

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2012

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

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

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

It was moved by Garren, seconded by Gauldin to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012 with the following amendments: on page three, change the word keep to keeps, on page six under the Safety Report add that we had also discussed the intersection of East Waterview and Dublin Road and we were looking at a possible Hidden Drive sign there. Also on that page remove the letter c from the Chief's report. On page eight under miscellaneous remove the letter a from the end of the word call. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mayor Monahan said he would like to take a moment to welcome his much older brother, Dr. Mike Monahan who is in from Arizona. Mike said hello to Council and to the Honorable Mayor Monahan.

Agenda

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Dalvi to approve the agenda with the following amendment: add an executive session to discuss the purchase of property. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Solicitor

Brian said that his report is nonexistent because he was stuck in court in Licking County today and he has now successfully prosecuted someone for feeding cats as they have a stray cat problem out in Kirkersville so if you want to hear some stories about a funny trial he has plenty of them.

Mayor Monahan said some of the communications he had with Brian over the last two weeks had to do with still trying to figure out how we can get the Jean Nolan property. She was trying to donate three lots to the village and she wanted to do it, it was a win, win for them to get rid of the taxation but the property has numerous owners and the Mayor asked Brian and he hates these words, imminent domain is there a way to help her by taking that property and Brian said that all the owners would still have to be contacted. Brian said yes we could take the property and the property would be used for public use but you have to start that whole process by getting an appraisal and then sending that out to all the property owners and that is what we do not have. He said the owners are scattered and their interests are so small.

Village Administrator

Ed said that he had several meetings over the past two weeks concerning our building addition. The bids all came in high on that. He met with the engineer and Columbus Asphalt to go over the projected start date of October 8th on the roads. It should take about a week to ten days to get this all done. This is a quarter million dollar project of blacktop being put down. Ed said the Mayor requested that he get an update from Mark on his Code Enforcement activities and sewer inspections. Mark did prepare the report and Ed had the report in his car and it had to get towed today so the report is still in his car at the shop. Ed said that Mark has done a lot of code enforcement stuff which is not unusual; it happens all the time, every week and he also has done the sewer inspections and getting the truck ready for the winter.

Mayor Monahan asked how many sewer inspections have been done. Ed said he thinks 128. Ed said that Paul Hammersmith from the City of Dublin called him with an update on the intersection of Glick and Dublin Roads. Paul said that Dublin has started the engineering drawings for this intersection and those have to be done in order to put the project out for bid and to apply for grants. Paul asked Ed if the Village would assist them in getting the grants through Ohio Public Works so he and the Mayor are going to talk to somebody to see what we can do to move this along.

Ed said that the hydrant/waterline project should go out for bid the first week of November. We will try to get this done this year, it depends on the weather.

Police Chief

Chief LeFever said they had their annual firearms qualification this past weekend. The State designed a new course that went into effect this year and we were not sure how that was going to turn out but it worked out really well and everybody did great. We started using the Delaware County range now as there is no cost for that.

Cops and Kids day turned out great. We took first place in the Kids Choice Award and first place in the Cruiser Competition.

Mayor Monahan said Dan and his family came away a winner with one of the little cars and he asked the Chief how many agencies participated in this. Chief LeFever said he was not sure how many participated this year as he has not received the statistics this year but last year they had about 60 different agencies there. He said the purpose of Cops and Kids is to raise the trust level and the image of the Police with children, to make them comfortable around us and to let them see that we are not the bad guys. We look forward to this every year.

Chief LeFever said we had two officers resign, Officer Ekleberry and Officer Costas. Officer Ekleberry is seeking employment somewhere else and Officer Costas, he and his wife are expecting and they are going to move back up north where the majority of both of their families are from and he is taking a position up there. He said that both of those officers gave us a lot of good service while they were here and we were very happy to have them here as long as we did and we wish them the best of luck.

Chief LeFever said we are stepping up the recruitment. We were down a little bit before as far as staffing and this is going to put us down a little bit more. It shouldn't affect too many of the paid hours as of right now since they were both reserve units but we are trying to step up bringing in some more reserve units and still working on filling some of these weekend part time spots that the A Units are covering right now. He said that he spoke to the Mayor the other day about it and

we may need to look at some other advertising options than what we have done before because we are just not getting the volume of people coming in. We are still stuck on four or five people that we are working backgrounds on right now, but generally speaking four or five people, you may only have one really high quality candidate that we are looking for.

