

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting

October 14, 2013

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

Council in Attendance: Charlie Callender, Kris Garren, James Gauldin, Dan Mathews and Mike McVan

Absent: Mahesh Dalvi

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

It was moved by Callender, seconded by Mathews to approve the minutes of September 23, 2013 with the following amendment: on page 5 put a space between the words *meet* and *with*. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 3; Callender, Garren, and Mathews. Nay, none. Abstain, 2; Gauldin and McVan. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Garren to approve the minutes of September 24, 2013. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 4 Callender, Garren, Gauldin and Mathews. Nay, none. Abstain, one; McVan. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

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

Solicitor

Brian said that he worked with Ed on the Cooperative Agreement with Dublin and he is happy to say that were able to get that worked out and it has been signed. He said he worked with the Police Department before the tournament to make sure we would have certain things covered in case certain situations did arise but they didn't so that was all good.

Brian said he looked into that reserve balance fund issue that Mahesh brought up at the last meeting. He said it is a very interesting issue now, he called his very good friend Jennifer Teele, the Gahanna Finance Director, and asked her about this revised code section. She said she got the very same question, it's like it's this huge issue all of a sudden. The Code Section 5705.13 says that unencumbered reserve balance funds is supposed to help guard against in flows in revenue and is limited to five percent. However, if you talk to Finance Directors everywhere and they go by the group called the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), and their policy recommend fifteen to twenty percent in that reserve balance fund. Brian said a lot of municipalities strive for twenty five or thirty percent. He said maybe some other municipalities are trying to figure out to just call it something different, don't call it what 5705 calls it because everybody does maintain very large reserve balances despite what 5705 says.

Administrator

Ed said he attended the CDBG bid opening last week for the ADA sidewalk over at the Police Department. There were three bids submitted and one of them was within the ten percent so it has been accepted and they should start in about three weeks.

Ed supplied Council with copies of the Cooperative Agreement that was completed and signed and the application for the intersection improvements was submitted. We should know sometime in February if we are approved for it or not.

He said the road work is complete and it came in about \$25,000.00 under budget. Mayor Monahan asked Ed if he would attribute that to being one road. Ed said it helps a lot; it keeps them from stopping and starting. Council member Callender said that is something we need to keep in mind for the future.

Communications

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

I did receive this bulletin from Delaware County Development about them currently accepting applications to help with emergency home repairs.

I will give this to Ed and if anyone thinks of a resident that this may apply please let Ed know.

On Friday the 11th I met with Pam O'Grady Assistant Director for The Columbus Division of Water. Pam and I walked part of the Riverfront in an attempt to make her aware of the blight created by the weeds. She informed me of a mtg. that as a result of Governor Kasich's line item veto of the cutting provision in the state budget that a mtg. will be held with all residents abutting O'Shaughnessy and Griggs reservoirs to make everyone aware of the Land Stewardships and how they are being applied. I asked Pam that I would also be invited.

I sent the following email to her on Saturday August 12th:

From: Pat Monahan [mailto:pmonahan@columbus.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, October 12, 2013 4:15 PM

To: 'OGrady, Pamela H'

Subject: Visit to Shawnee Hills 10-11-13

Hi Pam thanks for coming out and it was a pleasure meeting you!

Three items I did want to comment on and have thought about:

The reference to wildlife as a negative had to do with coyote, rats and snakes that are drawn in by the unattended land. We are here partially because we enjoy the deer, fox and the animal sounds from the Zoo.

I believe there needs to be proposed 2 levels of Stewardship:

1 the standard that will be granted and not denied as it was under Director Arsh = it MUST be a guarantee when a homeowner sells conditional if the new owner agrees to the condition and signs for the stewardship. Obviously boat docs are something that needs to be dealt with for those requesting them.

2 would allow a full cut if the adjoining property owner at their own expense planted and maintained a rain garden that met reasonable and signed to abide by specs. The current concept that the weeds filter the toxins is incorrect. I commend the City of Columbus on its use of rain garden/s at Glick Park.

3 As for the grandfathered 5 properties that is between Columbus and those land owners and I have no desire to be involved.

Pam as I stated to you my concern as Mayor of the Village is one of health and safety of the Village. The current situation with the weeds and the increased varmint and mosquito issues are not safe.

Another issue George Kaitsa the Delaware County Auditor reduced the property taxes of the residents on Shawnee trail who abut the Columbus property since it devalues their property. The reduction was 13.2%.

Pam again I really appreciate your coming out and look forward to the invite to the mtg. you mentioned for the property owners whose property abuts Hoover and O'Shaughnessy reservoirs being held on the 30th. I would expect that the question from the abutting properties to Hoover and O'Shaughnessy will be the disparity in treatment from those who abut Griggs Reservoir.

Thanks Pam!

Pat

Pat Monahan

Mayor Shawnee Hills, OH.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

Reflections with Deep Sorrow: On Thursday, October 3rd one of our Officers Troy Fields, 42 passed away from what appeared to be post-operative complications. We all strive to make a difference in life and Officer Fields life exemplifies making a difference. Troy was the consummate professional, a true gentleman and a model Police Officer.

One of my many pride factors in Shawnee Hills is the tremendous work and great strides that Chief LeFever, Sgt. Baron and our Police force have made. They have displayed throughout the entire hospitalization of Troy and live daily an admirable camaraderie.

I would like to ask that we have a moment of silence to honor Troy's life!

Thank You!

The Newsletter went out last week and I got a number of positive comments about it.

I do want to thank Ed and Jim Danes for all of their hard work getting to the point that the Intersection Grant application was filed on Oct 4th.

I would also commend all involved getting the Shawnee Trail and this year's paving project come in more than \$25,000.00 under budget.

Shawnee Hills tribute to our Cold War Veterans will be held on 9 Nov. 2013 – 11AM at the Veterans' Memorial

We will hold a Playground / Memorial Park meeting here on this Wed. Oct 16th at 6:30 PM and I will ask Dan as Council representative on Planning and Zoning and Chair of the Committee give you an update during the Committee Reports.

Council member Mathews said right now we are currently getting pricing on three different designs of playground equipment. The range we were shooting for was a high of \$24,000.00, we had a low of \$18,000.00 and with that you have to price in about thirty percent for delivery and installation and anywhere from \$4,000.00 to \$12,000.00 for safety groundcover. It depends on

who the supplier is on this. Right now it is preliminary and we will wait to see what the general public wants as far as a wish list. The age group we kind of narrowed it down to was five to twelve just because the two to five group was very basic and he thought it would be a waste of money in his opinion. He said there is a separate section that they will kind of designate for a younger crowd and you can actually add components at any point later so if we keep that separate we could add a crawl tube or something else later. Mayor Monahan said there are some sample donor bricks here in the office and those will be sold as part of the fundraiser. We are working on it. There's a lot of good effort, a lot of positive energy going on.

The Planning and Zoning Board will be conducting a hearing for the rezoning of the property at the NE end of Buckeye Dr. on Tuesday the 22nd at 6:30 I would encourage you to attend.

Has any work been done to propose changes to The Village code to prohibit an individual resident from coming to Council vs the route now being taken with this property?

Council member McVan said he thought we had that settled. He said the way we resolved it is: If you come as a resident you have to fill out the application and submit it that way. If the Village wants to do something then that's the other avenue, correct. Brian said yes, the Council on its own can initiate something, those are always the avenues, individual member fills out the application goes through the process, and Council can initiate its own zoning change. Mayor Monahan asked Brian to review the language because he personally does not believe it reads that way. He knows we had the discussion but he thinks we still have an opening there. He understands why it was there if a business was coming in but he just wants to make sure we don't do this again.

As we discussed a couple of times I would ask Council rules committee to consider combining the Utilities, Service and Technology Committees (Digital Committee) when you meet this year. Early in the year and at a subsequent discussion also ask that steps are taken to make sure the Committees remain functional the first of the year and prior to the annual appointments being made. Thanks!

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Gauldin said that the Delaware Community Development grant looks like a great thing but how do we get it to people.

Legislative Actions

Second Reading – Resolution 19-2013 – A Resolution that the Village of Shawnee Hills host an Employee Appreciation Dinner. Mayor Monahan said this will be held on November 30 from 6:30 – 9 at Cedarbrook

Second Reading- Resolution 20-2013 – A Resolution to increase the rate of pay for Sean LeFever, Police Chief for the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio. Mayor Monahan said the Chief has received his evaluation.

Second Reading- Resolution 21-2013 – A Resolution to increase the monthly salary for Joyce Armstrong, Mayor's Court Clerk, for the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio. Mayor Monahan said Joyce has received her evaluation.

First Reading- Resolution 22-2013 – A Resolution ratifying the amended Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Articles of Agreement

First Reading- Ordinance 24-2013 – Sponsored by Planning and Zoning and Mayor Monahan – An Ordinance designating and setting apart existing public property as private park space for use and enjoyment of Village Residents and their Guests only. Mayor Monahan said this is similar to what we did for the Frambes Park. He said the Boy Scouts and Mark and Richard have done a very nice job, it's a major improvement.

Bills

It was moved by Garren, seconded by McVan to pay the bills in the amount of \$161,451.54. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Callender, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Garren to approve the following treasurer's report: General Fund 239,242.00, Street Fund 32,228.21, State highway Fund 5,095.52, Drug Law Enforcement Fund 627.00, Enforcement and Education Fund 1,985.00, Mayor's Court Computer Fund 9,072.43, Fire Fund 186,348.45, Weed Fund 6,492.64, TIF Fund 21,410.11, TIF 2 Fund 935.48, Veteran's Memorial Fund 98.97, Capital Projects Building Fund 90,065.76, Capital Projects Intersection Fund 50,000.00, Capital Projects 9484 Dublin Rd. Fund 5,770.25, Capital Projects Sidewalk Fund 117,780.00, Sewer operating Fund 56,024.92, Sewer Replacement Fund 106,000.00, Storm Sewer Fund 5,612.17, Enterprise Debt Service Fund 124,047.10, Enterprise Debt Service Reserve Fund 98,972.52 for a total of \$1,157,808.53. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Callender, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Council member Mathews asked if the extra funds that were allocated for the street paving project just sit there now or can the funds go towards something else, like the playground fund. Shirley said those funds are in the general fund so those funds can be reallocated.

Council member McVan asked how much do we get in the street fund annually. Shirley said it is about \$80,000.00 from the property tax levy.

Miscellaneous

Pro Tem Gauldin asked Shirley if she could contact RITA to see if they could send out a representative to the next Finance meeting to talk to them about the way taxes are collected and people are informed of things. He said let's get with everybody on the board to make sure we have a quorum.

There being no further business, it was moved by Callender, seconded by Gauldin to adjourn until October 28, 2013. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Callender, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor