

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 28, 2015  
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore, and Messrs. Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, 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.

Without objection, Councilman Greg Hermes was excused due to a prior commitment.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the June 23, 2015 regular Council meeting and the July 14, 2015 meeting/work session were approved as submitted.

Ms. Jen Eismeyer, Mill Creek Water Shed Council representative, thanked Council and the Village of Greenhills for their support of the Mill Creek Water Shed Council which was formed in 1995 and is now celebrating 20 years of operation. She stated 22 representatives of the 34 Mill Creek Water Shed communities attended a ceremonial resigning of the intergovernmental agreement that formed the organization 20 years ago. A copy of the signed agreement was then presented to Council for proper display.

**RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

In follow up to her comments made at the June 28, 2015 regular Council, Ms. Patricia Bender, 29 Handel Lane, stated the following:

- Attended the Streets and Services Committee on July 27, 2015 and was grateful for the information imparted. In answer to a question, Mr. Halter explained the next Community Development Committee has not yet been scheduled; however, notices will be posted at the posting places and on the website. The application for volunteers is also posted on the website.
- The walking path signage will be installed shortly as well as benches along the walking paths.
- In answer to another follow up question, Chief Ferdelman stated research has been conducted regarding a motorized, portable, speed sign. The minimum cost of a sign is approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000. The City of Forest Park is considering the purchase of a sign which at times could be borrowed by the Village of Greenhills. Chief Ferdelman indicated the only way Greenhills could acquire a sign for village use exclusively would be from donated funds. Ms. Bender then reiterated her offer to donate the funds for the purchase of said sign.
- Encouraged a *volunteer community watch* to empower the community to address negative incidents in the village.

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

### **Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach**

- Public Records Requests
  - April 9, 2015, request from California Common Sense organization for annual budgets and comprehensive annual reports for fiscal years 2008 through 2015.
  - April 30, 2015 – request from Five Bars for all invoices and payments received for any contractual documents related to revenue sharing with municipal wireless IT communications.
  - May 1, 2015 – request from Slayter and Zurz for dog bite incidents for the past year.
  - June 29, 2015 – request from Ms. Diana Koller for electronic copies of the 2015 and 2016 Tax Budget with details and sub-categories.
- The final punch list for the Winton Road Improvement Phase II is nearing completion.
- *Check Book Ohio* data has been downloaded; anticipated live for the community by Labor Day this year.
- Salt bids have been received with the cost down per ton \$32.00 to \$72.08. The Finance Director is preparing the paperwork for a law suit relative to past over charges in 2008 to 2011.
- The consortium bid package for waste/recycling collection is in process. The bid will be based on with the majority of residents using the 64-gallon recycling wheelers as opposed to the red bins. However, the red bins would remain available. The village is currently using subscription recycling; the bid package specifies universal recycling. The residents would be asked to use the wheeler for one month after which they could opt for a red bin as opposed to the wheeler.

**Law Director – Jeff Forbes** – No report.

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

- The July 2015 Community Calendar and Ordinance Nos. 2015-04-L&R and 2015-05-L&R and Resolution Nos. 2015-20-F, 2015-21-F, 2015-22-S&S and 2015-23-S&S were posted as required. Also, posted as required was the public notice of the Recreation Commission meeting of July 24, 2015.
- The required documents to place a Recreation Levy on the November 2105 ballot were forwarded to the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

**Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman**

- On June 19, 2015, Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim, 49, a 27-year veteran of the Cincinnati Police Department, was shot and killed responding to a disturbance call in Madisonville. Officers encountered an erratic man with a gun who opened fire striking Officer Kim. Officer Kim is survived by his wife and three sons. Several Greenhills officers assisted with traffic control at the funeral, and Greenhills officer's badges were draped with a mourning ribbon until July 20, 2015.
- On June 26, 2015, Michael Martinsen resigned as a part-time officer to accept employment as a full time specialist at the Butler County Sheriff's Department.
- On June 27, 2015, members of the Greenhills Police Department escorted runners in the *Pioneer Run*. Later in the day, officers led the *Pioneer Day* parade, which included the fire department, representatives from the American Legion, students, and other members of the community.
- On July 1, 2015, the Greenhills website was updated to include information on National Night Out (coming up on Tuesday, August 4, 2015), Summer Safety Tips for Kids, an IRS scam that has targeted some residents, and information about child safety seats. Officer Mike Spinelli was trained on the website operations and will assist with updates.
- The Mayor's Court new collections system through the Ohio Attorney General's Office became operational on July 1, 2015.
- On July 2, 2015, the 2013 Ford Interceptor SUV was vinyl-wrapped and decaled to match the two newest cruisers using non-General Fund monies that were forfeited by drug dealers.
- The "H" section was the location of some criminal activity recently. Recently investigated were a number of reports of attempted burglaries and an actual burglary on July 20, 2015. On July 21, a homeowner returning to the neighborhood called to report that someone was inside his house. Chief Ferdelman, Lieutenant Anne Ward, Officer Mike Spinelli, apprehended the burglary suspect inside the home and later recovered stolen property taken in the crime. The juvenile suspect was charged with three felony burglary charges and incarcerated in the Juvenile Detention Center awaiting trial.
- During the month of June, the department investigated two accidents (down from five in June of 2014), three crimes (down from two last June), and 102 other incidents (down from 197 last June). Of a total of 686 contacts (808 last June), 243 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 154 last June, and 443 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 808 last June. The department provided assistance to the public in 169 instances (204 times last June), assisted other agencies 47 times (up from 43 times last June), and made 33 criminal arrests (compared to 37 last June) and 66 traffic arrests (99 last June). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

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

- Audited Court receipts for June 2015: Hamilton County - \$67.50; State of Ohio - \$1,843.00, Village of Greenhills - \$8,350.00; total - \$10,261.00.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Recreation & Cable Television – Hermes**

- For Mr. Hermes, Mr. Halter stated the walking path signage will be completed and posted near future.

#### **Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws & Rules - Lee**

- The Laws and Rules Committee met on June 29, 2015 and took the following actions: received an update on the rental inspection program which is active and ongoing; reviewed the proposal to vacate DeWitt Court; reviewed an amendment to Section 9.39 of the Codified Ordinances regarding garbage/refuse; and discussed the proposal to permit golf carts on streets within the community.

#### **Services & Streets - Waltherr**

- The Streets and Services Committee met on June 27, 2015; however, no quorum was present. The following items were discussed: garbage/refuse on weekends; garage doors, pot holes; benches in walking areas; moving parks to come under Recreation Commission and seeking grants for recreation activities; painting on the Public Works building; punch list items for the Winton Road Improvement Phase II; storm water drainage; tree damage during grass cutting by contractor; participation in the consortium bid process for garbage/refuse; grass cutting liens; service truck; leak near Molloy's which has been resolved; the *Clean Up Greenhills* event, scheduled for September 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., (rain date October 3, 2015), which will be announced in the *Greenhills Journal*—volunteers are needed. Also discussed were: a community watch; motorized, portable speed machines, *Get to Know Your Neighbor* events; Town Meeting for specific topics; uniform allowance for Service Department employees (no further action at this time).

#### **Community Development - Halter**

- *Harvest Fest* is scheduled for October 24, 2015. Vendor application will be on the website and informational flyers will be updated. The Alois Alzheimer's *Run for the Good* will be paired with the *Harvest Fest* event. More information is forthcoming.
- The Community Development Committee met on June 30, 2015; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

### **Traffic & Safety – Brokaw**

- The Traffic and Safety Committee recently met with the main topics of discussion Police Department issues and golf carts on public streets. The golf cart matter was forwarded to the Laws and Rules Committee for further discussion. The next meeting of the committee will take place on August 24, 2015.

