VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019 | 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   March 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

   April 9, 2019 Work Session
4. **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

   A Proclamation celebrating Arbor Day 2019
5. **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

   This is the time for citizens to comment on matters before Council. When recognized, please come forward to the lectern, give your name and address and then state your comments or questions. This is not intended to be a dialogue with Council or Village staff. If you have questions, the questions will be recorded and referred to the Manager's office for response. This will allow time for thoughtful and thorough consideration to be given to each question. Council meetings are recorded for ease of transcription. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.
6. **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

   Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

   Law Director – Jeffrey Forbes

   Acting Clerk of Council – David Lumsden

   Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

   Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

   Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee

   Services and Streets – Natashia Metz

   Safety – Melanie Hermes

   Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr

   Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees

   Community Development – Jeff Halter

8. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2019-12-S&S
Resolution Authorizing Assessments on Certain Properties in the Village of Greenhills (Metz)

RESOLUTION 2019-13-S&S
Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter Into a Contract With Trampler Brothers Paving of a Municipal Parking Lot (Metz)

9. CALENDAR

10. ADJOURNMENT

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2019 | 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, Melanie Hermes, Jack Lee, Natashia Metz and Maria Waltherr. Also present were Acting Municipal Manager & Chief of Police Neil Ferdelman and Law Director Jeffrey Forbes.

Owing to the absence of the Acting Clerk of Council David Lumsden, Law Director Jeffrey Forbes was appointed Acting Clerk of Council for this meeting 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

Ms. Hermes said that the February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes should be amended to reflect the attendance of Law Director Jeffrey Forbes.

The minutes of the February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted and March 9, 2019 Council Retreat were approved as amended.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Mayor Moore read a Proclamation declaring April "World Autism Month" in the Village & declaring April 2, 2019 as "World Autism Awareness Day" in the Village.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No citizens came forward to address Council.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Acting Municipal Manager – Neil Ferdelman

As Acting Municipal Manager, Chief Ferdelman read aloud responses to questions posed by residents at previous Council meetings and correspondence. These questions included the Village's response to the potential for 5G wireless networks in Greenhills, walking paths in the Village, property maintenance, pool and golf memberships and parking concerns.

Chief Ferdelman also provided a description of the legislation on the agenda for this meeting.

Law Director – Jeffrey Forbes

Law Director Jeffrey Forbes verbally presented his report.

He presented additional information regarding pending litigation involving the Village of Greenhills.

Acting Clerk of Council – Jeffrey Forbes

Mr. Forbes verbally presented the Acting Clerk of Council's report. Resolutions 2019-05, 2019-06, 2019-07 were posted as required. The March Community Calendar was also posted.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

Chief Ferdelman verbally presented the March report.

Property Technician Robert Wright celebrated 50 years of service in the law enforcement profession. Mr. Wright serves as the Property Room Manager for the Village of Greenhills, a position he has held since 2003. His law enforcement career history also includes the City of Mt. Healthy and the City of Forest Park. He is a board-certified Crime Scene Analyst with the International Association of Identification. The Village of Greenhills Police Department thanks Mr. Wright for his continued service.

Lieutenant Anne Ward submitted a federal grant to reimburse half the price of ballistic vests purchased last year. A State of Ohio grant will fund this year's vest purchases.

New equipment, including rifles, radios and cameras, are being made available to Greenhills police officers.

New pay scales for police officers were approved at the February Council meeting, funded by the Police Levy passed last November.

The Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency is hosting a Mass Care Summit on Wednesday, March 27th.

The Greenhills Police Department, in conjunction with Forest Park and Springfield Township, will train Winton Woods City Schools faculty and staff on handling critical incidents.

During the month of February, the department investigated seven accidents (up from three in February of 2018), two crimes (down from three last February), and 312 other incidents (up from 126 last February). Of a total of 490 contacts (513 last February), 212 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 228 last February, and 278 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 285 last February. The department provided assistance to the public in 115 instances (110 times last February), assisted other agencies 37 times (up from 16 times last February), and made ten criminal arrests (compared to 26 last February) and 67 traffic arrests (65 last February). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Mayor – David Moore, Court Receipts

February court receipts were as follows – State of Ohio: $1,280.50; Hamilton County: $46.50; Village of Greenhills: $5,826.50.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Services and Streets – Natashia Metz

Ms. Metz said the Committee discussed the upcoming Shine Greenhills Clean-Up. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 9th at 9 a.m.

