

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2015
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Moore. Present were: Mayor Moore, and Messrs. Jeff Halter and 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, Councilmen Glenn Drees and Greg Hermes were excused due to prior commitments.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAAYER/ 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 Ms. Brokaw, to amend the agenda to remove the Executive Session under New Business. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the July 28, 2015 regular Council meeting and the August 11, 2015 meeting/work session were approved as submitted.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Doug Koller, Chair of the Recreation Commission residing at 53 Illona, provided an update of the activities and recommendations of the commission. He also provided dates of the Recreation Commission meetings and emphasized meetings are open to the public. Mr. Koller noted volunteers are always needed and welcome to assist with various activities throughout the community. The Recreation Commission recommendations were placed on the September 8, 2015 work session agenda.

Ms. Dianna Harrison Koller, 53 Illona, stated she is assisting with the *Harvest Fest* which will take place on October 24, 2015 and encouraged residents to volunteer their time and talent with this event.

Mr. Mike Viola, former long-time resident of Greenhills now residing at 699 Christopal Drive, offered his support for the golf cart legislation which will be considered by Council later in the meeting. He then thanked Council for their leadership on this endeavor.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach

- Provided the latest Property Maintenance Report. Mr. Lee pointed out the Village initiated 252 violations for grass and weeds; most are resolved by the property owner, however, with others the mowing is done and the cost placed on the tax duplicate.
- Two storm sewers were cleaned out during the past several days; others will be addressed shortly, including the one at Damon and Deerhill.
- Repaired benches will be returned to Palma Park within the week. In response to a question raised by Mr. Halter, Ms. Kovach indicated there is no specific plan for bench repair at this time; however, this will be the subject of discussion at a future work session.
- The pool will remain open through Labor Day, namely September 7, 2015.
- A Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled on September 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

- Continuing to work with the Municipal Manager and Finance Director regarding the amendments necessary to the Income Tax Ordinance due to the passage of HB 5 at the State level. These amendments must be in place by the first of 2016.

Clerk of Council – Kathryn L. Lives

- The July, 2015 Community Calendar and Resolution Nos. 2015-24-S&S, 2015-25-S&S, and 2015-26-F were posted as required.
- The change in the Recreation Commission meeting schedule for the next three months was also posted, including the meeting of August 19, 2015.

Chief of Police – Neil Ferdelman

- On August 1, 2015, Officer Anthony Patton responded to the Commons to investigate the report of a fight in progress. He found two teenaged brothers fighting over the use of the family's single cell phone charger. Once things calmed down, Officer Patton asked the brothers what it would take to settle the argument and ensure it did not lead to another fight. Both stated they wanted their own charger, so the officer subsequently took one of the brothers to the Dollar General store in the shopping center and bought him a new charger. Community policing was not invented here, but it is practiced here every day!
- A large quantity of drugs and contraband were destroyed on August 7, 2015 by incineration. Chief Ferdelman, Property Officer Robert Wright and Officer Patton supervised the destruction of these materials at an undisclosed location, where they were incinerated and completely consumed. A local fire department was present to control the burn. The drugs were no longer needed for prosecution of various offenses and the burn was authorized by a Common Pleas Court judge.

