

**VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 5, 2012**  
**MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio was called to order on June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Mayor Glenn Drees. Present were: Messrs. David Adams, Jeff Halter, Greg Hermes, Bud Wolterman and Mrs. Maria Waltherr. Also present were: Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach, Law Director Jeff Forbes, Police Chief Thomas Doyle, Fire Chief Tony Spaeth, and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

Mayor Murrell was excused due to a prior commitment.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice Mayor Drees.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the May 1, 2012 regular Council meeting and the May 15, 2012 work session were approved as submitted.

**RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** – (This is the time for citizens to comment on matters before Council or to ask questions of concern to them. When recognized, please come forward to the lectern, give your name and address and then state your comments or questions. Council meetings are tape recorded for ease of transcription. Comments are limited to two minutes.)

Ms. Betty Baker, 34 Beckford Drive, stated she attended the public hearing on May 16, 2012 regarding the Zoning Code. She called attention to the parking issue and stated it should be enforced unilaterally. Ms. Baker then referenced the Community Building near the Commons and stated that even though the building is owned by the Winton Woods School District, it is an integral part of the Village of Greenhills and stands as a landmark of the community. She indicated the facility serves as alternative space for younger students, special services, library, and houses the Historical Society. Ms. Baker encouraged Council to consider this facility as a part of the Village of Greenhills as it is a true community treasure. She then commended Councilmembers Jeff Halter and Maria Waltherr for their involvement with the Winton Woods School District on behalf of the Village of Greenhills.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**Municipal Manager – Evonne Kovach**

- The Winton Road resurfacing project, from Sharon Road to Ingram, has been funded. Target date for work to begin is late August or early September.
- Preliminary discussion regarding the 2013 tax budget has begun by the Finance and Audit Committee. Updated information from Hamilton County is anticipated in mid-July. Village of Greenhills finance data is now computerized.
- The 2012 tree inventory is now complete. Seventy trees are need of removal with others that need pruning. There is an opportunity for additional grant funding for the removal of some of the trees.
- Spring planting was delayed to later in the year due to the early Spring onset.

- A proposed tree ordinance is in process for review by the Services and Streets Committee.
- New trash containers, funded by the Hamilton County Solid Waste District, have been ordered.
- A third Homebuyers Workshop is planned for June 25, 2012 in Council Chambers, with a focus on renovation financing. A representative from Wells Fargo will be the featured speaker.

In answer to a question raised by Mr. Adams, Ms. Kovach stated residents need a permit to prune trees in the planting strip. Recently planted small trees in the planting strip carry a two-year guarantee.

Ms. Waltherr referenced an agreement between Forest Park and the Winton Woods City School District regarding the joint use of facilities. Ms. Kovach indicated she has reviewed the document and will keep it on file for possible use in the future.

Ms. Waltherr called attention to the resurfacing of the shopping center parking lot and the information provided to Mr. Forbes regarding same. Mr. Forbes stated he reviewed the information and a reply was sent to Council. He further stated this is a complicated process. The concept will be further discussed by the Services and Streets Committee.

In answer to a question asked by Mr. Drees, Ms. Kovach stated the total Winton Road resurfacing project is approximately \$450,000 with a match of \$240,000 consisting local and grant funds. Local funds are available for this project.

In reply to a question raised by Mr. Wolterman, Ms. Kovach explained the late opening of the golf course was a matter of reduced staff hours. Golf course open times will be reviewed for future seasons.

#### **Law Director – Jeff Forbes**

- In reply to a question asked by Ms. Waltherr, Ms. Lives stated the maker of a motion may not speak against it.
- In answer to a another question raised by Ms. Waltherr, Mr. Forbes indicated the Zoning Code revisions will not come before Council as an emergency measure.

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

- Ordinance Nos. 2012-05-L&R, 2012-16T&S, 2012-17-CD, 2012-18-F, 2012-19-CD, 2012-20-L&R, 2012-21-S&S, 2012-22-F and Resolution No. 2012-23-CD were posted as required.
- Also, Notice of the Planning Commission Public Hearing regarding Zoning Code amendments and the May 2012 Community Calendar were posted as required.
- Notice was given of the Traffic and Safety Committee meeting on May 30, 2012 and the Finance and Audit Committee meeting on May 31, 2012.

### **Chief of Police – Thomas Doyle**

- Remain waiting for the installation of the automatic license plate reader system. There were some software problems encountered when the installation of the new mobile data computers began countywide and that has slowed down the process.
- Provided a detailed overview of the new texting ban which was recently signed by Governor Kasich.
- The monthly Officer Activity Report, Monthly Crime Analysis, and the Personnel Early Warning System Report were filed with Council and are available for public review.

### **Fire Chief – Anthony Spaeth**

- Activity for the month of May – eight fires in the Village, none in the township contract area, 11 mutual aid responses in Forest Park, two in North College Hill, and one in Springfield Township for a total of 22. EMS runs – 27 in the Village, two in the township contract area, two mutual aid responses in Forest Park for a total of 31.
- Congratulated three members of the department who were promoted to the status of Engineer.
- Extended condolences to the family of Dwight Ferguson, life member of the fire department, who recently passed away.
- The department is teaming with Forest Park for the Point of Distribution (POD) training through the Hamilton County Public Health Department. Every community in Hamilton County has a POD in place for distribution of medicine in the case of a pandemic influenza epidemic. Greenhills and Forest Park has blended together for this service.
- The Fire Department will sponsor the June 13, 2012 Concert on the Commons.
- The Fire Department supports the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code as it will be of assistance to the department.

### **Mayor – Fred Murrell, Audited Court Receipts**

For Mayor Murrell, Mr. Drees reported the following:

- The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 16, 2012 to hear citizens' comments on the Zoning Code revisions. The next meeting Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2012 to consider data received on the Zoning Code revision.
- The Concert on the Commons season will begin on Wednesday, June 6, 2012; village residents and the public are encouraged to attend. Publicly thanked Mr. Jim Miller for planning and executing these privately funded events.
- Referenced the new trees planted throughout the community and requested residents with new trees on their property to fill the water bags around the trees once a week.
- A golf outing was held on May 25, 2012 sponsored by the Greenhills Service Organization; thanked them for their service to the community.
- The Finance Committee met on May 31, 2012 which resulted in legislation slated for consideration later in this meeting.

- Recognized the many opportunities for volunteer service throughout the community; commended all those who assist and participate and encouraged others to follow their example.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance & Audit - Drees**

- Thanked the staff for their due diligence in the finance area, especially, Finance Director Kim Cox.

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

- The Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws and Rules Committee met on May 14, 2012; minutes are on file for public inspection.
- Recently participated in a Winton Woods School District curriculum committee meeting.
- She and Councilman Halter attended a Winton Woods School District STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Conference on May 17, 2012; the focus was on education for the youth of America.
- Attended the Planning Commission meeting on May 16, 2012.
- Participated in the *Greenhills Clean Up Day* on May 19, 2012.
- Attended the Winton Woods High School graduation ceremonies at the Cintas Center and commented on the \$2.1 million in scholarship funds offered to the graduates.
- Attended the recent Memorial Day service.
- Met the new owners of the ice cream parlor located in the shopping center and encouraged them to attend a future Council meeting for recognition purposes.
- Contacted the Ethics Commission relative to Council identification during the upcoming Pioneer Days Parade; additional information is available upon request.

#### **Services & Streets - Adams**

- Received a request from the Greenhills Pool and Swim Team to use the One-Call System for informational purposes. Mr. Hermes indicated this is under control by the “voice” of the Gators who will announce upcoming events, cancellations, and other pertinent information.
- The Swim Team recently conducted the preseason parents meeting at the Presbyterian Church during which a gas leak occurred. The meeting carried on as usual.
- The Creamy Whip in the shopping center is due to open on June 6, 2012.
- Congratulated the Winton Woods High School graduates and acknowledged the accomplishments of the students, including those who excelled in academics.
- Attended the recent Memorial Day event; complimented Mayor Murrell on his remarks on this occasion.

### **Community Development - Halter**

- Expressed appreciation for all those, including students, who participated in the *Clean Up Greenhills* day on May 19, 2012. A smaller group of volunteers will be formed to concentrate on specific areas.
- The year 2013 will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Village of Greenhills; a design and beautification committee will be planned for the celebration of this milestone. Further information is forthcoming.
- Ms. Waltherr thanked Mr. Halter for his efforts on the *2012 Clean Up Greenhills* project and his involvement with the Winton Woods School District and the students.

### **Traffic & Safety - Wolterman**

- The Traffic and Safety Committee meeting of May 30, 2012 was rescheduled to June 27, 2012.
- Commented on positive aspects of the Memorial Day service held on May 28, 2012, including the speakers, namely Mayor Murrell. Mr. Halter stated this event will be better publicized next year on the website.
- Reminded all residents to indicate Greenhills on the form when renewing motor vehicle licenses.

### **Recreation & Cable Television - Hermes**

- *Pioneer Days* will be held on June 29-30, 2012. The event will feature a parade, antique car show, certain rides at no cost, musical entertainment, and other activities. The public is invited to attend.
- Will be out of town on July 3, 2012 and, therefore, unable to attend the scheduled Council meeting.
- The Recreation Committee will meet on June 20, 2012, 8:00 p.m., Municipal Building.
- In reply to a question raised by Ms. Waltherr, Mr. Hermes stated collection of donations for *Pioneer Days* is ongoing.
- Ms. Waltherr announced the Greenhills Hilltoppers will meet on June 7, 2012, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Molloy's; interested parties are requested to make reservations.

