

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 26, 2018 MINUTES

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, June 26, 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/PRAYER/ 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 May 22, 2018 regular Council meeting and the June 12, 2018 Council meeting/work session minutes were approved as submitted.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Dr. Patricia Bender, 29 Handel, noticed the new restrooms serving the golf course were locked when she went to use them. She stated the greens at the golf course are in need of repair. She questioned why most members of Council did not participate in the Memorial Day and Pioneer Day parades.

Ms. Patricia Andwan, 32 Chalmers Lane, explained in detail the issues she is having with a neighbor regarding property lines. The neighbor needs to access the back of his yard through her property. She indicated that someone cut down her landscaping. Her time then expired.

Mr. David Eichert, 62 Damon Road, stated he owns the property at 30 Chalmers. He stated that he wants to exercise rights under the party-wall agreement with 32 Chalmers to maintain his property, including painting the building.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

The Manager reported on a pre-construction meeting she recently attended for the upcoming Water Works main replacement project. The work will include the installation of 19 new fire hydrants. As part of the project, the Manager has requested a quote from the Water Works vendor for paving in the area as other work is being done. Work will begin after Labor Day.

The Manager announced that the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) will once again conduct the Subpoena Program relative to delinquent tax payments on September 11, 2018 in Council Chambers.

Crack sealing on the Molloy's lot is scheduled in September, 2018.

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Restrooms are now open in the area of the golf course. The contractor is completing the punch list of outstanding items.

Road repairs and paving will begin after the 4th of July on Jewel Lane, Foxworth Lane, Handel Lane, Carini Lane, Hadley Road (cul de sac) and Junefield Avenue.

The Manager made Council aware of informational flyers that are being distributed at the pool this year. Also, the credit card machine (ATM) has had a positive impact on the revenues at the pool.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

The Law Director reported on the following:

SB 239 - REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT. This bill would modify the law concerning regional councils of governments. The bill is designed to facilitate further transparency for regional COGs.

HB 662 - IMMIGRATION LAWS. This bill would clarify a municipal corporation's authority to enact policies to effectively allocate its resources in order to satisfy municipal law enforcement needs and comply with federal immigration laws as appropriate. The bill allows local governments to dictate how local law enforcement and its resources are deployed without requiring them to comply with federal immigrations policies that political subdivisions deem will be harmful to their local communities or businesses.

HB 664 - NALOXONE USE. Sponsored by Rep. Ramos (D - Lorain), would cease payments to a subdivision that materially hinders or prevents its personnel from carrying and using naloxone. During its first hearing before the House State and Local Government Committee, the bill's sponsor explained that the bill targets local governments that don't allow first responders to carry naloxone or that restrict whether or not a first responder can administer naloxone if an individual has had a certain number of prior overdoses. The Ohio Municipal League is still reviewing this bill.

HB 670 - MUNICIPAL TAXES. Known as the "Simplified Alternative Withholding Tax Compliance Act" this bill would authorize an employer to enter into an agreement with a municipal tax administrator to prescribe, subject to certain parameters, the portion of nonresident employee wages that will be subject to the municipal corporation's income tax.

Other Items of Interest:

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that it is legal for Ohio to purge its voter rolls of people who fail to vote in three successive federal elections or the intervening local elections and failed to respond to notices. This ruling overturned a ruling by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Law Director recently attended the Ohio Municipal League Regional Conference in Mason, Ohio. This was a condensed version of the three day conference held annually in Columbus. The regional conference was well attended and provided a number of useful presentations including topics addressing Home Rule, Sunshine Laws, medical marijuana, public nuisances, and social media.

The Law Director gave an update on the issue of traffic light cameras as it relates to home rule; case remains in the court system.

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Clerk of Council – Kathy Lives

The June 2018 Community Calendar and Resolution Nos. 2018-16-F, 17-F, 18 S&S, and 19-F were posted as required.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

The Chief reported that *Pioneer Day* was another fun event in Greenhills held on June 23, 2018. Citizen Police Academy Alumni Jim Hadley rode with Lieutenant Anne Ward, who led the parade.

