

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

**COUNCIL MEETING / WORK SESSION
JANUARY 13, 2015
MINUTES**

A meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills was called to order on Tuesday, January 13, 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: Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Drees was excused due to a prior commitment.

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 called attention to three wooden sculptures donated by the wood-carving artisan at Harvest Fest, and requested direction on how Council wants to use them. Suggestions were: offer to the community for a start bid of \$75.00 and/or placement at the library.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01-F

Resolution Awarding the 2015 Insurance Coverage to USI Insurances Services LLC was read in full by Ms. Brokaw.

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

In answer to questions by Mr. Lee, Ms. Kovach stated the reduction in premium is a result of the number of village-owned properties sold, and that the number of lawsuits does impact the premium.

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

Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2015-01-F adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

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At 7:13 p.m., Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Hermes, to convene an executive session to discuss the sale/purchase of real property. Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” - none. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote. At 7:20 p.m. and after stating no official action was taken during the executive session, Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Hermes, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Ms. Waltherr, to amend the agenda to add under New Business Resolution No. 2015-02-CD. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02-CD

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter Into a Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate Located at 30 Chalmers Lane was read in full by Mr. Halter.

Mr. Halter moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hermes.

No discussion

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Brokaw, Halter, Hermes, Lee and Waltherr; “No” – none. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2015-02-CD adopted 5-0 by roll call vote.

WORK SESSION

Laws and Rules Committee

Proposed changes to the Rules of Council

Ms. Waltherr suggested an amendment to the Rules of Council to add that each committee meet at least once a quarter and that dates be entered on the first Council meeting of the year. In the event that the chair or co-chair could not meet on the assigned date, the absence of the co-chair should not prevent a meeting with the Village Manager and other village personnel. The presence of the chair or co-chair should constitute a quorum. A summary of the discussion should be given to the Clerk of Council so that some kind of record is kept in case of questions.

- Ms. Brokaw called attention to the Sunshine Laws as they relate to a quorum of one, namely the chair or co-chair. She suggested making the Mayor a member of each committee so that there would always be two members of Council present at a committee meeting.
- Mr. Halter stated he could support a stipulation that each committee meet at least twice a year. However, both he and Mr. Hermes, concurred that having a meeting does not guarantee progress; most forward progress has been accomplished by leadership and action on the part of each individual member of Council without the mandate of a specific number of committee meetings per year.

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- Mr. Lee suggested making a commitment to committee meetings by submitting a calendar of committee meetings at the beginning of January of each year.
- Council then concurred to provide a schedule of committee meetings for the year at the January 27, 2015 regular Council meeting.

Other

In answer to a question asked by Ms. Brokaw, Mayor Moore indicated there are 227 holiday light awards; certificates are in process.

Ms. Waltherr stated the Hamilton County Board of Health offers services to address bed bug infestations and hoarders along with other services to members that may be of interest to the village. Further information will be obtained and shared at a later date.

The Council Retreat is scheduled for March 8, 2015.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David Moore, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/