Mr. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Wolterman, to amend the agenda to add under New Business an executive session to discuss the purchase/sale of real estate. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-24-L&R**

*Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code*

Ms. Waltherr moved, seconded by Mr. Hermes, to suspend the rules requiring reading the ordinance in its entirety two times on two separate occasions. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Waltherr read the ordinance by title only.

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

Kovach – This ordinance contains minor edits and clarifications to previous drafts of the legislation.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Waltherr and Wolterman.  
Ordinance No. 2012-24-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

## **2. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-25-F**

### *Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriations*

Mr. Halter moved, second by Mr. Hermes, to suspend the rules requiring reading the ordinance in its entirety two times on two separate occasions. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Halter read the ordinance by title only.

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

Kovach – This legislation appropriates funding into the new account established at the last Council meeting for the Clerk of Courts computerization fund, and it increases the appropriation for the Mayor’s Court Computerization Fund. These funds will be used to pay for an upgraded computer and software for the Mayor’s Court.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Waltherr and Wolterman.  
Ordinance No. 2012-25-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

## **3. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26-F**

### *Requesting Information from the County Auditor for Purposes of Evaluating and Levying a Tax Exceeding the 10-Mill Limitation and Declaring an Emergency*

Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to suspend the rules requiring reading the ordinance in its entirety two times on two separate occasions. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Halter read the resolution by title only.

Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Drees, to retain the emergency clause.

Drees – This information is needed from the Hamilton County Auditor in order to proceed with levy process.

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

Adams – This November the village has a 3.89 current operating levy up for renewal. Legislatively, this is a two-step process. This resolution is the first piece which requests the Hamilton County Auditor to certify the dollar amount that will be generated by the levy and a cost per every \$100,000 of property valuation. Thereafter, Council will consider legislation that would actually place the renewal on the ballot.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Waltherr and Wolterman.  
Resolution No. 2012-26-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27-F**

*Resolution Stating the Village’s Interest in Refinancing 1996 and 1997 Bonds with PNC Bank and Declaring an Emergency*

Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to suspend the rules requiring reading the resolution in its entirety two times on two separate occasions. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Halter moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to retain the emergency clause. Motion carried by voice vote.

Drees – The sooner the village refinances this debt, the sooner funds can be saved.

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

Halter – The village has been considering various options for refinancing a portion of its debt. This resolution states the village’s interest to have staff proceed with refinancing through PNC Bank under the terms and conditions outlined in the Term Sheets dated May 18, 2012. Implementation of this refinancing will save the village \$124,668 over the next six years. The first payment is due on July 2, 2012.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Waltherr and Wolterman.  
Resolution No. 2012-27-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

5. Mr. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Wolterman, to concur with the City of Forest Park’s appointments of Jayme McCarter and Rhonda Hobbes, Springfield Township’s appointments of Cary Fallath and Deborah Arnold and the Village of Greenhills’ reappointment of Jason Covacline, all to the Community Programming Board and the CPB Holdings, Inc. Board for the terms expiring 3-31-15. Motion carried by voice vote.

Having voted on the prevailing side, Mr. Wolterman moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to reconsider Ordinance No. 2012-25-F.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Waltherr and Wolterman.  
Motion to reconsider adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

Wolterman – questioned the \$7,000 appropriation for the banquet hall and request further clarification on this expense.

Kovach – At this time, these funds cover the utilities and other expenses of the banquet hall facilities. The most appropriate account for payment is from the account listed in the ordinance. Revenue from the facility is anticipated in the near future as the lease for the new operator is anticipated to come before Council in June.

Voting as follows: “Aye” – Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Waltherr and Wolterman.  
Ordinance No. 2012-25-F adopted 6-0 by roll call vote.

### **CALENDAR**

Planning Commission meeting, June 13, 2012, 6:30 p.m., Municipal Building

Recreation Commission meeting, June 20, 2012, 8:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Laws and Rules Committee meeting, June 25, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Traffic and Safety Committee meeting, June 27, 2012, 3:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Pioneer Days, June 29-30, 2012, Commons

At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Hermes moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, to convene an executive session to discuss the sale/purchase of real estate. Voting as follows: “Aye” – Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Waltherr and Wolterman. Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote. At 9:21 p.m. and after stating no official action was taken during the executive session, Mr. Hermes moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion carried by voice vote.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Glenn Drees , VICE MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/