

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pro-Tempore Melanie Hermes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, Jack Lee, Natasha Metz and Maria Waltherr. Also present were Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach, Police Chief Neil Ferdelman, Law Director Jeff Forbes and Acting Clerk of Council David Lumsden. Mayor David Moore was excused without objection.

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

Following 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 minutes for the August 28, 2018 Council Public Hearing, the August 28, 2018 Regular Council meeting and the September 11, 2018 Council Work Session were approved as submitted.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Hermes presided over the swearing in of the new Greenhills police officer, Cody M. Ritchie.

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

Ms. Hermes read a Mayoral Proclamation recognizing Jason Grezgorek of Waycross Community Media for his work in service of the Village.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

Mr. Jonathan Dever, the representative for the 28<sup>th</sup> District of the Ohio House of Representatives updated Council and the public on some of the work that he is undertaking as part of his position. These included bail reform, lending institution reform, vocational training programs for high school students and unemployment insurance reforms. He also indicated he will focus on future changes to the collection of property taxes and millage collection for better local government finance forecasting and to overall improve local government funding.

Mr. Drees asked Mr. Dever if there were plans to improve local government access to state funding. Mr. Dever responded that he will pursue a solution that fits the unique needs of communities like Greenhills.

**CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Ms. Christina Elam, 852 Cascade Road, Forest Park, Ohio, also babysits at 30 Chalmers Lane and she inquired as to the possibility for a "Watch for Children Playing" traffic sign along Chalmers Lane. She said she has seen its effectiveness in other communities. Ms. Hermes said she will refer this to the Safety Committee.

Ms. Maria Waltherr, 29 Damon Road, thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their quick response times. She commended the Police Department on their service to the Village. She also

stated Greenhills' police salaries are at the bottom of Hamilton County. She also said it costs \$15,000 in training and equipment for each new officer. She encouraged everyone to vote yes on the Police Levy in November.

### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

#### **Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach**

No report.

#### **Law Director – Jeffrey Forbes**

##### Legislative Update:

No new bills of interest.

##### Other Items of Interest:

As detailed by the Ohio Municipal League, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a document that would create substantial preemptions on local small cell infrastructure improvement. It is scheduled to be reviewed and possibly approved later this month.

This proposal outlines the massive loss of local control municipalities would face regarding small cell deployment in the municipal right-of-way, including issues like undergrounding, negotiations for public benefits and the ability to fully control the appearance of city streets by limiting local aesthetic requirements.

The proposal would undo all the hard work accomplished in HB 478, which made into state law the agreed-upon compromises and negotiations between Ohio's municipalities and the telecommunications industry. Instead, many benefits would be handed to wireless providers and have the potential to free them of the requirement to build out and provide services to all residents in a reasonable timeframe.

The OML has urged municipalities to voice their opposition to these proposed FCC rules.

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

The September Community Calendar was posted.

Ordinance 2018-07-S, Resolutions 2018-26-S&S, 2018-27-S&S and 2018-28-S&S were all posted as required.

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

Chief Ferdelman welcomed Cody Ritchie as the Greenhills Police Department's newest full-time officer. He recently graduated from the Great Oaks Police Academy as Class President. He most recently worked at Camp Safety as a service technician.

Greenhills Police Department was awarded \$6,126 in grant funding as part of the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program to purchase body armor for police officers. The grant was written by Lieutenant Anne Ward. New vests will be purchased in 2019.

A group of Greenhills citizens formed a levy committee to support the Greenhills Police Levy, which will appear on the ballot as Issue 24 in November. The levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$120 per year, or around ten dollars a month. There currently is a significant discrepancy in salary levels for Greenhills officers in contrast to other comparable communities.

The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste Management District has organized a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for Greenhills and other Hamilton County residents at no charge. Collections will be held every Thursday from 1-7 p.m. through November 15<sup>th</sup> at Environmental Enterprises, 4600 Spring Grove Ave., Cinti, OH 45232.

During the month of August, the department investigated five accidents (down from seven in August of 2017), six crimes (up from three last August), and 433 other incidents (up from 196 last August). Of a total of 616 contacts (711 last August), 298 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 323 last August, and 318 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 388 last August. The department provided assistance to the public in 133 instances (176 times last August), assisted other agencies 21 times (down from 38 times last August), and made 39 criminal arrests (compared to 31 last August) and 58 traffic arrests (94 last August). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

### **President Pro-Tempore – Melanie Hermes, Court Receipts**

Court receipts for August 2018 were as follows:

Hamilton County: \$39.00  
 State of Ohio: \$1,245.00  
 Village of Greenhills: \$6,203.70  
 Total: \$7,487.70

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Services and Streets – Natasha Metz**

Ms. Metz stated she met with Ms. Kovach and Service Director Mike Caster to review ongoing projects related the Streets & Services Committee. The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Greenhills Municipal Building.

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

Mr. Lee said the meeting originally scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The next meeting is October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Greenhills Municipal Building.

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

Mr. Drees said Village revenue is up 7% year to date, with approximately 66% of appropriates expended. He also said a Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

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

Mr. Halter said work is underway in evaluating the location of new entryway signage.

He also stated he is planning to investigate changes to commercial signage code.

#### **Safety – Melanie Hermes**

Ms. Hermes stated the October meeting will be rescheduled.

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

Harvest Fest 2018 is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. She encouraged all to attend and enjoy the bands, booths, activities, food, beer and even an American Ninja Warrior course.

She thanked those who assisted with Community Day at the Swimming Pool.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. RESOLUTION 2018-29-F**

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Walther seconded. No discussion. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

**2. RESOLUTION 2018-30-S&S**

Ms. Metz read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Mr. Halter seconded. Mr. Lee said this Resolution is an example of the Village enforcing its property maintenance codes. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

**3. RESOLUTION 2018-31-F**

Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety and moved to adopt it as submitted. Ms. Walther seconded. Mr. Drees stated the Golf Course will be under budget by \$6,000. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

**CALENDAR**

Harvest Fest 2018 – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., Marketplace

Work Session – October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

Streets & Services Committee – October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m., Municipal Building

Laws & Rules Committee – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m., Municipal Building

Regular Council meeting – October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 p.m., Municipal Building

Trick or Treat in the Village – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6-8 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business pending, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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President Pro Tempore



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Clerk of Council