

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 24, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Tax Budget Public Hearing of June 12, 2018, the Regular Council Meeting of June 26, 2018 and the Special Council Meeting of July 17, 2018 were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Monique Maisenhalter, 154 Junefield, commented in reference to Ohio HB 478. She expressed opposition to the installation of wireless infrastructure and presented evidence that these towers pose risks to the health of residents.

Teresa & Keith Owen, 145 Junefield, expressed that they agreed with Ms. Maisenhalter.

Rob Howell, 34 Damon, stated his support for medical marijuana in Greenhills and encouraged Council to reevaluate how it might positively benefit the Village.

Patricia Andwan, 32 Chalmers, voiced concerns about a neighboring property and potential maintenance violations.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

Ms. Kovach began her report stating that Village road repairs and repaving are being completed and that inspections and final work will be concluded soon. She also mentioned the legislative item on the agenda for additional road repairs along streets benefitting from GCWW main replacement in the next year.

She said Duke Energy and Southern Cross will perform inspections of gas meters and residents should expect notice from Duke Energy, as well as inspectors later in the summer.

She informed Council the Golf Course Superintendent has resigned and she is in the process of hiring a new Superintendent. She also stated the Village utilize a current employee for gardening.

Ms. Kovach stated the Shopping Center owner is working with Village for updates on signage location and design.

Winton Woods City School's school year begins on Monday, August 20th. Several requests have been made to extend weekday open hours, however these scheduling changes are cost restrictive. After August 13th, the pool is only open on weekends.

The asphalt driveway behind Molloy's has been repaired and the ADA Restroom contractor needs to finalize grading work at the ADA Restroom site.

The golf cart path connecting American Legion lot and Ireland Avenue has been opened for access.

Sidewalk program bids have been sent to contractors for repair and replacement works. The Village intends to fund repairs on sidewalk damaged by tree root issues.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

Mr. Forbes was absent due to a prior commitment. Mr. Kevin Frank of Wood & Lamping was present in Mr. Forbes' place at the meeting. No report presented.

Acting Clerk of Council – David Lumsden

Ordinance 2018-04, Resolutions 2018-20, 2018-21, 2018-22, 2018-23 were posted as required.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

Greenhills Police Undo Fourth of July Vandalism

On July 5th, a "C" Section resident wrote on Nextdoor Greenhills: "Just wanted to say thank you to Greenhills Police for their services to this community. I live next door to a little 95-year-old woman. She has a 3 ft tall Mother Mary concrete statue that stands in her backyard on a concrete pedestal. She has been here for 50+ years and so has this statue. Well, last night some vandals decided to knock it down. I physically couldn't pick it up myself so I called Greenhills Police and they came out and picked it up and put it back on the pedestal where it has stood for over 50 years. I know everyone is not religious which is fine but please don't go around knocking down others belongings because you disagree with their lifestyles and beliefs. Anyway, just wanted to say thanks to the police for helping out." Sergeant Tim Lukes and Officer Tony Patton responded and reset the statue. They noted that due to its weight, it took both of them!

"The Rest of the Story..."

We received this response just after the release of last month's report from a resident: "Thank you for the update. I was part of the May report. My car nearly lost a wheel on Burley Circle when the studs sheared off. I called to be sure it was okay to leave it parked on Burley until I could have it towed. I believe it was Officer Andy Moore who responded. My first question wasn't about where it was parked. I showed him the broken pieces and asked him if he knew what caused it!! He was very patient! I was pretty upset at the time and not thinking clearly. My mom was at Vitas Hospice at Drake and I was anxious to return to her. After hearing my conversation with my dad, the officer made a quick call to Lieutenant Anne Ward and then let me know he was able to take me back to Drake. I was so grateful that I could return quickly and that my dad did not have to leave her side. We lost Mom on May 12 and treasure every moment we could spend with her. I imagine many of your calls seem routine and yet many have a 'rest of the story' like mine. You touch the community in more ways than you know. Thank you for all you do."

Laser Radar Device Provided by Ohio Department of Public Safety

One of the department's radar devices failed to work recently and was evaluated for repair. Due to the age of the unit, the cost of repair was going to exceed the cost of a new unit. Since a radar device

costs several thousand dollars, we contacted Paul Humphries, the regional Law Enforcement Liaison for the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS). We applied for and received a grant from ODPS for a laser radar device, which is a much newer technology than the device it replaced. We are very grateful to Paul for his assistance in saving our community thousands of dollars, and for receiving a device that will help keep motorists safe.

Telephone Scams Continue

The Village offices received a call on July 6th from a concerned resident indicating that someone is using a Caller ID identifier to send out scam calls. The resident received a call from a telephone number that read GREENHLS OHIO on the Caller ID. He said it was a woman with a foreign accent trying to sell him on a lower energy rate claiming she worked for (Dayton Power and Light (DP&L)). The scammers have adapted their technology to display fake information on Caller ID devices. Be alert for telephone scams, and never give out personal information such as social security numbers or account numbers to those calling you!

Greenhills Police Levy Placed on November Ballot

On June 26th, Council voted to place a 3.5 mill police levy on the November. The levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$120 per year, or ten dollars a month. There currently is a significant discrepancy in salary levels for Greenhills officers in contrast to other comparable communities. Consequently, the department hires officers and they stay for several years and move on to higher paying jobs elsewhere. The costs associated with hiring a new officer is in excess of \$15,000 each time this occurs, which includes training and equipment. We have hired 14 officers since 2013. Seven of those have moved on. One officer left us in June to go to another department, and two additional officers are in the hiring process at higher paying departments. We currently have a high-quality staff, even though it is increasingly difficult to find officers of the caliber we think our community deserves. In addition, our cruisers, computers, and other law enforcement tools are continuously in use around the clock, and are often very expensive to repair or replace, as discussed above. The levy will permit us to maintain a quality force of community-oriented officers at a cheaper cost than contracting with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. A group of our Citizens Police Academy Alumni as well as other citizens are in the process of forming a levy committee.

Curb Crime: Lock Your Car!

We have had several reports of thieves gaining access to unlocked cars, and nearby jurisdictions are experiencing the same incidents. This typically involves those looking for easy money, and they usually do not target locked vehicles. In the cases here and in nearby communities, cars are ransacked and valuables are taken. It is a sign of the times we live in. Often addicts are looking to feed their addiction and look for an easy way to accomplish this. An unlocked car is the easiest target, and residents are victimized by losing cash, checks, credit cards, electronics, or other valuables that can be easily turned into cash. It only takes a minute – lock your car when you get out – make it a habit!

National Night Out Set for August 7th

National Night Out is coming . . . along with FREE FOOD! In conjunction with Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach's Park Talk at the picnic shelter next to Molloy's on the Green, the Greenhills Police Department will sponsor National Night Out for our residents. Along with some community volunteers, we will be grilling dinner for all of those who attend! The Greenhills Fire Department will be on hand conducting a fire safety demonstration. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun event and learn more about what is happening in your community at the same time.

Bike Rodeo Postponed Until Fall

The Greenhills Police Bike Rodeo is being postponed until fall. We will be working with the schools in setting a new date and will post the information on our website as soon as it is available. The event will include 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 K-9 demos and other special surprises! Local police officers and firefighters will be attending and we hope 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! If you are interested, let us know here and we will save a spot for your child and keep you posted when the date is set!

Interviews Held for Greenhills Police Officer Vacancy

Between July 5th and July 19th, the department's supervisors interviewed 22 applicants for our one police officer vacancy. We are extremely careful in selecting the very best applicant to become a member of the department and to subsequently serve our community. Of the 22 candidates interviewed, 11 were placed in a third tier and will not participate in any further testing. Four applicants were selected as finalists, and seven were placed in a second tier. We hope to fill the existing vacancy from among the top four candidates. Those candidates will be the subject of a rigorous background investigation, and a successful candidate must then complete a polygraph, psychological, and medical examination, including a drug screen. The remaining successful candidates will be available to fill any other vacancies that occur in the near future. We will announce the appointment of the top candidate as soon as he or she is identified.

Crime, Traffic, and Activity By the Numbers

During the month of June, the department investigated six accidents (down from eight in June of 2017), one crime (down from seven last June), and 283 other incidents (up from 207 last June). Of a total of 415 contacts (620 last June), 201 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 313 last June, and 214 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 307 last June. The department provided assistance to the public in 112 instances (82 times last June), assisted other agencies 24 times (down from 25 times last June), and made 30 criminal arrests (compared to 46 last June) and 20 traffic arrests (101 last June). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, tem-poral, and other factors. Details follow.

Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts

Court receipts will be reported at the next Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Jeff Halter

Mr. Halter thanked everyone for Community Day at the Pool, including Diana and Doug Koller worked diligently to create an engaging and exciting event.

The committee had two meetings, on June 28th and July 19th, regarding gateway signage.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee

Mr. Lee reported the July meeting of the Law Committee was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building.

Safety – Melanie Hermes

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for August 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees

Mr. Drees said the last meeting was June 12th prior to the public hearing for the 2019 Tax Budget.

Thanked Jason, interim Finance Director for keeping the Village finances operating as the Village searched for a new Finance Director.

Services and Streets

No report.

Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2018-05-S (2nd read)

Amending Section 153.07(a) of the Greenhills Codified Ordinances Regarding Special Police

Ms. Hermes read the Ordinance in full for the second time. Ms. Hermes moved to adopt the Ordinance, Mr. Halter seconded. Ordinance 2018-05-S passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

2. Ordinance 2018-06-L&R (2nd read)

An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Greenhills, Ohio

Mr. Lee read the Ordinance in full for the second time. Mr. Lee moved the adopt the Ordinance as read. Ms. Hermes seconded. Ordinance 2018-06-L&R passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2018-07-S (1st read)

Amending Section 153.09(b) of the Greenhills Codified Ordinances Regarding Promotional Procedures for Promotion to Police Corporal

Ms. Hermes read the Ordinance by title only for the first time.

2. Resolution 2018-24-S&S

Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter into a Contract with Rack & Ballauer Excavating, Inc. for Paving in Conjunction with a Watermain Replacement Project

Mr. Lee read the Resolution in full. Mr. Lee moved to adopt the Resolution. Ms. Hermes seconded. The Resolution passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

3. Resolution 2018-25-S&S

Resolution Authorizing Assessments on Certain Properties in the Village of Greenhills

Mr. Lee read the Resolution in full. Mr. Lee moved to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Drees seconded. The Resolution passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

4. A Motion to Set a Public Hearing for the Discussion of the Recommendation of the Greenhills Planning Commission Regarding the Prohibition of Medical Marijuana in the Village of Greenhills

Mr. Drees made the motion to hold a public hearing on August 28th, 2018 at 6 p.m. to discuss the recommendation of the Greenhills Planning Commission regarding the prohibition of medical marijuana in the Village of Greenhills. Mr. Lee seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The public hearing is scheduled for August 28th, 2018 at 6 p.m.

5. A Motion to Accept the Position Description for the Finance Director of the Village of Greenhills

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

CALENDAR

National Night Out, August 7th, beginning at 6 p.m., Picnic Shelter.

Safety Committee meeting, August 28th at 5:15 p.m., Municipal Building.

Law Committee meeting, August 27th at 9 a.m., Municipal Building.

Member Appreciation Day at the Greenhills Swimming Pool, Aug. 25th from 4-8 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

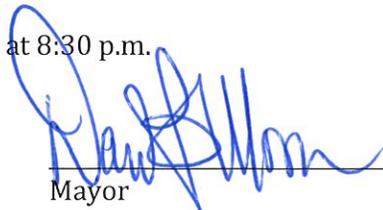
A Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss of the sale of real property by competitive bid.

Mr. Drees moved to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Hermes seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. No action will be taken following the Executive Session. Council the adjourned into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Drees moved to exit Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Hermes seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk of Council