

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015
MINUTES**

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

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

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

Mr. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Drees, to amend the agenda to add under New Business an appointment to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Brokaw moved, seconded by Mr. Halter, to amend the agenda to add under New Business Resolution No. 2015-23-S&S which authorizes the Municipal Manager to purchase equipment for the 2015 F550 truck cab and chassis. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular Council meeting and the June 9, 2015 public hearing and meeting/work session were approved as submitted.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

With the use of a drawing from 1983, Mr. Thad Willard, 27 Damon Road, reiterated his request that Council restore the land off of DeWitt and Damon Road to open land or a pocket park. He noted the original plat from the 1930's shows this land as an open field. Mr. Willard stated the buildings on the front of the land have been removed, and that the parking lots and concrete slabs remain which causes water to run down the hill resulting in problems for the remaining area residents. He then urged this Village-owned land be restored to a pocket park as this would be a win-win situation for both the village and area residents.

Ms. Patricia Bender, 29 Handel Lane, commented as follows:

- To address speeding on village roadways without stop signs, suggested a motorized, portable sign to encourage motorists to slow down, including the areas of Junefield and Carini.
- To accommodate walkers and other pedestrians, suggested redirecting some benches for placement in the pocket parks and at the end of Jennings and Japonica, Hadley and Carini, Junefield and Japonica, and other areas as needed.

- In answer to Ms. Bender's question, Mr. Halter stated maps of the walking trails are in process, but unfortunately will not be ready in time for *Pioneer Days* on June 27, 2015.
- Indicated she would be willing to collaborate with the Municipal Manager on a *tennis tournament*.

Ms. Diana Harrison Koller, 53 Illona, called attention to the Employee Handbook and the Service Department allocation for the purchase and maintenance of work attire. She stated the \$2,700 (\$900 for each employee) a year is excessive for three full-time Service Department employees. Ms. Koller challenged this practice and amount, pointing out that she, along with most other workers, must pay for their work clothing including steel-toed shoes.

Ms. Koller suggested the Village of Greenhills participate in the *National Night Out* event.

Ms. Alexis Owen, candidate for Recreation Commission and life-long resident, stated she believes the younger generation should become involved and participate in community events and activities.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

- The truck equipment bids were received in time for consideration by Council later in the meeting.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

- Provided an update on activity at the State level. The budget bill is on its way to a conference committee.

Clerk of Council – Kathryn L. Lives

- The June 2015 Community Calendar and Resolution Nos. 2015-15-F, 2015-16-T&S, 2015-17-F, 2015-18-F and 2015-19-S&S were posted as required.
- Also, posted as required was a public notice of the Planning Commission public hearing of July 14, 2015 regarding proposed text amendments to the Greenhills Zoning Code.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

Corporal Bryan Johnston reported for Chief Ferdelman. He then answered questions about speeding and that he will report to the Chief regarding Ms. Bender's portable sign suggestion expressed earlier in the meeting.

- Work on the General Orders policy revisions continues. A review committee consisting of Officers Tony Patton, Robert White, and Eric Tricase are reviewing each policy, providing input, and finding some minor typographical errors. The supervisors (Anne

Ward, Tim Lukes, and Bryan Johnston) and Accreditation Manager (Vonda Secoy) are also reviewing the policies as they are being prepared. Process is about halfway through.

- On May 19, 2015, Lieutenant Anne Ward, Police Clerk Vonda Secoy, and I attended the Pamet User's Meeting in Springfield Township to learn of new enhancements to our police and courts software.
- On May 25, 2015, Officer in Charge Bryan Johnston and Officers Eric Tricase and Mike Martinsen attended Memorial Day services at the American Legion Hall to honor fallen veterans. The services were held at the hall in lieu of the annual procession due to the inclement weather.
- On June 1, 2015, the department adopted policy that places protocols in place for participation in the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force. Three suspected heroin overdoses have been investigated year to date.
- On June 15-16, 2015, Chief Ferdelman, Lieutenant Ward, Sergeant Lukes attended the Blue Courage training in Loveland. It was a transformational two-day leadership development workshop designed for all levels of the organization. This contemporary educational process is designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for the paradigm shifts currently occurring in policing.
- During the month of May, the department investigated three accidents (up from four in May of 2014), nine crimes (up from seven last May), and 207 other incidents (up from 162 last May). Of a total of 766 contacts (774 last May), 322 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 177 last May, and 444 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 597 last May. The department provided assistance to the public in 129 instances (150 times last May), assisted other agencies 67 times (up from 49 times last May), and made 28 criminal arrests (compared to 43 last May) and 79 traffic arrests (88 last May). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Mayor – David Moore, Audited Court Receipts

- Audited Court for May 2015: Hamilton County, \$63.00, State of Ohio, \$1,869.00, Village of Greenhills, \$9,082.00, for a total of \$11,014.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Audit – Drees

- Encouraged all persons to be respectful and comply with the police officers requests. The loss of Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim and a recent incident at an area swimming pool has brought heightened attention to the plight of all those who wear the law enforcement badge.

In reply to a question by Ms. Waltherr, Mr. Drees stated there are no additional changes in the 2016 tax budget.

In answer to another question by Ms. Waltherr regarding the Ohio Check Book project, Finance Director Matt Sanders replied that the requested data has been uploaded. The anticipated completion date is the end of July. Mr. Sanders will inform Council and the public when the information is online and on the website.

Mr. Halter called attention to Ms. Koller's comments regarding the uniform allowance of \$2,700 in the 2016 Tax Budget. Mr. Drees explained the 2016 Tax Budget is a blue print for spending; this matter will be further discussed after additional information is researched. Mayor Moore noted some years ago, the uniform allowance was offered in lieu of renting uniforms for the Service Department employees, and the Municipal Manager pointed out the uniform allowance has been in the Employee Handbook for many years.

Recreation & Cable Television – Hermes – No report.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws & Rules – No report.

Services & Streets - Waltherr

- The Streets and Services Committee will meet on June 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building.
- The Winton Road Improvement Phase II punch items are currently being addressed.
- The Service Department painting issue is ongoing.
- The continuing problem with garbage does not appear resolved.
- Attended the June 8 and June 22, 2015 Board of Education meetings.
- Plans to attend the June 29, 2015 Hamilton County Municipal League meeting in St. Bernard, Ohio.
- A committee is in the formation stages for academic boosters; further information is forthcoming.

Community Development - Halter

- The Community Development Committee meeting has been rescheduled to June 30, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building.
- *Pioneer Days* will be held June 27, 2015 with Kiwanis 5K Run, Parade, and Pioneer Community Day at the Greenhills Swimming Pool.

Traffic & Safety – Brokaw

- Noted speed signs will not only record speed and time data, but are very mobile and becoming less expensive.

- The Traffic and Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building.
- *National Night Out* information was forwarded to the Municipal Manager and Police Chief. The City of Forest Park discontinued hosting the event due to staffing and fiduciary issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04-L&R

Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of the Greenhills Employee Handbook

Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Halter, to suspend the rules requiring reading the ordinance in full and read for the second time by title only. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lee read Ordinance No. 2015-04-L&R by title only.

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

Waltherr – Would like to revisit the uniform allowance for Service Department employees.

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

Ordinance No. 2015-04-L&R adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05-L&R

Ordinance Amending Greenhills Code of Ordinances Chapter 1315-International Property Maintenance Code

Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Drees, to suspend the rules requiring reading the ordinance in full and read for the second time by title only. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lee read Ordinance No. 2015-05-L&R for the second time by title only.

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

Halter – Garage doors are required on all garages (attached or detached). Garage doors should be operable and in good condition. Garage doors should be able to be secured to prevent unauthorized entry and/or infestations of any kind.

Waltherr – Amendment will help to prevent thieves from stealing items and varmints seeking refuge in the garage area.

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

Ordinance No. 2015-05-L&R adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20-F

Resolution Accepting the Greenhills 2016 Tax Budget was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

Brokaw – Deadline for submission to Hamilton County is July 15, 2015.

Drees – At this time, trash collection is included the 2016 Tax Budget; however, this service is under consideration by the Finance Committee.

Brokaw – The uniform allowance for Service Department employees will be further researched.

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

Resolution No. 2015-20-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-21-F

Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation (Recreation) was read in full by Mr. Drees.

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

Waltherr – Said levy is a renewal for recreation purposes.

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

Resolution No. 2015-21-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-22-S&S

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Purchase a 2015 F550 Truck Cab and Chassis Through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program was read in full by Ms. Waltherr.

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

Waltherr – The purchase of this truck has been under consideration from the beginning of the year. When delivered, the truck will be paid in full.

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

Resolution No. 2015-22-S&S adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-23-S&S

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Purchase Equipment for the 2015 F550 Truck Cab and Chassis was read in full by Ms. Waltherr.

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

Drees – A minimum of two bids received; the lowest and best bid was from Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company. The unaccepted bid was from Zoresco in an amount of about \$3,700 more than Kaffenbarger.

Waltherr – As with the truck, the cab and chassis will be paid in full upon delivery.

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

Resolution No. 2015-23-S&S adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

5. Mr. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Drees, to appoint Ms. Alexis Owen to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALENDAR

- Pioneer Days, June 27, 2015
 - 8:00 a.m. Kiwanis 5K Run (registration at 7:30 a.m. on the Village Commons)
 - 10:30 a.m. Pioneer Parade
 - 12 noon until 8:00 p.m. Pioneer Community Day at the Greenhills Swimming Pool
- Streets and Services Committee, June 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building
- Laws and Rules Committee, June 29, 2015, 9:30 a.m., Municipal Building
- Community Development Committee, June 30, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building
- Planning Commission Public Hearing, July 14, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Municipal Building

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/