Chief LeFever said that the new cruiser cameras have been installed and they are working great. The Officers really like them and they are a very passive system, there are a lot of bells and whistles but not a whole lot that the individual officer has to do while out on patrol, basically when you turn on the lights the camera comes on, turn on the siren, the camera comes on. He appreciates the support of the committees and council in getting this project done and he thinks it is going to be a great benefit to the Police Department in prosecution and reducing liability to the Village overall. We are very thankful that you supported this.

Communications

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

From: Mayors Against Illegal Guns [mailto:info@mayorsagainstillegalguns.org]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 10:28 AM

To: Mayors Against Illegal Guns

Subject: Coalition "Demand a Plan" Update; Tucson Survivors and Family Members Meet with Attorney General

Dear Coalition Mayors and Staff:

We wanted to provide a brief update on our efforts to Demand a Plan to end gun violence from President Obama and Governor Romney.

Several days ago, 14 survivors and victims' family members from the January 2011 Tucson shooting massacre met with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to share their stories and express their support for the Fix Gun Checks Act. They also carried with them more than 5,000 personal stories and messages from the coalition's supporters and presented the Attorney General with the signatures of more than 150,000 Americans who signed the petition to Demand a Plan from President Obama and Governor Romney to reduce gun violence. The meeting was positive, and Attorney General Holder promised to share those stories and the Demand a Plan petition signatures with the President.

National news coverage of the meeting is available here:

While the presidential candidates remain silent on this important issue, please know that our message is getting louder, and harder to ignore, every day. This would not be possible without you – the more than 700 hard-working mayors in our coalition – and the hundreds of thousands of Americans who support Mayors Against Illegal Guns and take grassroots actions to support common-sense gun laws.

As always, please contact us if we can assist you in your efforts to prevent gun violence in your communities. We encourage you to continue publicly demanding a plan to prevent gun violence from your federal and state elected officials.

If you have questions about this meeting or any other coalition matter, please contact Brian Levinson in New York (212-788-2439 / blevinson@cityhall.nyc.gov) or Dina Siegal in Boston (617-635-3817 / dina.siegal@cityofboston.gov)

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
--Staff of the coalition co-chairs

MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS

Coalition Website: www.mayorsagainstillegalsguns.org
Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/maigcoalition
Twitter Handle: @maigcoalition

DEMAND A PLAN

Website: www.DemandAPlan.org

Again if anyone is interested in attending please let Shirley and me know:



Mayor's Report

Mayor Monahan gave the following report:

We have a final Phase 2 Sidewalk project estimate that would take our current sidewalk that stops here at W. Mohawk and extend it to the Concord Township line. I have furnished this to the Finance Committee and ask that it be considered at this week's mtg. so the sidewalk project could be worked next year. I won't read this to you but the bottom line estimate including engineering is \$174,273.91.

I have asked Joyce Armstrong to research and she has provided me with a list of a rolling year (Aug 11 to now) of delinquent court fines. We will be discussing this at the Safety Committee mtg. on Oct 3rd. My intent is to see how to best pursue the collection of these funds and developing an ongoing process to do so.

I do want to thank Beth Dalvi, Sara Kemplin, Bryanne Roberts and everyone who made our 3rd Annual Village Picnic a great event on Sept 16th at the Ohio Wildlife Center.

Christmas in the Village is Saturday December 8th and will be sponsored by both Strader's and Cedarbrook. Our Holiday tree lighting will be at 7PM.

Please submit any articles you have for our Fall Newsletter to me by this Friday Sept 28th.

I have requested an Executive Session this evening to catch you up on the activity of the building and will be making a recommendation to Council.

I have given the Finance committee a complete estimate of the Sidewalk Phase 2 project and ask that move it forward with it for a project next year.

We have also provided the Village Administrator duties that Ed performs and the tracking of the hours he has worked over the past 4 years. I believe the contract that we have enacted covers the compensation and I would ask Finance to budget for between 22.5 and 25 hours weekly. In the past Ed hasn't been compensated for above 20 hours and that will be rectified going forward with the contract that has been enacted.

