

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore and Messrs. Jeff Covode, Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, and Jack Lee and Ms. Melanie Hermes and Maria Waltherr. Also present were: Law Director Jeff Forbes and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

Without objection, Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach was excused due to a prior commitment.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council organizational and regular Council meetings of January 12, 2015, the Council/Work Session of January 26, 2016 and the Council Work Session of February 9, 2016 were approved as submitted.

**RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** – none

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach – Police Chief**

For the Municipal Manager, Chief Ferdelman stated Rumpke recycling wheelers will be delivered on Saturday, February 27, 2016 to Greenhills residents. Out-of-town residents are asked to contact Municipal Building staff for wheeler placement instructions. Red bins may be retained by the residents. Urged residents who are not recycling to at least try doing so.

**Law Director – Jeff Forbes**

Provided information on HB 48, dealing with the concealed carry law, which has passed the House and is now assigned to a Senate committee. In answer to a question asked by Mr. Halter, Mr. Forbes explained one change to the law would give municipalities the authority to permit concealed carry in government buildings and to permit concealed carry in police station public areas. The bill could, however, change as it passes through the Senate.

**Clerk of Council – Kathryn L. Lives**

- The January 2016 Community Calendar and Resolution Nos. 2016-01-F and 2016-02-F were posted as required.
- Notice of the Services and Streets Committee meeting of January 25, 2016 was also posted as required.

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**Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman**

- On January 15, 2016, all of the supervisors met to discuss the upcoming Citizen's Police Academy schedule and agenda, annual reports and inspections, training, the budget, equipment purchases, school security issues, and changes to incident reports.
- On January 19, Officer Andy Moore responded to a report of grade school age child locked out of her house in the "F" section after school. He found a small child sitting alone on her porch crying with the temperature well below the freezing mark. Officer Moore was able to make contact with her mother, who said that the child's older brother was supposed to be there. He told the child's mother that she could pick up her daughter from the police department where it was warm. On the way to the department, the child said that she was hungry. Officer Moore took her to the Ameristop, bought her a bag of chips and a drink, and then took her to the department where she played a "PBS Kids" game on the computer until mom arrived to pick her up. Officer Moore received a letter of commendation for his humanitarian efforts.
- Starting on January 20, 2016, all officers participated in online training that showed them how to best deal with autistic children.
- On January 21, 2016 members of the department attended the annual banquet for the Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA), which posthumously honored Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim. Police Officer Eric Tricase was recently appointed to the HCPA Honor Guard.
- On January 21, 2016, Officer Mike Spinelli and Sergeant Tim Lukes spoke to members of Girl Scout Troop 48233. The scouts toured headquarters, saw police cruisers, and learned about police operations. After the tour, Grace Hoffmann and her brother Max, brought up cookies for the officers along with thank you cards from all of the members of the troop.
- Chief Ferdelman worked with the Municipal Manager on recommended revisions to the dog ordinance. These changes were forwarded to the Law Director for review prior to its consideration in committees and, ultimately, Council.
- The re-accreditation on-site assessment will be conducted from December 12-14, 2016. To prepare, Lieutenant Anne Ward and Accreditation Manager Vonda Secoy will travel to St. Louis in March to attend the training conference for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), where all of the latest changes to the process will be discussed.
- On February 2, 2016, the 2015 Annual Report was released to Council, the Municipal Manager, and the public; a copy was posted on the village website.

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- On January 29 and February 9 2016, information was sent to CrimeStoppers regarding two unsolved crimes. A GPD Crime Alert was sent to Greenhills residents regarding these incidents.
- The department's Citizens Police Academy schedule was set, and runs for four sessions in February. The sessions are as follows:  
**Session 1, February 4:** *Introduction and Orientation*  
**Session 2, February 10:** *Patrol and Traffic*  
**Session 3, February 18:** *Firearms and Driving Simulators*  
**Session 4, February 24:** *Tour of the Hamilton County Communications Center, Personal Safety and Crime Prevention*
- During the month of January, the department investigated six accidents (the same as in January of 2015), four crimes (up from three last January), and 174 other incidents (down from 252 last January). Of a total of 624 contacts (891 last January), 231 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 210 last January, and 393 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 681 last January. The department provided assistance to the public in 130 instances (131 times last January), assisted other agencies 40 times (down from 50 times last January), and made 20 criminal arrests (compared to 39 last January) and 72 traffic arrests (96 last January). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Ms. Waltherr thanked Chief Ferdelman for the Citizens Police Academy classes. Another class is in the making for the near future. In response to a query from Ms. Waltherr regarding a Neighborhood Watch Program to which Chief Ferdelman referenced a community-wide meeting in November 2015 relative to this subject. Chief Ferdelman indicated Police Department personnel have met with residents in problem neighborhoods and that informal meetings are forthcoming in the parks for the specific purpose of answering questioning and replying to comments.

### **Fire Department – Chief Tony Spaeth**

For Chief Spaeth, Ms. Hermes stated the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27, 2016, 2:00 p.m., on the Commons.

### **Mayor – David Moore, Audited Court Receipts**

- Audited Court receipts for January 2016 – Village of Greenhills - \$6,463.00; State of Ohio - \$1,622.50; Hamilton County \$58.50.
- Tax Assistance Day for Greenhills income taxpayers is scheduled on March 9, 2016, 1:00-7:00 p.m., at the Mt. Heathy Community Room, 1541 Hill Avenue, Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231.
- A flyer will be included with the upcoming water bills stating the monthly rate for garbage/refuse collection.

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- Indicated that over the past four years, the 733 participants in the gas aggregation program saved \$118,482 and the 694 participants in the electric aggregation program saved \$610, 669 for a total savings \$729,152. Urged non-participating residents who may wish to join the aggregation programs to contact village staff for further information. Mr. Halter suggested placing a one-call alert to residents regarding this savings opportunity.
- The Service Department personnel have converted the fluorescent lights throughout the Municipal Building to LED lights which will save about 60% on electric charges.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Referred to a draft copy of a pamphlet regarding property ownership in the Village of Greenhills and requested Council to send input to him as soon as possible.
- Noted Mr. Marty Huff of the *Troubadour Restaurant* is experiencing health issues; wished him the best for speedy recovery.
- *Bargains and Buyouts* is now open and appears to be doing well.

### **Traffic and Safety – Melanie Hermes**

- Traffic and Safety Committee met earlier in the evening to review the Police Department report and compile feedback to the Laws and Rules Committee on the vicious dog ordinance. The next committee is scheduled for April 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building.

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

- Finance and Audit Committee met earlier in the day to review the village financial status; the January financial packet is not complete as yet. The January fund balance of 2015 versus January 2016 is within one percent.

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

- Attended the recent Recreation Commission meeting; the next revised Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m. with the Recreation Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. same date. The Recreation Commission requests Council to revise the pool admission for senior citizens who bring grandchildren to the pool.
- The next meeting of the Waycross Community Media Board of Directors is scheduled for March 16, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Councilor Sheila Cottle is Forest Park's the new representative on the board.

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- Tree City USA Awards celebration is scheduled on March 22, 2016 in West Carrollton, Ohio. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00.

Ms. Waltherr requested information on a type of tree for a donation to the Winton Road corridor.

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

- The Laws and Rules Committee met on February 22, 2016; additional information is needed prior to further discussion on the dog ordinance. This matter will be further discussed at the next meeting scheduled on March 21, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

### **Services and Streets – Jeff Covode**

- The Services and Streets met twice during the last period to discuss street signs, current status of service vehicles and their replacement; siding option for the service department building, dumpsters at the shopping center and the idea of a dump day for village residents. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Municipal Building.
- Ms. Waltherr called attention to the Service Department building painting. Mr. Forbes stated a warranty claim is not an easy process. The issue is that some faces of the building were more apt for the paint to adhere than others. Also, the vendor has gone out of business. The hope at this point is to recover \$5,000.00
- The Federal deadline for replacement of the street lights has been eliminated. This matter will be placed on a future work session agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01-L&R**

*Amending Section 301.51 of the Greenhills Codified Ordinances Regarding Vehicles* was read in for the first time by Mr. Lee.

#### **2. RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-S&S**

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

Mr. Covode moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Lee.

Covode – One property was listed twice because to two separate liens.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Covode, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee, and Waltherr; “No” – none.

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Resolution No. 2016-03-S&S adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04-S&S**

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

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

Drees – This resolution moved money contained in the Drug Enforcement and Education Fund to supplement the 2016 appropriations to permit the purchase of police radios.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Covode, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee, and Waltherr; “No” – none.

Resolution No. 2016-04-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

**CALENDAR**

- Police Academy Graduation, February 24, 2016, 8:00 p.m., Municipal Building
- Recreation Committee, March 3, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Recreation Commission, March 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building
- Tax Assistance Day, March 9, 2016, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Mt. Healthy Community Room, 1541 Hill Avenue, Mt. Healthy, Ohio 45231
- Waycross Community Media Board of Directors, March 16, 2016, 7:00 p.m.,
- Waycross Community Media Studios
- Easter Egg Hunt, March 27, 2016, 2:00 p.m., Commons
- Services and Streets Committee, March 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Municipal Building
- Laws and Rules Committee, March 28, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building
- Spring Leaf Collection, week of April 3, 2016
- Community Development Committee, April 13, 2016, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building
- Traffic and Safety Committee, April 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/