

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 23, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor David Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor David Moore, Messrs. Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter and Jack Lee, Ms. Maria Waltherr and Ms. Melanie Hermes. Also present were Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach, Police Chief Neil Ferdelman and Acting Clerk of Council David Lumsden. Mr. Jeff Covode was absent for a previous commitment. His absence was excused without objection.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Following a prayer led by Mr. Halter, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Lee requested the correction of the December 12 minutes to read that Mr. Covode was absent at the December 12 meeting.

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 12, 2017, Organizational meeting of January 9, 2018 and Work Session of January 9, 2018, as amended.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Jennifer Weickert of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County gave a one-year update on the Greenhills Library Branch at the Greenhills Community Building. She stated computer and study room usage is up and that Greenhills historical materials are now back at the Library. She also described some ongoing and future projects at the Library. Those who are interested in learning more may visit <http://www.cincinnati.org>.

**RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Ms. Patricia Andwan, 32 Chalmers Ln., expressed her opposition to the Remediation/Demolition Project.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach**

Public records requests from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017

Demolition

All buildings have now been torn down. Site cleanup will continue for a while yet. There is a new estimated completion date of February 9.

### Snow Events

This month we have had 2 occasions for mostly treating the streets with some plowing and the Service Department did a fine job as usual.

### Service Worker

One of our full-time service worker's has just resigned so have started advertisement of the position.

### Golf Course

I am pleased to report we have found a candidate who appears to fit our needs perfectly! Once Council approves creating the part time position I will get a start date set up.

### US Post Office Box

There was a concern that perhaps the Postal Box located at the Shopping Center was not being collected. We checked with the USPS and it is being collected. There is a 9 am collection Monday thru Saturday. We have no information at this time regarding a possible new location in Greenhills.

### CDBG Funding for the Home Improvement Repair Fund

The County has approved funding for the Home Improvement Repair Fund. We will be updating the guidelines in anticipation of the funding being available some time later in the Spring.

### Aggregation Program

Residents and businesses currently participating in the Village's aggregation program will be receiving an opt-out letter later this week or early next week. If you wish to stay in the program you do not have to do anything. We will be getting a new FAQ sheet on our website about the program. We have a great rate! For the 45<sup>th</sup> consecutive month we have had a better rate than Duke customers!

### **Law Director – Jeff Forbes**

#### Legislative Update:

HB 343 - PROPERTY VALUES. Sponsored by Rep. Merrin (R - Monclova Township), this bill requires local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners.

HB 371 - UNSOLD PROPERTY TAX. Also sponsored by Rep. Merrin (R - Monclova Township), this bill exempts from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold. An amendment was offered that would have capped the exemption at five years. Instead, the committee adopted Rep. Merrin's amendment, which caps the exemption at 8 years.

#### Other items of interest:

An Agreed Order was submitted in the HB 49 litigation related to centralized collection of municipal income tax. Municipalities are not required to comply with the new law until February 24, 2018. An injunction hearing is scheduled for February 12. Depending on the outcome of that hearing, Council may need to take action on income tax ordinance revisions prior to February 24, 2018.

### **Acting Clerk of Council – David Lumsden**

Resolutions 2017-37-S&S, 2017-38-S&S, 2017-39-F, 2017-40-F, 2017-41-F, 2017-42-L, and 2017-43-F were posted as required.

A copy of the 2018 meeting schedule for Council work sessions and regular meetings has been handed out.

### **Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman**

#### Greenhills Residents Get Festive for the Holidays

Our officers were very impressed by the holiday spirit of Greenhills residents. In patrolling our neighborhoods, officers decided they wanted to recognize the efforts of our residents in spreading holiday cheer. The Greenhills Sandwich Shop donated two gift certificates for lunch, and these were awarded to the residents on both sides of town who in the opinion of our patrol officers had the best holiday decorations. We recently passed out the gift certificates to the winners and they were: on the east side was 105 Junedale Drive, and the west side was 62 Damon Road. This contest was in addition to the Mayor's yearly awards. Congratulations to our festive winners!

#### RCIC Terminal Addition Will Enhance Officer Safety

Although we have a computer terminal in our booking room, we cannot access data there from the Regional Crime Information Center (RCIC) computer that is in our Operations Room. This information is typically needed during the booking process. There has been some discussion during the past several years about the development of an RCIC interface to our departmental computer system, although at this juncture, it looks to be both complex and expensive. As an alternative, we have filed a request with the RCIC Board of Advisors for a second RCIC terminal in our booking room. We have been told by the RCIC staff that we need to supply the computer, which we already have. There are some incidental installation costs but they are minimal. We look forward to the Board of Advisors' review of our request during their next meeting in March.

