

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2015
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore, and Messrs. Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, Greg Hermes, and Jack Lee and Ms. Maria Waltherr. Also present were: Law Director Jeff Forbes and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

Without objection, Councilwoman Melanie Brokaw and Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach were excused.

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

A prayer was led by Ms. Waltherr after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, to amend the agenda to add motions to concur with the Mayor's appointments and Council's appointments to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 27, 2015 regular Council meeting and the February 10, 2015 meeting/work session were approved as submitted.

OATH OF OFFICE

Police Chief Ferdelman presented an overview of Mr. Michael Martinsen's professional background and accomplishments. Mayor Moore then administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Michael Martinsen.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – None

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Law Director – Jeff Forbes – None

Clerk of Council – Kathryn L. Lives

- Resolution Nos. 2015-01-F, 02-CD, 03-F, 05-F, 06-F, 07-CD, 08-CD and public notice of the February 19, 2015 Finance Committee meeting were posted as required.
- Notice of the rescheduled Streets and Services Committee, Laws and Rules Committee and Recreation Commission meetings were also posted as required.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

- Lieutenant Anne Ward and Police Clerk Vonda Secoy implemented the new court software resulting in a significant savings in computer costs. Use of the previous CMI software and the added court module from Pamet Systems has been discontinued. Both Lieutenant Ward and Ms. Secoy worked tirelessly to set up and implement this change and the transition went smoothly.
- On January 27, 2015, Officer Cameron Guiloye attempted to stop a motorist for a traffic violation; however, the driver would not stop until coming to the dead end of a street just outside of the jurisdiction. The driver, the subject of active felony warrants, then fled on foot with drugs in his possession and continued to try to elude officers after multiple orders to stop. Officers searching the vehicle found two open containers of alcohol along with three small children ages three, one, and three weeks old.
- On February 9, 2015, Investigator Bryan Johnson coordinated the execution of a search warrant in the “J” section after a lengthy investigation. Investigators from the Drug Abuse Reduction Task Force (DART) assisted Greenhills officers in searching the residence for evidence of drug trafficking, finding both drugs and drug paraphernalia. Drug charges were placed against the home owners.
- On February 17, 2015, Officers Eric Tricase and Mike Spinelli stopped a vehicle and investigated a strong smell of marijuana coming from the car. The driver was found to have three warrants and a subsequent search revealed both drugs and drug paraphernalia, including a digital scale to weigh the drugs. A search revealed that a black trash bag contained two large freezer bags of marijuana. In all, over two pounds of marijuana were found, resulting in charges for Trafficking, Possession, and Driving under Suspension,
- In January, Clerk Vonda Secor initiated letters to persons who had been sent to collections and who had made no efforts to pay their fines. The letters informs recipients that if no attempts are made to set up a reasonable payment plan, the violator’s driver’s license would be subject to forfeiture by the Court until the fine is paid in full. To date, this effort has yielded over \$1,600.00 in fine collections. She is going through the files alphabetically and is currently up to last names beginning with the letter “N”. This effort is highly commendable.
- During the month of January, the department investigated six accidents (up from two in January of 2014), three crimes (same as last January), and 252 other incidents (up from 152 last January). Of a total of 891 contact (784 last January), 210 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 198 last January, and 681 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 586 last January. The department provided assistance to the public in 31 instances (96 times last January), assisted other agencies 50 times (down from 72 times last January), and made 39 criminal arrests (compared to 38 last January) and 96 traffic arrests (72 last January). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

In answer to a question asked by Mr. Drees regarding the public's assistance in reducing drug crimes, Chief Ferdelman stated the public should contact the Police Department via telephone, website or personally. In other words, if one sees something—say something.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Halter noted Easter is coming, hence the Easter Egg Hunt.

Ms. Walther thanked the Fire Department for the breakfast event on February 15, 2015.

Mayor – David Moore, Audited Court Receipts

- Audited Court receipts for January 2015 – Village of Greenhills - \$7,994.79; State of Ohio - \$2,207.50; Hamilton County \$76.50. total \$10,278.79.

Mayor Moore provided the Holiday Award Certificates for distribution by members of Council. Winners will be posted on the website. Thanked Councilman Halter for designing and printing the awards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Audit – Drees

- The Finance and Audit Committee met on February 19, 2015 and took the following actions: reviewed reports that are distributed to Council and discussed bond refinancing for more favorable interest rates.
- Reminded all that the Council Retreat will be held on March 8, 2015 from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.
- Sampled a cup of coffee at the *Greenhills Troubadour* in the Greenhills Shopping Center. Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, February 28, 2015; urged residents to support and frequent this establishment.

Recreation & Cable Television – Hermes

- Due to a lack of a quorum, the Recreation Commission did not meet on February 18, 2015; meeting has been rescheduled to February 25, 2015.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws & Rules - Lee

- The following items were discussed at the Laws and Rules Committee of February 23, 2015:
 - Necessary updates and clarifications to the Employee Manual; will be available for Council's review in the near future.

- Possible zone changes regarding garage door concerns, dump truck and collection restrictions, and a ban on medical marijuana sales and growing restrictions in the Greenbelt.
- The vicious dog ordinance will be reviewed once additional information is received.
- The next committee meeting is on March 23, 2015.

Mr. Lee called attention to and thanked those residents with snow blowers who assist neighbors during snow storms. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

Services & Streets - Waltherr

- The following items were discussed at the Services and Streets Committee on February 23, 2015:
 - Anticipated delivery of the truck for the Service Department is the end of March.
 - The status of the salt supply is acceptable.
 - The next committee meeting is on March 23, 2015.
- Made a donation of art supplies and other items for children programs at the library.
- Represented the village as liaison at the STEM Conference on February 24, 2015.
- Referred calls regarding garbage cans and garage doors to the Municipal Manager.
- Attended a recent meeting of the Hamilton County Municipal League; main topic of discussion was HB5.
- Was contacted by Ohio House Representative Jonathan Dever who indicated he would provide an update to Council on State issues when time permits. Ms. Waltherr indicated she provided to him Council's schedule of meetings.

Community Development - Halter

- The Building Doctor clinic will take place on March 12-13, 2015 to assist residents with housing renovations for buildings dating from 1800 to 1955. Reservations are required. Detailed information is available on the Village of Greenhills website.
- The Community Development Committee will meet on June 1, 2015. Information on the Design and Beautification Committee is forthcoming.

GENERAL ORDERS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04-F

Resolution Confirming the Level of Control for the Annual Appropriation

Drees – This resolution was postponed from the January 27, 2015 regular Council meeting. Considering that Ms. Waltherr still had questions about the resolution, Mr.

Drees moved, seconded by Mr. Halter, to postpone the resolution to March 10, 2015.
Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09-F

Repealing Resolution No. 2014-41-F and Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Execute an Amended Agreement with Suggs Properties, LLC Regarding Consulting Services for the Greenhills Golf Course was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

Drees – This resolution was thoroughly discussed at the February 10, 2015 work session. The resolution is in order and adoption is recommended.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.
Resolution No. 2015-09-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10-F

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Execute an Addendum to the Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

Drees – This is a three-year contract with two extensions; the addendum to the contract is the last extension. Next year, it will be necessary to let bids for trash removal services. This service represents a large expense for the village and will be a subject of discussion at the Council Retreat on March 8, 2015.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.
Resolution No. 2015-10-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11-F

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter Into a Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement With the Ohio Attorney General for the Collection of Unpaid and Delinquent Receivable Debt Owed to the Village of Greenhills was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

Both Ms. Waltherr and Mr. Drees indicated debt collection by the Ohio Attorney General is a more efficient and effective way to collect unpaid and delinquent funds owed to the Village of Greenhills. The resolution is in order and adoption is recommended.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.
Resolution No. 2015-11-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12-F

Declaring Certain Village Property as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Property Dispose of Said Property was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

Drees – After clarification of the verbiage by the Law Director, the resolution is in order and adoption is recommended. The money received from the sale of the fire equipment will be placed in the Fire Replacement Fund. The resolution is in order and adoption is recommended.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.
Resolution No. 2015-12-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13-T&S

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Execute the Hamilton County, Ohio Fire EMS Mutual Aid Agreement was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

Drees – This agreement allows the Greenhills Fire Department to give and receive mutual aid from other departments. Fire Chief Tony Spaeth has reviewed and recommends this reciprocal agreement.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Drees, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.
Resolution No. 2015-13-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

6. Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Ms. Waltherr, to concur with the Mayor’s appoint of Mr. Kenny Burke and Ms. Diana Koller to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. Mr. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Drees to appoint Mr. Halter and Mr. Lee to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALENDAR

Recreation Commission meeting, February 25, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Council Retreat, March 8, 2015, 12 noon to 5:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Streets and Services Committee meeting, March 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Laws and Rules Committee meeting, March 23, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/