

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

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

Council in Attendance: Mary Gates, Kathy Isern, Michael Koren, Justin LaRosa and Todd Zimmerman

Absent: Robert Thatcher and Brian Zets

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Administrator Russell Baron

Minutes

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the minutes of July 27, 2026.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Agenda

It was moved by LaRosa, seconded by Zimmerman to approve the agenda.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Village Administrator

Russ – For clarification, Romanelli & Hughes will pay for the installation of the right of way.

We have had a lot of infiltration into our sanitary sewer system. We are going to throw some Hail Mary's at it before we purchase flow meters. We have had a lot of rain this summer.

Power outages – We can choose our supplier, but not our company due to PUCO regulations. Power outages have occurred all over Central Ohio.

Congratulations to the Tree Commission. They have reached Level 2 Arboretum status. We are the smallest municipality to reach Level 2 in the County.

Veteran's Memorial – We have located an engraver to put 28 names on our tiles. Some of the names come from Lucy Depp.

Web site – Curtis has been busy putting items on our website. Under the Community tab, you will find birdbox and butterfly trails, Arboretum tree map, butterfly wing locations and birdbox locations.

Police Chief

Chief Baron – Cruiser 5 has been totaled. Working with the insurance company on this. The remaining cruisers are 2014, 2016 and 2017.

The new Tahoe was backed into by a dump truck. The hood needs to be replaced. I have ordered 3 E.V. Chevy Blazers.

We have three small leaks in the roof at the P.D.

Visitors

Andy Mitrey – Archer Energy, talked about the gas and electric aggregation. The programs are performing very well and saving your residents money. This region is very tight on capacity; you can expect rolling brownouts. Natural gas has reached a low price. The U.S. is drilling more oil. Andy suggested going to a flat rate of 68.9 per ccf for the gas aggregation. This rate will be in place until April 2028.

Council member LaRosa said if we wait until October the price will go up.

Andy – Yes, it will. On the electric side, prices have risen dramatically. Our rate is lower. We should do a longer time in the contract and wait for it to settle back down.

Council member LaRosa – What is our ability to generate solar power to cut back on electric cost?

Russ – We can look into it.

Council member Gates – Is there an opportunity for data centers to generate their own power?

Andy – It will be very difficult for them to generate their own power. The electric companies don't have enough power to spread around.

Giacomo Bello, 205 Forest Drive – Just some notes and comments about the easement that was cleared and constructed for the R&H development. We started with the Planning and Zoning meeting on Tuesday, July 28 and Russ mentioned that R&H is paying for everything there. The week before this P&Z meeting the subject easement was surveyed. Was that contracted by the village or by R&H? On Thursday, July 30, Chris Tebbe was on the premises and told us that the trees would be cut down and the clearing would be 18 feet. Friday, July 31, the easement was cleared. No one notified the property owners about it. The company that did it was Davey. Who contracted Davey for such work? They mentioned they were instructed to cut down the full surveyed area. I spoke to them and objected because I was told by the village engineer 2 days before that was not the case. Richard came up and told them to clear only 18 feet. They still took more than 18 feet, including some large trees outside of the 18 feet. On top of that they chipped all the trees on the easement and I had asked them to leave the large trees lumber because I actually own half of the easement. Construction access has been built and just mentioning that Savco has been good with all their cleaning and everything. The only issue we had was a couple of their employees said they owned the easement and blocked the easement with their equipment. They left their sweeper and their compressor one night so people could not get down there. I assume that Davey was hired by the village, but I might be wrong. Davey actually came

back on site a few days after the work done on Friday and they removed a big tree on Straders property. I would like to know if the village paid for that since it was on private property.

Russ – We hired Davey. R&H is paying for it. We contracted for the survey. R&H is paying for it. We did no work on private property outside the easement. If someone else hired Davey and Davey took care of another project while they were there, I have no idea. We didn't touch any trees on Straders property.

Giacomo – Any answer on why Davey cleared more than 18 feet.

Russ – Whatever Chris and Richard told Davey, probably the same thing they told you in the meeting. We could have cleared the entire right of way.

Giacomo – It was cleared way more than 18 feet. There were a lot of large trees taken down outside of the 18 feet. This is what I have a problem with.

Russ – We are working on our right of way. I think it needs to stop there.

Communications

Mayor Mathews – We will be meeting with a man from Equity who will present his plans for the front half of the cell tower lot.

Committee Report

Council member Isern – Planning and Zoning approved the Romanelli & Hughes final development plan.

Bills

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to pay the bills in the amount of \$230,246.45. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the following treasurer's report:

General Fund	459,720.57	Fire Fund	138,674.93
Street Fund	105,972.28	Weed Fund	258.33
State Hwy.	58,948.87	TIF	50,278.50
PD Body Armor	3,704.09	TIF 2	78,574.38
Cont. Prof. Training	15,628.74	Police Dist. Fund	64,432.26
Drug Law Enfct.	534.31	Veteran's Memorial	298.97
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Operating	90,800.44
Law Enforcement Trust	3,852.20	Sewer Replacement	1,910.00
Enfct. & Education	1,855.98	Storm Sewer Fund	51,437.20
OneOhio	800.11	Enterprise Improv.	24,110.08
Evans Farm JEDD	10,213.24	Debt Service Fund	79,158.36

For a total of \$1,241,549.78.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, and Zimmerman.
Nay, none.

Miscellaneous

Shirley – We received a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Animal Hospital to purchase dog waste stations.

It was moved by Gates, seconded by LaRosa to accept the donation from the Animal Hospital.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, and Zimmerman.
Nay, none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by LaRosa, seconded by Zimmerman to adjourn.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 5; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, and Zimmerman.
Nay, none. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.