### **Finance & Audit – Drees**

- Thanked a member of his household for delivering his share of the Summer Beautification Awards. Noted the golf course deserved to receive one of these awards.
- The next *Concert on the Green* is scheduled for July 29, 2015, weather permitting.
- The Finance and Audit Committee met on July 28, 2015 at which the following discussions took place:
  - The independent audit is complete in draft form awaiting approval from the Auditor of State. There were no compliance issues and no correcting journal entries. The approved audit is anticipated in the near future after which it will be placed on the website.
  - The June financials were reviewed and are in order.
  - Requested residential refuse collection on the August 11, 2015 work session agenda. At the present time, refuse collection is provided by the village for each residence. This is approximately \$225,000 village expense each year. In the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, the budget will be very tight because of the non-voted debt. At the time the non-voted was incurred, the village was receiving inheritance tax and Local Government Fund monies; however, these monies have been substantially cut or are no longer received due to mandates by the State of Ohio. Explained in detail the financial impact on the budget and actions taken to buffer the loss of revenue. A new contract for refuse collection beginning in March is under consideration along with options to relieve refuse collection from the budget. The voted debt portion of the property taxes for a \$100,000 home is \$178.00 in 2014, \$180.00 in 2015, and \$85.00 in 2016. If action is not taken with respect to refuse collection, either to increase funds or remove the expense from the village budget, a negative projected cash balance of about \$90,000 will occur in 2019. Possible scenarios to address the situation are:
    - Residential billing for refuse collection with wheeled containers at cost of \$12.70 a month/\$152.00 a year.
    - Implement a levy to replace residential billing. Cost would be \$171.00 per year on a \$100,000 home.
    - Continue to pay for garbage collection from the General Fund with a levy to replace the non-voted debt. In 2016, the cost would start at almost 8 mills; cost to the owner of a \$100,000 home is \$277.00 a year.

- The Service Department uniform allowance will remain in the budget.
- HB5 related to Municipal Income Tax requires changes to the Village of Greenhills tax code. Issue remains under review.
- Minimum wage increases will be addressed in the near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06-L&R**

*Adopting Chapter 377 (Golf Carts) to the Greenhills Codified Ordinances*

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

Mr. Lee read Ordinance No. 2015-06-L&R for the first time by title only.

### **2. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-24-S&S**

*Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Sign a Letter of Engagement with Eastman & Smith Regarding the Southwest Ohio Regional Solid Waste Consortium was read in full by Ms. Waltherr.*

Ms. Waltherr moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Brokaw.

Waltherr – Conversations regarding refuse/garbage collection are ongoing. This resolution was reviewed by the Law Director and is in order.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Drees, Halter, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.  
Resolution No. 2015-24-S&S adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

### **3. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-25-S&S**

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

Ms. Walther moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Brokaw.

Waltherr – The resolution is in order and adoption is recommended.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Drees, Halter, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.  
Resolution No. 2015-25-S&S adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

### **4. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-26-F**

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

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

Drees – This resolution covers water line repairs and repairs needed to the deck at Molloy’s. Deck work was completed by Village of Greenhills employees.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Drees, Halter, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none.  
Resolution No. 2015-26-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

**CALENDAR**

*Concert on the Commons*, July 29, 2015

Streets and Services Committee, August 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Laws and Rules Committee, August 24, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Traffic and Safety Committee, August 24, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building

*Clean Up Greenhills*, September 26, 2015

*Harvest Fest*, October 24, 2015

**NEW BUSINESS, con’t.**

5. At 8:13 p.m., Mr. Drees moved, seconded by Ms. Brokaw, to convene an executive session to discuss the employment and compensation of a public official. Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Drees, Halter, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote. At 9:10 p.m. and after stating no official action was taken during the executive session, Mr. Drees moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Brokaw. Motion carried by voice vote.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/