

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2017

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

Council in Attendance: James Gauldin, Douglas Gil, Dan Mathews, Mike McVan and Josh Vidor

Absent: Mahesh Dalvi

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski, Administrator Steve DeBolt and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Mathews, seconded by Gil to approve the minutes from March 27, 2017. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 3; Gauldin, Gil and Mathews. Nay, none. Abstain, two, McVan and Vidor. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Agenda

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

Visitors

Special Guests Milt Link and Dona Rhea from the Delaware Soil and Water Conversation District were present to discuss with Council what they can offer the village. Dona said she works at the Delaware Soil and Water office as their outreach educator and Milt works as the drainage coordinator. She said they came tonight because they have had some staffing transitions at their office and there have been changes in council here and every year for numerous years we have had a working agreement with you guys to do public participation, public outreach and education and also some natural resources and drainage maintenance programs for our NPDES agreement and we want to make sure you guys knew what our district did, what we were, when you need to call us. One of the things, when we met with Chris, what that annual NPDES report showed is we are really lacking on our education and outreach sections of that. That is absolutely my job. My goal is to reach roughly ten percent of the population every year. That way in a five year permit term we are reaching fifty percent of the population in five years. A lot of times I don't know about your events, when I could come down, do family activities, set up displays. So we will leave my contact and Milt's contact as well so you can reach us when you need to. Dona brought copies of workshops they have held in the past and she said that every year they like to do a different theme rather than just pushing reduction. Every year they do a different tri-fold brochure to fit that theme. She said if the village ever gets a question on the same theme over and over again give us a call and we can do a workshop on that. If you have a lot of wildlife nuisance

phone calls or questions about different water, call us, we are willing to come down and do a workshop on it.

Mayor Monahan said what about restoring the drainage, where people that have filled in their drainage. People have a tendency not to want to cut a drainage ditch so they go ahead and fill it in, creating the problem that we have water running down the street.

Dona said we heard about that when we met the other day. We also talked at the meeting that we will have a drainage and information session this summer. Dona said she can come to our family picnic this fall and bring family activities that engage with water pollution as well.

Mayor Monahan said the Police host a safety day annually as well and that would be a good time to reach people also.

Dona said we have a stack of tri-fold brochures on Homeowners Guide to Reducing Stormwater Pollution. If you want some I can get these to you. She said she also included a district brochure that tells all the services that our district does, from GIS work, drainage maintenance work, conservation planning to outreach and education and lastly Council is getting a copy of drainage around your home. Milt will be talking to you about that and lastly some upcoming workshops that you can tell your residents about as well. If you want some moved down into this area we are more than happy to do that as well.

Bella Awad asked if they had ever run into, where there is a lot of home building, maybe they are putting a foundation on unstable land or you see a major housing boom that can cause any issues.

Milt said any time you have a housing boom there is an issue. Basically it goes from crisis and then drops back off. You have two houses going in right here with bare ground. You have downspouts that are dispersing on bare ground. Once grass is in then the amount of runoff cuts back.

Milt said he receives several phone calls a day about drainage around your home and he passes a lot of those brochures out in the spring. He said they give advice to the homeowners within the district. They do not do the actual work to fix any problems, just give the advice. There is no charge for their service.

Solicitor

Brian said he worked with Mark and Steve on a variance on a deck. I pulled out my 2012 file on the sign code and maybe we will kick start that program somewhat. I worked on miscellaneous odds and ends and worked a little bit with Steve tonight on the community garden issue.

Village Administrator

Steve DeBolt gave the following report:

I am happy to report that we complied and got our report in on time this year. Thanks to Chris and Shirley for helping out and getting this in on time as I was out of town on a family issue.

Just a reminder to return your survey on stormwater issues that you received in the newsletter. We are moving forward with the restroom in the park. The game plan is to get it done before the Music in the Park series starts. We are going to be using a local contractor and the price is \$19,000.00. This is cheaper than what it could be but more than what we expected but he is committed to getting it done for that amount. To offset the price I got Ohio Edison to give us a \$2,500.00 grant and I tried to get Columbia Gas to waive the moving of the gas line for \$1,200.00. They can't do that but they will give us \$500.00 for park improvements that we can roll into that.

We are trying to get the bids out at the same time for the waterline project and the street paving project.

The resurfacing of the bridge on Glick Road will be between June 5th and July 14th. It will be closed for three weeks during this time frame. We will let everyone know the exact dates when we know.

As far as economic development, we are continuing to work on that. There is a dentist that we have been talking to for a while now and I will probably be making a proposal at the next finance meeting for an incentive program for them.

Mark and I will be meeting with reps from Ohio Edison in regards to the tree trimming program that they do every few years.

I have also scheduled a meeting with representatives of Sourcepoint for April 27 to discuss Senior Services that are available to Village residents through their organization.

Mayor Monahan said we had a number of issues last time when they trimmed the trees.

Communications

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

THE GREATER COLUMBUS CAREER FAIR

Thursday, April 13, 2017

11:00am to 2:00pm

Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington

6500 Doubletree Avenue

Columbus, OH 43229

MEET FACE TO FACE WITH SOME OF THE BEST EMPLOYERS IN GREATER COLUMBUS ...

POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN: Administrative, Advertising, Clerical, Customer Service, Financial Services, Grocery, Hospitality, Management, Retail, Sales, Warehouse and many others...

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SENIOR APPLIANCE PICKUP SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

DELAWARE, Oh. – The Senior Appliance Pickup service is again available to older adults looking to rid themselves of any old appliances, televisions and computer equipment. Appliances will be collected through the end of May and will start again in September until funding is depleted.

This marks the 13th year for this Delaware General Health District Keep Delaware County Beautiful program, which is funded by SourcePoint. The service is free and available to all Delaware County adults age 55 and older.

The pickup service was developed to prevent injuries that could be sustained from lifting or falling while trying to move appliances or computer components. The Health District contracts with a moving company to pick up large, bulky or heavy items from a resident's home and deliver them to Friction Metals. This service also allows for many of the materials to be recycled rather than go directly to a landfill. There is a limit of two televisions per household.

In 2016, this services allowed for 95 senior households to have 108 appliances and 87 televisions picked up.

For more information, contact Keep Delaware County Beautiful coordinator Jenifer Way-Young at 740-203-2076.

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Chipper Day is Monday May 1st = un-bagged yard waste to the curb in a pile no larger than a mid-sized car.

Dumpster Day is Sat Apr 29th and the dumpsters will be behind the Municipal bldg.

Dumpster Day – Bring this along to allow you to dump nontoxic, non-electronics waste and no tires. You must present this slip. Only residents may dump – thanks!

This Sat is the Civic Easter Egg Hunt and a great event!

Mayor's Report

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

MARCH 2017 MAYOR'S COURT REPORT

RECEIPTS

\$3,934.00 Total receipts

Disbursements

\$ 940.00 Treasurer, State of Ohio

\$36.00 HB 562 IDAT Fund

\$2,708.00 General Fund

\$250.00 Computer Fund

Erik Spaulding

Mayor's Court Clerk

This past Saturday's coffee was a nice event and a chance for neighbors to meet. Thanks Bella and thanks to whoever arranged the weather!!

To clarify a statement made in the April Fool's Day Gazette:

In the picture of the Sewer project mtg. I am in the next to back row (since it was a "stock picture").

At any of the mtgs. that I attended at the Safari Golf Club I did sit in that same back corner of the room! Since The article in the Legislative Review stated "Several of us who were at that meeting remember Mayor Jerry O'Shaughnessy, say that as more houses were added to Shawnee Hills, this protracted amount would go down." This was in reference to the sewer bill. In the article, there was an omission of my statement = I never remember the reduction statement being made. I did contact John Piccin who was a big part of the sewer project committee and Rob Shoaf who ended up being the Engineering Project manager. Neither John nor Rob remembered that statement being made. In fairness, Tim Fellure, who was very good at finance, handled that part of the project.

I took over from Jerry twice and in neither case, did Jerry state that!

Whether or not Jerry stated that in his tenure was a bit of a moot point. During Mayor O'Shaughnessy tenure, many good things happened in the Village. 131 of the 162 homes (over 80.8%) were built since 2000 to the end of 2007. **One thing that was not done well was finances.** If promises were made there was no financial backing. When I assumed office on 1-1-08 we were in bad financial shape and owed the then Village Legal firm nearly \$35,000.

One other statement that was obviously missed after the comment in the Gazette = The minutes of that November meeting reflect that the village office "received numerous calls from residents,

but that the administration did not want to deal with it so it went nowhere.” was (from the 2-9-17 Council minutes = The collective decision was to attempt to refinance the sewer loan while obtaining the Municipal building and sidewalk loan at the end of 2012. And we were denied the ability to refinance the sewer loan at that time.

Carol, I understand that since you have stated that you hadn't attended any Village mtgs. between 2001 and 2015 that you wouldn't know what conversations were held about that. I did check public records to verify that you were in the Village during that timeframe and in checking Delaware County website court cases do see Nov of 2012, June of 2014 and March of 2015 as proof of your residence on W Mohawk.

After sound, financial work and a number of reviews of our ability to lower the sewer rate Council paid down \$154,000.00 on the sewer loan and causing a saving of \$274,000.00 to the Village over the life of the loan. With that action, Council approved the reduction of the sewer bill to all of our residents beginning this past January.

I truly don't understand why you feel those disparaging comments about the Village are necessary but would suggest that good people working together has worked well in the Village and I will tell you I don't know what the end game is but I don't know of many places that with the good work of people working together, lowering of the sewer bill by about \$4.70 a month and the garbage bill by about \$9.00 a month I don't know many places where that is happening. I would just like to air that out there.

Bella Awad said, Mayor, you said it was irrelevant but yet you are spending a few minutes on it and bringing up court cases to prove that she was living here. That's not disparaging.

Mayor Monahan said no, it was questioned whether I lived in the village at the time and I was just looking to see any evidence that Carol lived in the village.

Bella said she had a business. You knew that she lived there. You wanted to bring that up on record.

Mayor Monahan said and she knew that I lived here.

Bella said that was the first year that you moved here. In 2014 it was obvious that everyone knew that Carol lived here.

Mayor Monahan said but if you didn't go to meetings, this was talked about so many times on lowering the sewer bills.

Bella said I just don't understand why you continue to nitpick with the Village Gazette. Can I ask you why?

Mayor Monahan said I want to know what your bottom line is. Why do you always make statements like the one that said that this was brought up to administration and nobody chose to do anything about it.

Bella said can I ask a fellow resident what the bottom line is when you read the Village Gazette. Gauldin.

Council member Gauldin - excuse me.

Bella - excuse me, Mr. Gauldin, what is the purpose of the Village Gazette that you've read so far?

Council member Gauldin said well whoever writes it puts it out there and lets their voice be heard.

Bella said exactly, are we allowed to do that?

Council member Gauldin said yeah, I'm pretty sure you are.

Bella – Mr. Solicitor legally are we allowed to do that.

Brian said I am not your attorney; I am not weighing in on this.

Bella – well you kind of are, aren't you.

Brian said no.

Council member Mathews said do you think it's morally right to put false facts out there.

Bella said it's not a false fact. What's a false fact? Everything he said was verifiable. You are trying to turn opinions into facts, that's absurd.

Mayor Monahan said let me ask you this. The meetings should reflect that the village received numerous calls from residents but the administration did not want to deal with it so it went nowhere. Is that not a disparaging comment? We dealt with it.

Carol Kender said it is a direct quote from the minutes at that meeting.

Bella said we will send it to you and to the fellow residents.

Mayor Monahan said how about working together and quit taking shots.

Carol Kender said I will tell you one comment I got off of that which you guys can try to deal with. This woman said okay I understand that but if you people that have lived here since 2001 have been paying against this sewer bill, why aren't the people who are moving in now have to pay more, a higher percentage.

Mayor Monahan said it took a number of years to build up the money that you will see in the treasurer's report, in case something goes wrong with the sewers.

Carol said I told her she could come to you guys and ask about it.

Mayor Monahan said she can come to UST and propose that. Our job was to try to get that to a point where we were fair about it. The finances weren't there, Jerry could talk about finances he just didn't deliver the finances. He did a lot of good for the village. We just didn't have the finances. When you make those kinds of statements you are going to get a return. I'd rather not do this.

Carol said I don't make a statement that I can't factually quote from what is in the minutes.

Mayor Monahan said I am very glad you are checking your facts.

As of now we do not have anything scheduled for the April 25th Planning and Zoning mtg.

Committee Reports

Council member McVan said UST met prior to this meeting. We talked a little bit about the community garden. We decided on what road work needs to go out for bid.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading- Resolution 05-2017- A Resolution that the Village host a village wide picnic late summer/early fall at the pavilion.

First Reading- Ordinance 07-2017- An Ordinance to grant variances to the provisions of the Shawnee Hills Code Section 509.09 to allow Shawnee Hills Chamber of Commerce, to deviate from time and volume standards for the Music in the Village events this summer.

Mayor Monahan said one thing I would ask on this, one- I would limit this to 8:30. Is 85 too high with the houses that close. This was modeled after what we do for the Bogey each year. The difference is, from the Bogey, the measurement is at the closest residence is Cal and Dottie's and we want to make sure we aren't driving anyone out.

Carol said the sound people have checked it at least a dozen times. I said to him what if the people clapping and applauding raise that sound level and he said that's not going to happen.

Bills

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by McVan to pay the bills in the amount of \$29,815.12. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gauldin, Gil, Mathews, McVan and Vidor. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Gil, seconded by McVan to approve the following treasurer's report:

General	299,586.68	Fire	100,824.27
Street	154,128.22	Weed	8,097.66
State Highway	14,635.40	TIF	17,587.87
Parks and Recreation	2,888.87	TIF 2	15,349.34
PD Body Armor	875.68	Veteran's Mem.	98.97
Cont. Prof. Training	4,110.02	Sewer Oper.	67,594.40
Drug Law Enf.	249.56	Sewer Repl.	181,000.00

Indigent Drivers 385.84
Enfct. and Education 1,160.85
Court Computer 3,867.22

Storm Sewer 4,538.29
Debt Service 149,370.20

For a total of \$1,026,349.34

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gauldin, Gil, 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 Gauldin, seconded by McVan to adjourn until April 24, 2017. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gauldin, Gil, Mathews, McVan and Vidor. Nay, none. Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor