

Village of Shawnee Hills Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

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

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

Also Present: Fiscal Officer Shirley Roskoski and Solicitor Brian Zets

Minutes

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Gates to approve the minutes of June 22, 2026. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

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Agenda

It was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Isern to approve the agenda. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Visitors

Craig Baldrige was present to update Council on Shawnee Hills Blooms. He said that the AIB advisors will be here July 27 and 28.

Craig then presented an idea to Council about a Native Food Forest. He said this could be used on the four lots that the village owns behind the church. A thoughtfully designed native food forest would offer educational opportunities, promote environmental stewardship, increase biodiversity, and create an attractive public space for residents to enjoy.

Council member Isern said she would like to see an actual plan and asked if it would be done in stages.

Craig said it will be done in stages. Blooms will work with entities for donations.

Craig said my hope is the residents will understand the value of this.

Council member LaRosa asked if there were QR codes for the historical homes.

Craig said not yet.

Tom Miller informed council that they just finished the Level 2 Arboretum and will be submitting it for accreditation. They have located 147 different tree species in the village.

Communications

Mayor Mathews said they met with Romanelli and Hughes for an engineering meeting and their process moving forward.

Committee Report

Fall Festival Committee meets on Wednesday as well as the PAC committee.

Planning and Zoning meets July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Actions

First Reading – Ordinance 15-2026 – An Ordinance to reappropriate funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Shawnee Hills, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026 and declaring an emergency.

Bills

It was moved by Gates, seconded by Thatcher to pay the bills in the amount of \$134,980.66. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Treasurer's Report

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

General Fund	576,094.88	Fire Fund	138,674.93
Street Fund	106,997.80	Weed Fund	258.33
State Hwy.	58,371.75	TIF	97,459.48
PD Body Armor	3,704.09	TIF 2	78,574.38
Cont. Prof. Training	15,628.74	Police Dist. Fund	8,893.88
Drug Law Enfct.	534.31	Veteran's Memorial	298.97
Indigent Drivers	385.84	Sewer Operating	68,321.91
Law Enforcement Trust	3,852.20	Sewer Replacement	1,910.00
Law Enfct. Trust	3,852.20	Storm Sewer Fund	47,116.86
Enfct. & Education	1,830.98	Enterprise Improv.	24,110.08
OneOhio	800.11	Debt Service Fund	150,993.48
Evans Farm JEDD	22,609.44		

For a total of \$1,407,422.54.

Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Thatcher to adjourn. Following vote on the motion is recorded: yea, 6; Gates, Isern, Koren, LaRosa, Thatcher and Zimmerman. Nay, none. Meeting adjourned sat 7:22 p.m.