On June 9, 2018, Greenhills Police once again served a search warrant at a residence in the “F” section that was the scene of earlier drug arrests on March 8th. In this instance, officers located heroin and drug paraphernalia in the residence. Jena Schwab of that address was charged with Felony Possession of Heroin and Drug Abuse Instruments. A warrant has been issued for an accomplice who remains at large.

A 64-year-old Greenhills resident was arrested on Saturday, April 5, 2018 and charged with multiple incidents of Criminal Damaging. These related to numerous incidents of cars in the “I” section being damaged after being marked with a marker. On June 25th, the suspect was convicted in Hamilton County Municipal Court of the charges and ordered to pay restitution to the victims or face jail time.

The Chief reported that now is the time to sign up for the second annual *Greenhills Bike Rodeo!* The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Winton Woods Middle School at 147 Farragut Road. It is a free bike safety course for children ages 4-12. Helmets are required, and free helmets will be given to those who don’t have one. The rodeo will feature safety checks of bikes and helmets and instruction for the rules of the road. The event will include demos from the Forest Park Police K-9 and other special surprises! Local police officers and firefighters will be attending and the plan is to secure a landing from the Air Care Helicopter. All participants will receive a certificate for free ice cream and a lucky boy and girl will each receive a free bicycle. Enjoy a grilled hotdog, a drink, and some chips after the course!

Lieutenant Anne Ward represented the department on June 12, 2018 at the Winton Woods Intermediate School for the kickoff event of the *Nutrition is the Mission* program. The Nutrition bus comes to the Greenhills Community Building at 12:50 to 1:20 PM weekdays to distribute food to those in need. It is estimated that the free mobile program will distribute over 20,000 meals during the eight-week program. The department will be collaborating with the Forest Park Police and Fire Departments and the Winton Woods Schools to schedule another *Fill the Bus* event to provide food for this program.

Join us at the Picnic Shelter next to Molloys on the Green at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 for *NATIONAL NIGHT OUT*. In conjunction with the Municipal Manager’s Park Talk, The Police Department will be grilling dinner and providing snacks to all who attend. The Greenhills Fire Department will be on hand conducting a fire safety demonstration. More details will follow as the event gets closer.

Police Officer Michael Willis resigned as a Greenhills Police Officer on June 26, 2018. As a result, the department posted a police officer vacancy and will be interviewing over two dozen applicants in the coming weeks.

Police Officer Eric Tricase was appointed to the Honor Guard of the Hamilton County Police Association, which serves all of Hamilton County law enforcement during ceremonial events.

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Thanks are sent to the Sharing Worlds Learning Center, located at 1 Eswin Street. Officers Tony Patton and Andy Moore visited the school on April 26, 2018 to interact with the children.

During the month of May, the department investigated three accidents (down from seven in May of 2017), three crimes (down from six last May), and 209 other incidents (up from 159 last May). Of a total of 436 contacts (557 last May), 226 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 229 last May, and 210 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 258 last May. The department provided assistance to the public in 100 instances (77 times last May), assisted other agencies 22 times (up from 16 times last May), and made 23 criminal arrests (compared to 43 last July) and 29 traffic arrests (107 last May). Each crime was analyzed for geographic.

Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts

Court receipts for May 2018 – Village of Greenhills - \$12,583.62; State of Ohio - \$2,680.50; Hamilton County \$97.50; total \$15,361.62.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee

The Laws and Rules Committee scheduled for June 11, 2016 was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building, at which time HB48 (small cell facilities) and other matters that duly come before the committee will be discussed.

Community Development – Jeff Halter

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will take place on June 28, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building. The main topics of discussion will be planning signage at the entryways and recognition of the National Historic Landmark designation.

Noted two residents expressed concerns about the poor condition of the greens at the golf course.

Mr. Halter explained his position on parades, including his support for them.

Services and Streets

Ms. Kovach noted Municipal Road Funds legislation is on the agenda for consideration by Council later in the meeting.

Safety – Melanie Hermes

The Safety Committee met earlier in evening of June 26, 2018 to discuss and consider the following:

- Coyotes in the neighborhoods – suggested obtaining information from the Park District and placing safety information on the website.
- Ordinance relative to special police.
- Proposed police levy.

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- Citizens Police Academy.
- Promotional procedure in the Police Department will be discussed at later date.
- Two fire trucks are for sale—rescue truck and fire engine.
- Narcan use by medic responders are less frequent, but, more Narcan is needed.
- Fire Department applied for a \$175,000 SCBA grant; outcome remains pending.
- Called attention to the *Bike Rodeo* on July 21, 2018 and *National Night Out* on August 7, 2018.
- The Safety Committee will meet on August 28, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building.

Ms. Hermes noted she and her daughter participated in the *Pioneer Day Parade* on June 23, 2018,

Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr

Ms. Waltherr provided a report on the Waycross Community Media Board of Directors recently held meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Waycross Community Building on Waycross Road.

She reported that she recently met with staff relative to Harvest Fest; monthly meetings continue for planning purposes.

Community Day at the Pool will be held on June 30, 2018, 12 noon-4:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Pool membership recognition event is planned for later in the summer; additional information is forthcoming.

Cheeseburger in Paradise event will be held at the American Legion on July 13, 2018.

Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees

The Finance and Audit Committee met on June 8, 2018 and a 2019 tax budget hearing was held on June 12, 2018.

Mr. Drees announced that Finance Director Matt Sanders resigned as of June 15, 2018; an interim Finance Director has been hired until a full-time replacement is found.

The proposed 3 ½ mil police levy will generate \$184,749 annually. The cost for a \$100,000 valuation home is \$122.50 per year.

Council will review and consider the 2019 tax budget at the July 7, 2018 Council meeting/work session; it is due to Hamilton County by July 20, 2018. The Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the proposed budget and recommends its approval,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

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 in full for the second time by Mr. Lee.

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

No discussion.

Voting as follows: "Yea" – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee, and Waltherr; "No" – none.
Ordinance No. 2018-04-L&R adopted 5-0 roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05-S

Amending Section 153.07(a) of the Greenhills Codified Ordinances Regarding Special Police was read for the first time by title only by Ms. Hermes.

Hermes – Village wants to keep the option to use special police in the case the need arises.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06-L&R

An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Greenhills, Ohio was read for the first time by title only by Mr. Lee.

Halter – This ordinance is housekeeping matter to bring the Greenhills Codified Ordinances up to date.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-20-F

Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation (Police Operating) was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

No discussion

Voting as follows: "Yea" – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee, and Waltherr; "No" – none.
Resolution No. 2018-20-F adopted 5-0 roll call vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21-S&S

A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village of Greenhills and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative to the Improvements of Winton Road was read in full by Mr. Lee.

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

Lee – The funds from Hamilton County are \$80,000 with the remainder from the Greenhills budget for the Winton Road Improvements.

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Voting as follows: "Yea" – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee, and Walther; "No" – none.
 Resolution No. 2018-21-S&S adopted 5-0 roll call vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22-S&S

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

Mr. Lee moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Walther.

No discussion.

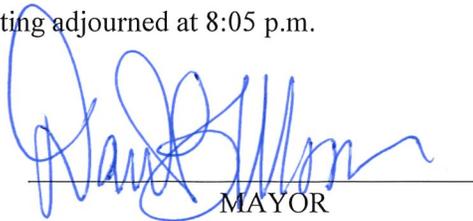
Voting as follows: "Yea" – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee, and Walther; "No" – none.
 Resolution No. 2018-22-S&S adopted 5-0 roll call vote.

CALENDAR

- Community Development Committee, June 28, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building
- *Community Day at the Pool*, June 30, 2018, 12 noon-4:00 p.m.
- *Cheeseburger in Paradise* event, July 13, 2018, 6:00-8:00 p.m., American Legion
- Park Talk, July 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Gazebo
- Laws and Rules Committee, July 23, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building
- Bike Rodeo, July 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Winton Woods Middle School
- National Night Out, August 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Picnic Shelter
- Safety Committee, August 28, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building
- Waycross Community Media Board of Directors, September 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Waycross Community Media Studios, Waycross Road

Mr. Drees reminded those residents who received Board of Revision letters that they must comply with provisions set forth in the letters.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



 MAYOR



 CLERK OF COUNCIL
 FOR: Kathryn Lives
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