I would also ask that Finance consider the funding of the next 3 street lights.

We received the Top 25 Report from RITA and it appears our intake is running ahead or 2011 by at least \$25,000.

We have received a 2 week notice from Sgt. Ekleberry and Officer Costas from our Police dept. Officer Costas is moving back to Northern Ohio and going back to his old department.

I would like to thank both for their service to our Village.

I would also like to congratulate Chief LeFever and his family for the recent medical results they received.

Planning and Zoning will not be meeting tomorrow evening and the agenda we are addressing will be continuing on Oct. 23rd. I do want to make sure Brian can attend and advise us.

Tomorrow The Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting in conjunction with the Daulton case. Brian you are part of that correct? Brian said yes.

Pro Tem Report

Pro Tem Gauldin said that he has received many good compliments on the Village Picnic. He said a lot of people have said that they really enjoyed it and appreciate it and people are starting to look forward to it.

Committee Reports

No reports were presented.

Legislative Actions

Third Reading- Resolution 28-2012- A Resolution to increase the rate of pay for Sean LeFever, Police Chief for the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio. It was moved by Callender, seconded by Gauldin to pass Resolution 28-2012. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared Resolution 28-2012 passed by a 6-0 vote.

Third Reading- Resolution 29-2012 – A Resolution to increase the monthly salary for Joyce Armstrong, Mayor’s Court Clerk for the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio. It was moved by Dalvi, seconded by Gauldin to pass Resolution 29-2012. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared Resolution 29-2012 passed by a 6-0 vote.

Third Reading- Resolution 30-2012 – A Resolution that the Village of Shawnee Hills host an Employee Appreciation Dinner. It was moved by Dalvi, seconded by Garren to pass Resolution 30-2012. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared Resolution 30-2012 passed by a 6-0 vote. Mayor Monahan said this will be on December 1st.

First Reading- Resolution 33-2012 – A Resolution to hire Richard Ey as a backup maintenance and snow plow driver for the Village of Shawnee Hills, Ohio

Bills

Council member Garren asked about the building permit cost to Delaware County Code compliance. Shirley said that was for the building permit for the Municipal building expansion and that the architect wanted to get that all approved before putting the building out for bid. Council member Gauldin asked if there was any way to get a percentage of that back from Delaware County. Ed said he will find that out. Council member Garren said the Discover bill looked large to her and asked about the USPS charges. Shirley said it was for rolls of stamps for the sewer billing and a couple of rolls for the regular mail. There was also the cost for changing the size of the flags on Dublin Road. Council member Gauldin said there was also the cost for the memory cards for the new cameras in the cruisers that we had talked about previously. Chief LeFever said the cost under the Law Enforcement Targets was actually for the clearing station for the firearms, it was not for targets. It was moved by Callender, seconded by Gauldin to pay the bills in the amount of \$18,117.49. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Treasurer’s Report

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Garren to approve the following treasurer’s report: General Fund 284,037.78, Street Fund 119,015.52, State Highway Fund 2,267.17, Drug Law Enforcement Fund 120.00, Enforcement and Education Fund 1,985.00, Mayor’s Court Computer Fund 5,487.34, Fire Fund 193,087.47, Weed Fund 9,419.84, TIF Fund 1,585.04, TIF 2 Fund 4.86, Veteran’s Memorial Fund 680.94, Capital Projects Fund- Building 94,338.36, Capital Projects Fund – Intersection 50,000.00, Sewer Operating Fund 37,655.86, Sewer Replacement Fund 96,000.00, Storm Sewer Fund 8,373.24, Enterprise Debt Service Fund 102,601.20 and

Enterprise Debt Service Reserve Fund 98,430.57 for a total of \$1,105,090.57. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0- vote.

Executive Session

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Garren to adjourn from regular session and move into executive session to discuss the purchase of property. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Garren to adjourn from executive session. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Garren to reconvene regular session. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

It was moved by Gauldin, seconded by Garren to authorize the Administration to pursue the legal steps to create a bid to purchase a building in the village for a municipal building. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

There being no further business, it was moved by Callender, seconded by Garren to adjourn until October 8, 2012. Following vote on the motion was recorded: yea, 6; Callender, Dalvi, Garren, Gauldin, Mathews and McVan. Nay, none. Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor