

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 22, 2018

MINUTES

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore, and Messrs. Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter and Jack Lee and Ms. Melanie Hermes and Maria Waltherr. Also present: were Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach, Law Director Jeff Forbes and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAAYER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

After a prayer led by Ms. Waltherr the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 24, 2018 regular Council meeting and the May 8, 2018 Council meeting/work session minutes were approved as submitted.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Ms. Monique Maisenhalter, 154 Junefield, again called attention to the installation of wireless infrastructure, namely cell towers, in communities throughout the region and the harmful effects they can produce. She stated many residents do not know enough about this issue and requested Council to require the *Greenhills Journal* to publish an article about this issue. She also commented the Local Historic Districts in the Village. Mr. Drees indicated any citizen can submit an article to the *Greenhills Journal*, and Ms. Maisenhalter stated she has, but to no avail.

Ms. Lea Silas, MacKenzies Workshop, 8 Endicott, stated she is a new business in the Shopping Center and explained the services she offers. She then displayed a quilt that she made. Ms. Silas offered to create a quilt about Greenhills, entitled *I am Greenhills*. Blocks for the quilt are \$2.00 and the purchaser may place on the 6x6 square, cloth block a special remembrance or memory of Greenhills. The blocks will be available at the library and at special events throughout the year. When the blocks are returned to her, she will assemble the finished piece and present it to the Village of Greenhills for display.

Mr. Drees read in full a comment sheet from Mr. Sherman Drew, 33 Dayspring Terrace, that called attention to the road or drive that goes from Inman to the northeast corner of the parking lot behind the American Legion and Village offices. He is veteran of the United States Navy and a member and an officer of the American Legion Post 530. It was decided at some point last year that the Village simply did not want to continue to maintain that drive or road. This adversely

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affects his and others ability to enjoy his golf cart by riding it the legion many times a week. Mr. Drew formally requested the Village to open and maintain at least a cart path that goes between Inman and the northeast corner of the parking lot so that golf carts have access to the American Legion and Village buildings. Mr. Drew suggested the lane be called *Veterans Way*.

Ms. Pat Andwan, 33 Chalmers Lane, called attention to the prayer at the beginning of each meeting and suggested instead of a prayer, Council recite the Oath of Office. She questioned that property tax numerical differentials on certain properties were not listed in the April 24, 2018 Council meeting minutes. Ms. Andwan also expressed her concerns about canvassing.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

11 Bachman

Provided to Council a copy of a letter that has been mailed to residents who live to, or close to, 11 Bachman. This home was condemned by the Hamilton County Board of Health last May. The property tax is also delinquent, so the Village Solicitor has been requested to pursue a tax foreclosure. The concern is that this property could sit vacant and decline for years.

CDBG Block Grant Funding

Notice received from Hamilton County is that the Village can begin spending Community Block Grant Funding as of July 1, 2018. The Village will once again administer the Housing Improvement Repair program. An article about the program will be submitted for publication in the next issue of the *Greenhills Journal*.

Street Paving Program

A pre-construction meeting was held earlier in the day. The contractor anticipates starting the work right after the 4th of July. The work will take about two-three weeks. The road work will take place on Jewel Lane, Foxworth Lane, Handel Lane, Carini Lane, Hadley Road (cul de sac) and Junefield Avenue.

Smoke Stack Demolition

The Village insurance company has indicated the necessity to remove the old smokestack at Spoils Field. An excellent quote was received from Evans in the amount of \$19,850 compared to previous bids in the neighborhood amount of \$65,000. This bid has been accepted and work will start in early August.

Conditional Use Request for New School

The Winton Woods School District has submitted the required paperwork for a conditional use request for the site of the new school. Planning Commission has set a date of June 4, 2018 for a public hearing on this request.

Restrooms

The restroom project is nearing completion as the contractor is addressing the punch list items.

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First Park Talk of 2018

The first Park Talk will take place on June 5, 2018 at Burley Park.

Planning Commission Public Hearing on Medical Marijuana Issue

Planning Commission hearing on the medical marijuana issue is scheduled for June 26, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building.

Pool Opening

The pool opens Saturday, May 26, 2018. A credit card machine will be placed at the pool for the summer. This will allow customers to pay with credit cards, debit cards or Apple Pay.

Grass Violations

As previously mentioned, there are a large number of grass violations throughout the community. While many are being addressed by the property owner, some are not. The Village is in a holding pattern for many of the violations, but as soon as the certified mail receipt is received, cutting the grass can begin.

In answer to question asked by Mr. Halter, Ms. Kovach indicated pool discounts will be extended to mid-June.

The road or drive referenced by Mr. Drew was referred by the Mayor to the Community Development Committee. It was noted the property is not owned by the Village; the American Legion property owner actually owns the referenced property. Mr. Halter indicated the next meeting of the Community Development Committee is scheduled on June 28, 2018.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

Referenced the 11 Bachman property, and informed he spoke to an assistant prosecutor who indicated the tax foreclosure case is going to be initiated on that property. The case will go through the process and after the tax foreclosure has been granted, the property will go through two Sheriff's sales, if needed, for public bid.

In response to the issue raised earlier during citizen's comments, Mr. Forbes stated no permit is required for political canvassers.

Clerk of Council – Kathy Lives

The May 2018 Community Calendar and Resolution Nos. 2018-10-F, 11-S&S, 12-S&S, 13-F, 14-L&R, and 15-S&S were posted as required.

A copy of Resolution No. 2018-14-L&R dealing with the prohibition of medical marijuana was forwarded to the Planning Commission.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

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In conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Greenhills Police Department participated in National Drug Takeback Day on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Officer Tony Patton took back 29 pounds of unneeded prescription pills from the residents. Lieutenant Anne Ward transported them to the DEA where the drugs are incinerated. Without events such as these, pharmaceuticals end up in landfills or in the water supply. The Village is able to accept pharmaceuticals year-round since there is a pill drop-off box located in the lobby.

On April 26, 2018, Officers Tony Patton and Andy Moore visited the Sharing World Learning Center at 1 Eswin Street. The children were thrilled to see the officers and eager to interact with them. We are often called to homes or businesses where there has just been trouble and people are unhappy. Officers were delighted to interact with these very happy children and spend some time with them. The learning center is located in the back of the Greenhills Shopping Center.

On May 1, 2018, an application was submitted for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership. This federal grant provides a 50 percent match for all ballistic vests purchased for our officers. The application period closes on May 31, 2018. The grant period begins on September 30th.

Forest Park Police Lieutenant Jim Ward is setting up a regional community program called the *Blue Dot Buddy Program* to assist the isolated elderly population.

The 11th Annual Kiwanis Cares Family Safety Fair will be held Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Kemper Heights Early Learning Center, 924 Waycross Road. This event runs from 11 AM to 1:30 PM with many activities for children and parents. Activities focus on health and safety at home and at play. Free properly fitted bike safety helmets will be given to the first 50 children. Each child completing all safety activities will earn a raffle chance to win a new bicycle. Other activities include a Fire Safety Interactive Smokehouse, demonstrating fire safety, Safety Rocks interactive program, a bouncy house for children and much more. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. The Safety Fair is presented by the Greenhills Forest Park Kiwanis, SW Ohio Kiwanis for Kids, The Forest Fire and Police Department, Tri Health Think First Injury Prevention Program and other community partners.

Greenhills Police Bike Rodeo returns on July 21, 2018, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. on Saturday, Winton Woods Middle School, 147 Farragut Road, and will include a free bike safety course. Ages 4-12 are encouraged to attend. Helmets are required (free helmets will be given to those who do not have one.) For more information about this free community service event, please call 815-2101 or check the website www.greenhillspd.org to participate.

National Night Out returns on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Picnic Shelter, next to Molloy's on the Green. This event is in conjunction with the Municipal Manager's Park Talk. Free food will be provided to all who attend. More details to follow.

During the month of April, the department investigated 12 accidents (up from 10 in April of 2017), seven crimes (up from six last April), and 268 other incidents (up from 131 last April). Of a total of 572 contacts (491 last April), 283 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 296 last April, and 289 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 195 last April. The department provided assistance to the public in 109 instances (73 times last April), assisted other agencies 22 times (down from 24 times last April), and made 47 criminal arrests

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(compared to 19 last April) and 77 traffic arrests (60 last April). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts

Court receipts for April 2018 – Village of Greenhills - \$10,188.20; State of Ohio - \$1,853.00; Hamilton County \$60.00; total \$12,101.20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees

The Finance and Audit Committee will meet on June 8, 2018, to discuss the 2019 budget.

Provided an overview of the General, Special and Designated funds; all is going according to plan.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee

The Laws and Rules Committee met on May 21, 2018 and took the following actions: a draft golf cart authorization was prepared and submitted to the proper authorities; the red-light camera issue was again briefly discussed; shopping center signage project is moving forward; discussed the 11 Bachman issue; and prepared a draft ordinance for a code amendment. The next committee meeting is scheduled on June 25, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

Community Development – Jeff Halter

The Community Development Committee met recently to discuss entry signage primarily on Winton Road. Continue to review initial signage versus different options, and will address special interest such as the National Historic Landmark designation. The next meeting is scheduled on June 28, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building.

Services and Streets – No report

Safety – Melanie Hermes

The Safety Committee will meet on June 26, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building.

Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr

Meeting with staff regarding Harvest Fest will take place on May 23, 2018. Planning continues and is on target.

Waycross Community Media Board of Directors will meet on June 13, 2018 at Waycross Community Studios on Waycross Road.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04-L&R

Amending Section 303.06 of the Greenhills Codified Ordinances Regarding the Definition of an Abandoned Junk Motor Vehicle was read for the first time by title only by Mr. Lee

Lee – This ordinance changes the age of the vehicle from five (5) to three (3) years of age and the fair market price from \$800 to \$1,500.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-16-F

Resolution Requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Village of Greenhills and the Dollar Amount of Revenue Generated by Three and One Half Mills (3.5 Mills) for Purposes of Evaluating and Levying a Tax Exceeding the 10-Mill Limitation was read in full by Mr. Drees.

Mr. Drees moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Waltherr.

No discussion.

Voting as follows: “Aye” Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.
 Resolution No. 2018-16-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-17-F

Resolution Making Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers was read in full by Mr. Drees

Mr. Drees moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Halter.

This resolution adds \$131,500 to the Street, Repair and Maintenance-Other account for a total of \$272,100 and is for the resurfacing of Jewel, Foxworth and Handel and crack sealing some other streets. It also covers the transfer from the General Fund to the Non-Voted Debt Service Fund which is a planned transfer to meet the obligations for non-voted debt service.

Voting as follows: “Aye” Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.
 Resolution No. 2018-17-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-18-S&S

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Resolution Authorizing Assessments on Certain Properties in the Village of Greenhills was read in full by Ms. Waltherr.

Ms. Waltherr moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Hermes.

In answer to a question asked by Mr. Lee, Mr. Forbes indicated he would look into the possibility of collecting interest on the funds owed to the Village from the liens.

Voting as follows: "Aye" Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; "No" – none.
 Resolution No. 2018-18-S&S adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-19-F

Resolution Authorizing an Increase for a Certain Village Employee was read in full by Mr. Drees.

Mr. Drees moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Waltherr.

No discussion.

Voting as follows: "Aye" Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; "No" – none.
 Resolution No. 2018-19-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

CALENDAR

Pool opens on May 26, 2018

Golf course is now OPEN

Memorial Day Parade, May 28, 2018, 10:30 a.m., starts at the American Legion Post parking lot, south on Winton Road, ends on the Commons

First *Concert on the Commons*, May 30, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Commons

Planning Commission, June 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Park Talk, June 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Burley Park

Dinner event, June 8, 2018, 6:00-8:00 p.m., American Legion

Community-wide Yard Sale, June 9, 2018

Waycross Community Media Board of Directors, June 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Studios on Winton Road

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Laws and Rules, June 25, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Safety, June 25, 2016, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building

Planning Commission, June 26, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Community Development Committee, June 28, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building

Cheeseburger in Paradise event, July 13, 2018, 6:00-8:00 p.m., American Legion

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



MAYOR



CLERK OF COUNCIL