- On August 8, 2015, trouble was brewing in the area of Enfield and Endicott, and responding officers found a large group of juveniles preparing to fight. Soon, the fights were on and multiple officers jumped in to restore order. Officer in Charge Bryan Johnston was assaulted by a six-foot tall 18-year-old who jumped on his back, and then reached around and punched him in the face with a closed fist, taking him to the ground. Meanwhile, two juveniles were fighting and would not stop. As Officer Mike Spinelli intervened, he was punched in the face by one of them and injured. Three additional juveniles were arrested for fighting and refusing to stop. The officers' injuries did not require treatment.
- Technology has not passed us by. On August 13, 2015, a resident in the "I" section found a drone that had crashed into her house and landed in the yard. It was returned to its owner, a resident on another nearby street in the "I" section on the following day.
- On Friday, August 14, 2015, the Police Chief Ferdelman and Lieutenant Ward accompanied Forest Park Police Sergeant Tony Pope to Winton Woods Primary North and Winton Woods Middle School. The faculty of both schools participated in the exercises, including two scenarios based on potential school violence. These presentations place school staff and first responders on the same page and better prepared for the possibility of violence even though all of us hope it never occurs here.
- Officers currently are carrying Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic pistols. They are a proven and effective weapon, however, all but four are over a dozen years old. Glock recently offered a trade-in program with heavily discounted prices for new and upgraded weaponry. The department is replacing the older weapons at a net cost of \$65 per weapon, an outstanding financial opportunity that allows outfitting all officers with newer weapons.
- Clerk of Courts Vonda Secoy and Lieutenant Anne Ward prepared a draft copy of Greenhills Mayor's Court Rules. Said rules have been reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Magistrate and the Traffic and Safety Committee at the July 20, 2015 meeting. The modifications were then incorporated in the final document which is on the agenda for Council's consideration later in the meeting.
- To save money, light bars from our older cruisers were placed on the newest units; recently one of the light bars failed. Rich Baysore of Mobilecomm found components from a display unit at a substantially reduced cost to replace the malfunctioning system. The partnership with Mobilecomm, which is right here in our community, is deeply appreciated.
- Chief Clinton Patterson of the Gallipolis Police Department provided copies of materials he used to implement their golf cart inspection program. Greenhills proposed ordinance mirrors the ordinance in Gallipolis. The materials were very professionally done and will be of assistance in the setup of this program upon Council's implementation.

- Due to the recent use of drug dealer cash forfeitures to purchase police portable radios, we were able to issue each officer his or her own assigned radio. This should lead to a longer lifespan for the radio and better care since the unit is assigned to only one officer. These reassignments were completed in August.
- Work continues on the preparation of new General Orders for the department; a total of 30 of the new orders have been completed. The anticipated implementation of the new policies is within several months. In conjunction with these revisions, new inspection processes will be implemented next month that ensures greater accountability for equipment and facilities.
- An entry level police officer examination is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2015. Certified applicants are encouraged to apply prior to the Friday, September 11, 2015 deadline.
- On September 1, 2015, new booking procedures will be implemented involving both fingerprinting and mugshots. Mugshots will attach to booking records in the computer system; this is yet another expansion to the system using its full capabilities. The department will be able to construct photo lineups with the pictures in the system, and the state's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification will receive the fingerprint information and notify us of "hits" from arrestees and confirm the identification provided.
- During the month of July, the department investigated nine accidents (up from seven in July of 2014), six crimes (up from five last July), and 199 other incidents (down from 208 last July). Of a total of 670 contacts (877 last July), 271 were dispatched or received by telephone as compared to 207 last July, and 399 were self-initiated by police officers as compared to 670 last July. The department provided assistance to the public in 103 instances (161 times last July), assisted other agencies 48 times (down from 53 times last July), and made 29 criminal arrests (compared to 46 last July) and 57 traffic arrests (81 last July). Each crime was analyzed for geographic, temporal, and other factors.

Ms. Walther acknowledged the award presented to the Greenhills Police Department from the Winton Woods School District.

Chief Ferdelman noted he met today with the Ohio Department of Public Safety regarding speed signage. He stated at this time, the Village will borrow a sign from this agency for use throughout the community.

Fire Chief – Anthony Spaeth

- Statistics for the end of July 2015: 417 runs compared to 428 last year.
- Open burning is prohibited in the Village of Greenhills. Recreational fires, such as fire pits, are permitted but must be used in a safe manner with seasoned firewood and may not be used on wooden decks.

- Recently responded to an apartment complex in Woodlawn. This was an excellent example of mutual aid.
- Offered condolences to the City of Forest Park and family on the passing of retired Fire Chief Trish Brooks. Forest Park and Greenhills Fire Departments provided the crossed ladders as part of her funeral services.

Mayor – David Moore, Audited Court Receipts

- Audited Court receipts for July 2015: Hamilton County - \$58.50; State of Ohio - \$1,639.50, Village of Greenhills - \$7,753.00; total - \$9,451.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws & Rules - Lee

- The August 24, 2015 Laws and Rules Committee was cancelled due to an unexpected medical procedure; the meeting will be rescheduled in the near future.