Community Development – Jeff Halter

Mr. Halter gave further detail on the Shine Greenhills event. Mr. Lee asked when the stone base around the Village entryway sign was projected to be completed. Mr. Halter said the Village is planning this with the sign manufacturer.

Recreation and Cable Television – Maria Waltherr

The Waycross Community Programming Board met on March 19th.

The Recreation Committee met and discussed Harvest Fest 2019. The next Recreation Committee meeting is June 10th at 9:00 a.m. Community Day at the Greenhills Pool is scheduled for June 29th, with a rain date of June 30th.

Finance and Audit – Glenn Drees

No report.

Safety – Melanie Hermes

The Committee met March 26th and discussed the legislation on the agenda for this meeting. The Greenhills Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 21st, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Drees encouraged interested residents to volunteer with the Greenhills Fire Department. He also asked residents to thank the volunteers, whose service allows Greenhills to have its own Fire Department.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules – Jack Lee

The Committee met March 25th to discuss the Mill Creek Valley Conservancy District. The District is looking to place an assessment on property owners within its boundaries. The Village of Greenhills is not located within the District's boundaries, so therefore no action is required at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2019-08-F
Resolution Making Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers (Drees)

   Mr. Drees read the Resolution in its entirety and moved for its passage as submitted. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

2. RESOLUTION 2019-09-S
Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Execute the Hamilton County, Ohio Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement (Hermes)

   Ms. Hermes read the Resolution in its entirety and moved for its passage as submitted. Ms. Waltherr seconded. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

3. RESOLUTION 2019-10-S
Resolution Adopting the Greenhills Mayor's Court Rules (Hermes)

   Ms. Hermes read the Resolution in its entirety and moved for its passage as submitted. Mr. Halter seconded. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

4. RESOLUTION 2019-11-S&S
Resolution Authorizing Assessments on Certain Properties in the Village of Greenhills (Metz)

Ms. Metz read the Resolution in its entirety and moved for its passage as submitted. Mr. Lee seconded. No discussion. The Resolution passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

CALENDAR

Streets and Services Committee Meeting – April 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Council Work Session – April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Shine Greenhills clean-up event – April 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Commons Gazebo

Greenhills Fire Dept. Easter Egg Hunt – April 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., Greenhills Commons

Laws & Rules Committee Meeting – April 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Recreation Committee Meeting – June 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION
APRIL 9, 2019 | 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, Melanie Hermes, Jack Lee, Natashia Metz and Maria Waltherr. Also present were Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Acting Clerk of Council David Lumsden.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER & 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pickleball in the Village

Ms. Kovach verbally summarized a previous presentation regarding the cost to install pickleball courts in the Village. The overall estimated cost for two pickleball courts on the existing tennis court behind the Greenhills Swimming Pool would be under $2,000. Only one of the two tennis courts would be modified for pickleball. Players would initially be required to provide their own equipment.

Mr. Drees said promotion is the key to ensuring its success. This includes advertisement for events and demonstrations at the courts.

Council expressed their satisfaction with the proposed plan.

Additional items that may be brought before Council by its members

Ms. Kovach said that bids were updated for the American Legion parking lot and the project will proceed in 2019.

Ms. Kovach presented a conceptual map drawing of the repurposing of the Greenhills Golf Course as a large park and arboretum. The architect will be preparing pricing information. Mr. Halter asked if the proposed pond increases any liability the Village may have. Ms. Kovach said it would not. Ms. Hermes inquired about the possibility of ice skating on the proposed pond. Mr. Lee asked about the proposed pathways and their susceptibility to ADA regulations. Ms. Kovach said that the type of gravel that is proposed is ADA compliant "B-19" gravel. Mr. Drees wanted additional information on estimated maintenance costs following installation. Ms. Waltherr asked about installing a community garden in the proposed park area.

Ms. Kovach stated the new State of Ohio gas tax would generate over $72,000 in additional gas tax revenues for the Village.

Ms. Kovach introduced walking paths as the topic for the next Work Session. Council should come prepared with questions about this topic. Mr. Halter expressed his desire to discuss property maintenance concerns in addition to other Work Session topics.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council

Village of Greenhills

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: trees and the urban forest are an important component of our Village's infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest have been shown to reduce crime, vandalism and domestic violence, as well as vehicular speed and therefore are important components of our Village's safety mission, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce storm water runoff and water pollution and therefore are important resources for our Village's service mission, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce the symptoms of ADD and ADHD and improve the concentration of school age children allowing them to perform better in school and make better life choices and therefore are valuable assets for our schools and educators teaching our next generation, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce air conditioning and heating costs for residents and therefore makes our community more livable, save our residents money, and reduce our need for foreign energy, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest make our neighborhoods more inviting and attractive and cause new homebuyers to want to live in our community and be willing to pay more for a house in our community and therefore are a foundation stone for our Village's community development efforts, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest attract shoppers and businesses, inspire shoppers to visit more frequently, stay longer, and spend more money and therefore are important components of our Village's economic development mission, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce stress and human mortality from cardiac and lower respiratory illness and therefore are critical to the health of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Moore, Mayor of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio do hereby proclaim May 10, 2019, as

ARBOR DAY IN THE VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect and nurture our trees and urban forest not just for the beauty they provide but for the benefits they give our residents and community, and

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 23rd day of April in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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Mayor David Moore

WOOD + LAMPING

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Mayor, Council, and Municipal Manager

FROM: Jeffrey D. Forbes, Law Director

DATE: April 23, 2019

Legislative Update:

S.B. 57 has been introduced to decriminalize hemp and license hemp cultivation. This bill would also specify that people can possess CBD oil legally in the state. CBD is derived from the hemp plant. The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy has said it is illegal for drug stores or gas stations to sell it. The Pharmacy board said it could only be sold in medical marijuana dispensaries. This bill would clarify that CBD is not regulated under the medical marijuana statute.

Pending Legal Matters:

Andwan v. Village of Greenhills. (State Court). In October 2017, the Plaintiff sued the Village seeking an injunction to stop the demolition of Village owned property. The injunction was denied and the case was dismissed by the trial court on November 30, 2017. Plaintiff/Appellant filed her appeal in December 2017. After a number of extension were granted to Plaintiff/Appellant, the appellate case has been fully briefed. **Oral argument has been scheduled for June 19, 2019**.

Andwan v. Village of Greenhills. (Federal Court). On February 1, 2019, the Sixth Circuit dismissed Ms. Andwan's appeal due to her continued requests for additional time and failure to file a brief. Ms. Andwan filed a motion for reconsideration with the Court of Appeals. That motion was denied. Ms. Andwan filed a second motion for reconsideration. That motion was also denied by the Court of Appeals.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12-S&S

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSESSMENTS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

WHEREAS, the Village has given proper notice to the owners of certain real property in the Village of Greenhills regarding the removal of vegetation, refuse, garbage and/or debris from the properties listed below; and

WHEREAS, the owners of said properties did not take action to remedy the violations and therefore, the Village of Greenhills contracted to remove vegetation, refuse, garbage and/or debris and now seeks to collect said expenses by authorizing the placement of a lien upon the lands and collected as other taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Village Council hereby certifies that the costs of such labor, together with the expenses relative thereto, be filed on the return and statement to the Hamilton County Commissioners as an assessment against the properties listed and placed as a lien against the properties by the Auditor of Hamilton County, Ohio, as follows:

PARCEL NO.	ADDRESS	OWNER	COST
597-0030-0007-00	83 Farragut Road	Spaw, Timothy L & Shari L	$205.80
597-0030-0161-00	42 Hamlin Drive	Brunck, Doris A	$135.80
597-0010-0139-00	61 Illona Drive	Thompson, Lisa Krumbein	$135.80
597-0011-0031-00	104 Julep Lane	Hampton, Christopher L & Ashley M	$205.80
TOTAL			**$683.20**

SECTION 2. All amounts collected as a result of this resolution shall be placed into the General Fund of the Village of Greenhills.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION 2019-13-S&S

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRAMPLER BROTHERS PAVING OF A MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, the Village solicited bids for the paving of the municipal parking lot located behind the American Legion building; and

WHEREAS, Trampler Brothers Paving submitted the lowest and best bid for said project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Municipal Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Trampler Brothers Paving in an amount not to exceed $39,999 for the paving work the Village desires to do on the municipal parking lot located to the rear of the American Legion building.

SECTION 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to pay an amount not to exceed $39,999 to Trampler Brothers Paving for said services.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and at the soonest possible date.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council