

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

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

Without objection, Councilman Glenn Drees and Municipal Manager were excused.

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

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

Without objection, the agenda was amended to remove Item 1 under New Business, Ordinance No. 2015-01-F (*An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Limited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$1,450,000 by the Village of Greenhills, Ohio for the Purpose of Refunding the Previously Issued Limited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008 and Declaring an Emergency*), as final numbers are not yet available. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 24, 2015 regular Council meeting were approved as submitted. The March 10, 2015 work session/meeting was cancelled.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL - none

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

For the Municipal Manager, Mayor Moore reported the following:

- The pool will open on May 23, 2015; applications for membership are on line or available at the Municipal Building
- Spring leaf collection will take place on April 13-17, 2015.
- Arbor Day Celebration is upcoming; date to be announced.
- Barrett Construction has begun construction on the Winton Road Improvement Project (Cromwell to the south corporation line); anticipated completion date is May 15, 2015.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

The Ohio Municipal League will undertake a complete analysis of the municipal income tax uniformity law with the goal of drafting a model ordinance for use by affected municipalities.

Clerk of Council – Kathryn L. Lives

- Resolution Nos. 2015-09-F, 2015-10-F, 2015-11-F, 2015-12-F and 2015-13-T&S were posted as required.
- March 2015 Community Calendar, notice of the Council Retreat of March 8, 2015 and the rescheduled Recreation Commission meeting were posted as required.
- Notice of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings on March 10, 2015 and cancellation of the work session/meeting of March 10, 2015 were also posted as required.
- Attended the Ohio Association of Parliamentarians Annual Session in Cleveland, Ohio of March 13, 2015. The session consisted of a brief business meeting with the remainder of the day dedicated to education.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

- Following a letter received by the Mayor, research was conducted relative to accidents on Damon Road. There have been five in the past two years, including the one where a stuck accelerator pedal caused a vehicle to crash into a garage. The other crashes involved a sideswipe, two collisions with a parked vehicle, and one at the intersection of Damon and Winton. One of those was a hit and run and another involved an intoxicated driver who was arrested. In comparison, 82 accidents were reported elsewhere in the village. During the same period of time, Greenhills police officers have issued 1,466 moving violation citations. Officers have issued 23 traffic citations on Damon Road since the resident's first letter in May of last year.
- Officers completed the "Below 100" training on March 18, 2015. The training is aimed at keeping citizens safer by promoting safer habits for officers to keep the number of police officer deaths below 100 for the year. The training was conducted in Blue Ash by officers from the Ohio State Patrol and the Hamilton County Sheriff's office. All Greenhills' officers attended.
- As the result of Council's approval, the Municipal Manager signed a collection agreement that will allow participation in the Ohio Attorney General's Local Government Debt Collection Program. It is anticipated this will bring in additional collections from those who owe fines to the Mayor's Court.
- The department submitted an Annual Report to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement agencies verifying our continuing compliance with its standards. Work continues on revisions to the department's policy manual in updating procedures. The first portion of the manual has been completed and work on it continues.
- During the month of February, the department investigated five accidents (up from two in February of 2014), two crimes (down from five last February), and 236 other incidents (up from 126 last February). Of a total of 655 contacts (822 last February), 181 were

dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 209 last February, and 474 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 613 last February. The department provided assistance to the public in 101 instances (124 times last February), assisted other agencies 51 times (up from 25 times last February), and made 44 criminal arrests (compared to 50 last February) and 81 traffic arrests (72 last February). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Fire Chief – Anthony Spaeth

- Statistics to the end of February: 115 emergency runs versus 142 last year.
- Springtime is tornado season. Urged residents to be ready with flash lights, batteries, water, etc. Resource information is available at ready.gov.
- Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 5, 2015, 2:00 p.m., Commons.

Mayor – David Moore, Audited Court Receipts

- Audited Court for February 2015: Hamilton County, \$121.00, State of Ohio, \$3,579.00, Village of Greenhills, \$16, 113.56, for a total of \$19,813.56.
- The Martin Luther Symphonic Band of Greendale, Wisconsin chose to share their musical talent with the residents of Greenhills, Ohio. In response to this occasion, Mayor Moore issued a proclamation declaring March 20, 2015 as *Martin Luther High School Band Day* in the Village of Greenhills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic & Safety – Brokaw

- Referenced the reports of the Police and Fire Chiefs and added the Traffic and Safety Committee met on March 23, 2015. The Fire and EMT refresher course will be completed soon. Staffing in the Fire Department is increasing. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled on April 27, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building.

In reply to a comment by Ms. Waltherr, Mayor Moore stated the Municipal Manager is working toward a resolution of traffic lights issues on and around Damon Road. Chief Ferdelman indicated the holdup is with Duke Energy.

Finance & Audit – Drees – no report

Recreation & Cable Television – Hermes

- The Recreation Commission will meet on March 26, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws & Rules - Lee

- The March 23, 2015 meeting of the Laws and Rules Committee was cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

Services & Streets - Waltherr

- Still waiting funding confirmation for the Service Department truck.
- The vendor for the painting on the Service Department Building will address issues with the job in the coming weeks.
- A pre-construction meeting was recently held for the Winton Road Improvement Project.
- The Greenhills Historical Society will contact Village officials regarding activities in May to recognize and celebrate historical societies throughout the area.
- She and Mr. Willard will donate a tree which will be delivered three days prior to the Arbor Day Celebration.
- The next meeting of the Streets and Services Committee is on April 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

Community Development - Halter

- Residents are invited to attend Cincinnati Reds games on April 25 and May 30, 2015. Additional information will appear on the Greenhills website and the *Greenhills Journal*.

GENERAL ORDERS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04-F

Resolution Confirming the Level of Control for the Annual Appropriation

(Resolution No. 2015-04-F was postponed to the March 10, 2015 work session/meeting which was cancelled.)

Halter – This resolution is consistent with the Auditor’s Manual.

Waltherr – Her research indicates certain information and/or language remains missing in the resolution, according to Auditor of State Bulletin 97-010.

Lee – Comfortable with the verbiage contained in the resolution.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Halter, Hermes and Lee; “No” – Waltherr.
Resolution No. 2015-04-F adopted 4-1 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01-F

An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Limited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Refunding Bonds in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$1,450,000 by the Village of Greenhills, Ohio for the Purpose of Refunding the Previously Issued Limited Tax Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008 and Declaring an Emergency was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02-F

An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Unlimited Tax Redevelopment General Obligation Refunding Bonds in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$615,000 by the Village of Greenhills, Ohio for the Purpose of Refunding the Previously Issued Unlimited Tax Redevelopment General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005 and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Brokaw moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, to suspend the rules requiring reading the ordinance in full on two separate occasions and read for the first time by title only. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Brokaw read Ordinance No. 2015-02-F by title only.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03-L&R

Ordinance Authorizing the Village Clerk to Forward to the Greenhills Planning Commission Proposed Amendments to the Greenhills Zoning Code for Review and Recommendation

Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Ms. Brokaw, to suspend the rules requiring reading the ordinance in full on two separate occasions and read for the first time by title. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lee read Ordinance No. 2015-03-L&R by title only.

4. Mr. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, to reappoint Jonathon Palmer and to concur with the City of Forest Park's reappointments of Rhonda Hobbs and Jayme McCarter to the Community Programming Board Regional Council of Governments and the CPB Holdings, Inc. Board, all for the terms expiring March 31, 2018. The motion is in order and approval is recommended. Motion carried by majority voice vote.

CALENDAR

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Streets and Services Committee, April 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Laws and Rules Committee, April 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building

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Traffic and Safety Committee, April 27, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building

Easter Egg Hunt, April 5, 2015, 2:00 p.m., Commons

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/