner of the shopping Center. Wendy's was trying to pave the lot themselves, at least a portion of the driveway and they were having communication troubles and they thought they were going to need the police there because of issues they may have with the owner of the shopping center. Brian said he does not think there were any issues as he did not hear anything.

Village Administrator

Ed said he spoke with Dean Sanders, Dublin engineer in charge of the intersection, and he said that tomorrow or Wednesday, weather cooperating, the striping will be done and the left turn lights will be operating. The paint they are going to put down is not their normal paint because of the weather and they will be back in the spring to put something else down. Sidewalks should be done by the end of the year. Our three street lights will be put back up and also the benches will be reinstalled.

The salt spreader is back from the shop. We are going to look at a different salt spreader for next year. We will be getting our salt from Dublin and it is \$72.00 a ton. Last year we paid about \$45.00 a ton. We can also get salt from the County if we absolutely have to.

Jim Danes and I will be meeting with Jenna Jackson next Wednesday to discuss a grant for an ADA compliant bathroom over at the Memorial Park/playground.

Police Chief Report

Chief LeFever said all of our paid officers attended a Domestic Violence update class. Kelli Lady from Brian Zets office attended as well since Brian handles our domestic violence cases as they go up to the County. They are not heard in Mayor's Court.

He said that one of the officers completed his Background Investigator's School so we now have four certified background investigators here.

He said that last week he attended ICS 300 and 400. That is the Incident Command course and we dealt with various issues, we specifically spoke about the O'Shaughnessy Dam Reservoir and catastrophic failures, ways to design emergency operations plans. Basically most of it is stuff I have done at FEMA but this is a little more geared to Ohio so we had representatives from the Ohio Fusion Center and Ohio Homeland Security and we were able to work with these people hand in hand all week on situations that may occur in our jurisdiction.

Chief LeFever said today we received the second model of body camera that we will be testing. I believe I have the majority of the policy and procedure for the testing and evaluation phase written. I am going to submit that to Brian so be expecting to see that this week. Just to do a quick review on it. We now have three models that we are testing, two of those we have on hand right now and the other ones will be shipped as soon as they are made.

He said that some of the other things they have looked at in the past is increasing our communications with the public. One of the things we noticed a few weeks ago when we had a power outage was the Shawnee Hills Villagers facebook page, which is not per say sanctioned by Shawnee Hills, but by residents of Shawnee Hills, we found that updating people about these outages and generators and who had power or not, the buzz happened pretty quick on there and we monitor that all the time. One of the things we noticed was this might be a good platform for us to communicate because many people don't have power but they have their cell phones and facebook and things like that. A meeting he had at the end of last year, Sheriff Martin of Delaware County said their agency uses facebook to communicate with the community. With that being said we started up a Shawnee Hills Police Department facebook page. We will put that out in the next newsletter and we are also looking at NIXEL, but that goes by zip code and that is what is holding us up since we share a zip code with Powell.

Chief LeFever said that Officer Justin Sexton left a couple of weeks ago to go to Columbus Police Department full time. Kathleen Antalocy who has been with us for several years is resigning and going full time at Westerville December 1st and Nathan Fenton is going to Columbus full time on December first and Mathew Williams is leaving for Dublin full time on December first.

He said the Delaware Drug Free meeting was held this past week and the Drug Free Delaware is who sponsors the prescription drop box program and grant funding was awarded to give us five more years of funding for our program. Last month I believe we took in almost forty pounds of prescription medication just at our office.

We had representatives at the Drive Sober Holiday kickoff event.

We also attended the Delaware County Law Enforcement Executive meeting where we review all the county wide policies and our memorandum of understandings with other agencies.

He said they had their grant audit today and we did get a total of \$19,600.00 for the radio grants and were able to purchase six radios this year.

Visitors

Mayor Monahan said in his Mayor's Report he is going to make an appointment of Doug Gil to the ABR and he would like to ask Doug to come up and talk to us.

Douglas Gil said he has lived in the village for ten years and he is happy to live here and happy to help the council and when the Mayor asked him if he wanted to be on ABR he said yes.

Communications

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

I received something from a gentleman that used to own a grocery store here in the village that was shipped to him in Florida and I am going to kind of read into this and I sent an email to Mike Canon, the Mayor or Dublin as well as Sandra who is the community relations director.

Thanks Mike and Sandra, we are very proud of the partnership it has taken to get to where we are with Dublin, Delaware County, ODOT and Shawnee Hills working together. The Dublin Engineering team has been great to work with.

I am asking if Sandra could write a response that you ask to be in the Muirfield Civic Association addressing the issues.

We will finally have left hand turn lanes, denying Shawnee Hills the revenue generated by ticketing drivers who went around left turning cars on the right berm. = *Passing on the inside is illegal* = from Chief LeFever = Sir, just for your information in case you feel like passing it along, only in extreme cases (such as accidents, etc.) Do we ticket at that intersection for going around cars turning left. Although I would love to do that it is been our experience that doing so holds up traffic even more. So I would agree with you that the writer does not know what they're talking about.

It will not be ideal – a roundabout would have been the best answer, but prior construction allowed by Shawnee Hills negated that possibility.= I don't believe it would take a traffic engineer to realize the geography at the intersection along with the less than ideal view to the left

would have prohibited the implementation of an adequate round about. I believe that was our mutually agreed to solution to implement left hand turn lanes and stack lanes.

The construction will bring us a long-awaited improvement, one which took great leadership from Dublin, which has the responsibility of a quarter of the intersection = Unless something has changed I believe the land in the Intersection is half Dublin and half Shawnee Hills with a state route running through it.

Applause goes to City Engineer, Paul Hammersmith, who has long and effectively worked to make this possible.”= Paul’s team has been great to work with but I believe Dublin pointing out that this cooperative effort with Dublin, Delaware County, ODOT and Shawnee Hills working together is a great example of what can be accomplished when people do the right things for their residents.

Mike and Sandra thanks and if that article can be published in their next newspaper it would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks

Pat

I received responses from both Dublin Mayor Mike Keenan and from Sandra. City Manager Marsha Grigsby is writing a column for the Dublin paper (I believe the Villager) talking about the effort and cooperation between all parties involved. They were apologetic for the actions of those who wrote the ignorant, uninformed article (my words) in the Muirfield Civic Association Newsletter.

In the Mayor’s Report I will be appointing Doug Gill to the ABR for a three year term starting 1-1-15. Doug will be replacing Chris Anderson who will resign due to work and personal conflicts. I want to thank Chris for all of his help to the Village and thanks Doug for his willingness to serve our community

Doug’s BIO

Professional:

Doug Gil is an IT Specialist who has worked in the Columbus Metropolitan area for the last 10 years. He first moved to Shawnee Hills from Greater New York area in 2003. He is a graduate from Stony Brook University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems. Currently, Douglas is busy keeping up with the fast-paced business environment of information technology and raising two children.

Personal Biography:

Doug is loving husband of 21 years and a father of two. He has been actively involved with the Shawnee Hills community for several years as a way to spend more time with his children and teach them the importance of giving back to their community. He has led Boy Scout troops, coached youth sports teams, is member of Rotary International, and holds a leadership positions in his church. In his spare time he enjoys traveling, camping, and hiking. Doug is eager to further serve Shawnee Hills and continue to make it an even better place to live by bringing his diverse experience to the Architectural Board of Review.

Join us for the opening and illumination
of Emerald Parkway
Monday, December 1
5 - 6:30 p.m.

Music | Entertainment | Street Performers | Free Food | Giveaways
5:45 p.m.
Opening Ceremony and the Illumination of Emerald Parkway.
Fun with your Family. Excitement with your Employees.
Thrill to be among the first to drive the new Emerald Parkway.

Event Venue:
New Emerald Parkway between Riverside Drive and Hard Road

Be comfortable. Dress warm.

Let me know if you intend to attend and I will RSVP to Dublin.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

The intersection is getting close to being completed. We knew this would be a tough project but I believe all have done a great job and expect the work alongside the intersection will only make it better. This has been an example of how people working together can get allot done. I want to thanks Dublin, Delaware County, ODOT, our Police and Ed and Mark for all their efforts to make this a reality. I have asked that we have 4 signs made up and posted thanking people for their patience and support.

Thanks to all officer's that are leaving us for their great service to the village.

Please remember that the Appreciation dinner is at El Vaquero on Sat Dec 6th from 6 to 9 PM. A cash bar is available

Please remind everyone that the Holiday tree lighting is on Sunday Dec 7th at 6 PM at the Memorial park tree. This will follow the Christmas in the Village from Noon to 4 PM that day.

I want to appoint Doug Gill to fill the spot on the Architectural Board of Reviews replacing Chris Anderson who is resigning the end of this year. I want to thank Chris for his service to the Village and thank Doug for being willing to serve on the ABR. Doug's appoint is a 3 year appointment starting 1-1-15.

Shirley and I have the Oct 31st RITA top 25 Report if you would like to talk about it. According to the report at that time we were \$116,529.83 ahead of 2013.
I do want to remind anyone that if people work from home we need their income tax paid to the Village.