Services & Streets - Waltherr

- The Services and Streets Committee met on August 24, 2015; a quorum was not present. Topics discussed were:
 - Painting of the Service Department Building; Law Director has made contact with the contractor.
 - New Service Department truck is in process of completion.
 - Repairs of streets and sidewalks.
 - Speed sign was referred to the Municipal Manager for follow up.
 - Storm sewer repairs.
 - Grass cutting on village-owned areas near the shopping center.
 - Moving benches near the walking paths.
 - Debris near dumpsters throughout the community.
 - Wobbly street signs.
- Attended the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting of August 24, 2015.
- Attended the Winton Woods Board of Education meeting of August 24, 2015.
- The Services and Streets Committee will meet on September 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building.

Community Development - Halter

- The *Harvest Fest* will take place on October 24, 2015; organizers are seeking craftsmen to demonstrate their skills.

- Offered sincere appreciation to Mr. Jim Miller for his outstanding work in presenting the *Concerts on the Green*. Mayor Moore informed tax-deductible donations are welcome and that \$50.00 stipends for marriage ceremonies are contributed to this endeavor.
- Suggested the removal of the tennis courts behind the municipal pool because of their state of disrepair. This matter was placed on the September 8, 2015 work session agenda.

Traffic & Safety – Brokaw

- The Traffic and Safety Committee met on August 24, 2015 at which the following items were discussed.
 - Mayor’s Court rules and regulations.
 - Neighborhood Watch – Lieutenant Anne Ward will compose an article for publication in the *Greenhills Journal*. Further information is forthcoming.
 - Citizens Police Academy – joint project with the Village of Greenhills and the City of Forest Park.
 - Speed signs.
 - The Woodlawn apartment fire.
 - Membership in the Greenhills Volunteer Fire Department; volunteers are welcome and needed.
 - The obsolete fire rescue truck is for sale.
 - Police Department monthly report.
- The Traffic and Safety Committee will meet on September 14, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building.

Finance & Audit – Drees - No report.

Recreation & Cable Television – Hermes – No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

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 for the second time and read by title only. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lee read Ordinance No. 2015-06-L&R by title only.

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

Lee – Golf carts may only be used within the village and approved area roadways by licensed drivers; they must follow the rules of the road as any other motor vehicle. Golf carts must be fully safety inspected annually. Golf carts used in this manner would be

safer than a bicycle, moped and skateboard. The use of golf carts is for use and enjoyments of the residents of the Village of Greenhills. The ordinance is in order and adoption is recommended.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Halter, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none. Ordinance No. 2015-06-L&R adopted 4-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-27-CD

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter Into a Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate Located at 74 Drummond Street was read in full by Mr. Halter.

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

Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, to amend Resolution No. 2015-27-CD in Section 3 as follows:

SECTION 3.

That the Finance Director is hereby directed to deposit the sale of proceeds into the ~~non-voted debt~~ GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT RETIREMENT fund.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Voting on main motion as amended as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Halter, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none. Resolution No. 2015-27-CD adopted 4-0 by roll call vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-28-T&S

Resolution Adopting the Greenhills Mayor’s Court Rules was read in full by Ms. Brokaw.

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

In answer to questions raised by Ms. Waltherr, the Law Director informed that the Mayor’s Court Rules and Regulations contain in this document are in agreement with criminal law and State statutes.

Voting on main motion as amended as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Halter, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none. Resolution No. 2015-28-T&S adopted 4-0 by roll call vote.

CALENDAR

Concert on the Commons, August 26, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

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Concert on the Commons, Greenhills American legion Band, September 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Commission, September 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Traffic and Safety Committee, September 14, 2015, 4:30 p.m., Municipal Building

Clean Up Greenhills, September 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m. (rain date October 3, 2015)

Streets and Services Committee, September 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Harvest Fest, October 24, 2015 (behind the Shopping Center)

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Glenn Drees, MAYOR PRO TEM /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/