#### New Greenhills Elementary School Planning Continues

The Winton Woods School District has continued to include us in their planning for the new districtwide elementary school that will be constructed adjacent to the current middle school at 147 Farragut Road. We will be meeting with district administrators and architects next month to continue to study security and traffic concerns. The current timetable calls for construction to start on the new high school, adjacent to the current high school in Forest Park, in the fall of this year. The new high school will incorporate the students from the intermediate school on Waycross Road and our middle school students. The new high school is scheduled to open in August of 2020. Construction on the new combined elementary school here in Greenhills is scheduled to begin in Spring of 2019, with a completion date targeted for January 2021 and a March 2021 move-in.

#### Greenhills Police Training Returns Dollars to our Community

In 2017, the State of Ohio reimbursed us for money spent on training our officers. The state mandated that each officer complete 20 hours of training in certain fields to keep their certification. The 20 hours that we completed consisted of:

- Trauma Informed Policing-6 hours classroom;
- Practical Application of Force-4 hours classroom;
- Officer & Community Wellness-4 hours classroom or online course;
- Legal Update-2 hours-agency directed or online course;
- General Law Enforcement-4 hours.

We were able to complete this training by the fourth quarter of 2017, and because of that we will soon receive a reimbursement check for \$3,640.00.

### Crime, Traffic, and Activity By the Numbers

During the month of December, the department investigated four accidents (down from nine in December of 2016), five crimes (down from six last December), and 173 other incidents (down from 208 last December). Of a total of 481 contacts (732 last December), 201 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 259 last December, and 280 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 473 last December. The department provided assistance to the public in 119 instances (186 times last December), assisted other agencies 23 times (down from 38 times last December), and made 40 criminal arrests (compared to 26 last July) and 31 traffic arrests (74 last December). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

### **Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts**

Court Receipts for December 2017 were as follows: Hamilton County - \$54.00, State of Ohio - \$1,460.00, Village of Greenhills - \$6975.77. Total - \$8,489.77

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Community Development – Jeff Halter**

No report.

#### **Safety – Melanie Hermes**

No report, next meeting February 13<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr**

There is a vacancy on Waycross Board. The position will serve through 2021

#### **Services and Streets – Jeff Covode**

No meeting this month, no report.

#### **Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees**

The final revenues for 2017 were very similar to 2016. Only 82% of 2017 appropriations were spent in 2017.

#### **Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee**

##### Old business

The Committee discussed any update on proposed signage at Shopping Center, no changes and tethering dogs Ordinance was approved by committee

##### New business

Next, the Committee will discuss a private golf cart waiver and indemnification as well as code updates related to the Greenhills Market Stand at the lower level of the Shopping Center.

The next meeting will be February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Resolution 2018-01-F**

*Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Tax Advances During the Year 2018 Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 321.34 (Drees)*

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety. Mr. Drees moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

**2. Resolution 2018-02-S&S**

*Resolution Authorizing Assessments on Certain Properties in the Village of Greenhills (Covode)*

Mr. Lee read the Resolution in its entirety. Mr. Lee moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

**3. Resolution 2018-03-F**

*Resolution Making Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers (Drees)*

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety. Mr. Drees moved to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Halter seconded. The resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

**4. Resolution 2018-04-S&S**

*Declaring Certain Village Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Properly Dispose of Said Property (Covode)*

Mr. Lee read the Resolution in its entirety. Mr. Lee moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

**5. Resolution 2018-05-F**

*Establishing the Position of Part Time Golf Course Superintendent and Setting the Compensation Range for Said Position (Drees)*

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety. Mr. Drees moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The resolution passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

**6. Motion Accepting the Municipal Manager's Memorandum Regarding Acting Manager During Temporary Absences**

*The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that whenever I am temporarily away from the Village, I will appoint one of the following qualified employees to serve on my behalf:*

*Police Chief Neil Ferdelman*

*Finance Director Matt Sanders*

*Service Foreman Mike Caster*

*Executive Asst. to Municipal Manager David Lumsden*

*Pursuant to Greenhills Charter Section 4.30 A., upon Council's approval of this designation, I will file this memo with the Clerk of Council.*

Mr. Drees moved to accept the memorandum as submitted. Mr. Halter seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Hermes moved to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of Village employees. Ms. Walther seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hermes then moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of Village employees with no action to be taken in Executive Session. Mr. Drees seconded. The motion passed unanimously. At 8:27 p.m., Ms. Hermes moved to adjourn the Executive Session and Mr. Drees seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further action pending, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

*David Moore /s/*  
Mayor

*David Lumsden (acting) /s/*  
Clerk of Council