I asked Shirley to request a business Audit from RITA to assure we are getting the income tax we have coming to us. On Friday 11-21 we received the below information from Lori at RITA:
Mayor Monahan

Thank you for inquiring and for your thoughts on this. At this time, our business team was able to complete the analytical related work on this list of accounts. The details of our findings have been sent to Shirley for review.

In summary, we found that 14 of the 29 accounts currently are compliant in withholding and net profit. Eight companies on the list either have no account set up in RITA or had no information available after researching it. If there is any additional information that the village can provide on these eight please let us know. Meanwhile we will continue our efforts to educate these businesses and work with them in order to bring them into compliance.

Thank you for your help with Lexington and your continued support.

Happy Thanksgiving-

Lori

Shirley will be working with Lori at RITA to rectify this. I want us to request the taxes that are due to the Village.

Committee Reports

Council member McVan said that Safety met and resident Jim Jenkins voiced his concerns over the speed limits and the over usage of signage in the village which we are considering and discussing and Chief LeFever talked about the replacement and the cycle of the cruiser and the possibility of replacing it here soon and that is something to be forwarded to the Finance committee.

Mayor Monahan said we also discussed the recording device for traffic also. It kind of always gets down to if you raise the speed limit then people would do more and we recognize that where unposted it's 25 no matter what you do but there's always the fear of that and the flip side in the discussion is if we had something that would record and show us where the speed areas are it would help us narrow this down. More discussion to come on this.

Council member Gauldin said that Finance met and we reviewed the RITA information and are absolutely for the investigation to make sure that everybody is aware of their liability here.

We also talked about a piece of equipment in the police department that will somehow have to get taken care of and the Chief is going to look into some more detail on that.

The other large item for the police department was the fact that we have a cruiser, number 55, which is at a point in its usefulness in its life. It is probably a good time to look at getting rid of that and getting a replacement vehicle. We discussed this for some time in the meeting and ultimately Finance is recommending purchasing a new patrol car.

Mayor Monahan said they are now offering a ten year, one hundred thousand mile warranty that we discussed in Safety also. On the RITA stuff, we inform all the businesses by newsletter and by talking to them and Lori sent something back today saying they would be working on this during December. I expect any money we have coming to us to come to us so we will see how that plays out.

Council member Callender said he has a question and a concern. Have we voted on or in the past meetings our next year's budget? Shirley said yes, at the last meeting. Council member Callender asked if the cost of the new cruiser was in that budget. Shirley said no, Finance Committee just recommended this purchase and council will have to pass legislation to purchase the cruiser. Council member Callender said his concern is are we going to have the money for that. Council member Gauldin said it is a concern for us as well and what we are trying to decide though is if we would be better served trying to make that happen now or taking a chance on a 2008 Dodge Charger and the cost of repairs in the future and trying to balance that out. Council member Callender said we might have to reevaluate, in my opinion, some money allocated to certain areas and maybe put towards this. Council member Gauldin said the plus side of this, if we can make this happen, this would actually start to put us into that rollover scenario of being able to have these pieces of equipment in better condition so that when we sell them on the used market we can actually get something decent in return. Council member Callender said don't get me wrong, I am all in favor of doing it if we have the money and if we have to pull money from someplace else that isn't that important to do it.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading- Resolution 20-2014- A Resolution authorizing the Administrator and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District for certain public information and participation programs/services required under the Village Storm Water Management Plan

Bills

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Callender to approve the bills in the amount of \$109,324.13. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Callender, Gauldin, Mathews, McVan and Vidor. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by McVan, seconded by Gauldin to approve the following treasurer's report: General Fund 214,197.79, Street Fund 18,060.34, State Highway Fund 8,008.30, Drug Law Enforcement Fund 717.00, Indigent Drivers Interlock Fund 385.84, Enforcement and Education Fund 2,010.00, Mayor's Court Computer Fund 8,789.11, Fire Fund 71,758.44, Weed Fund 7,891.12, TIF Fund 2,050.47, TIF 2 Fund 1,743.36, Veteran's Memorial Fund 98.97, Capital Projects Building Fund 90,065.76, Capital Projects 9484 Dublin Rd. Fund 5,770.25, Sewer Operating Fund 64,688.38, Enterprise Debt Service Fund 154,963.24 and Enterprise Debt Service Reserve Fund 99,573.82 for a total of \$879,883.86. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Callender, Gauldin, Mathews, McVan and Vidor. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Callender, seconded by McVan to adjourn until December 8, 2014. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Callender, Gauldin, Mathews, McVan and Vidor. Nay, none. Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor