

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2012
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio was called to order on August 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Fred Murrell.

Mayor Murrell stated the Simons Insurance Agency sponsored the Greenhills A-baseball team who dominated District 2 this year winning the league with a record of 15-1. The team then took their game to the Cincinnati North Region Knothole Tournament, winning the title there and becoming only the second Greenhills team to do so in memory. He then read in full a proclamation declaring August 7, 2012 as *Greenhills A-Division Championship Baseball Day* in the Village of Greenhills and officially congratulated team members Matt Berte, Alex Kuhn, Liam Garrett, Charlie Murrell, Will Tekulve, Darius Campbell, Daniel Robinson, Luis Leary, Michael Rowe, Erik Hamilton, Devin Richard and Jacob Rengers as well Manager Rocky Tekulve and Coach Mike Collier.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Fred Murrell and Messrs. David Adams, Jeff Halter, Greg Hermes, Bud Wolterman and Mrs. Maria Waltherr. Also present were: Law Director Jeff Forbes, Acting Village Manager Police Chief Thomas Doyle, and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

Councilman Glenn Drees and Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach were excused due to prior commitments.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Murrell and the team and coaches of the Greenhills A-Baseball team.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the July 17, 2012 public hearing and the July 17, 2012 regular Council meeting 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.)

In answer to a comment from a resident, Mayor Murrell indicated on August 1, 2012, the Planning Commission passed a recommendation to present the proposed Zoning Code amendments to Council. Council will conduct a required public hearing regarding the Zoning Code on September 12, 2012 at which time, there will be an opportunity for residents and the public to present their comments and questions. Most recent copies of the proposed Zoning Code

amendments are available on the Village of Greenhills website and at the Municipal Building and Greenhills Library.

Ms. Diana Koller, 53 Illona, referenced her email, which has not been answered, to the Mayor and Village attorney regarding the absence of the Village Manager. According to the Charter, the Village Manager is required to file a memo regarding his/her absence with the Clerk of Council and Council must approve the designated Acting Village Manager by a majority vote of the members of Council. Stated the Charter is explicit in its requirements and expressed her concern that the Charter is being disregarded.

Ms. Amy Long, the new manager of the Greenhills Library, introduced herself to Council and the community. She stated the new library catalog has arrived and a program on the system will take place on Thursday, August 9, 2012, 9:30 a.m. for all library users. The Mayor and Council then welcomed her to the community.

Ms. Terri Treinen, 37 Dewitt Street, thanked Simons Insurance Company for supporting youth activities in the community. She called attention to the Cincinnati Water Works repairs throughout the community and questioned if the roadways affected will be resurfaced. Mr. Adams indicated the blacktopping of the roads in question will take place in September by an alternate contractor. Ms. Treinen expressed appreciation to the Cincinnati Water Works on a job well done.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Acting Municipal Manager – Police Chief Thomas Doyle – No report.

Law Director – Jeff Forbes

- Suggested that the appropriate time, Council entertain a motion to confirm the appointment of an Acting Village Manager in the absence of the Village Manager.

Clerk of Council – Kathryn L. Lives

- Ordinance Nos. 2012-30-S&S, 2012-31-F, 2012-32-F, 2012-33-CD, 2012-34-F, 2012-35-T&S, and Resolution No. 2012-36-F were posted as required.
- Also, the July 2012 Community Calendar was also posted as required.
- Will be on vacation from August 19-30, 2012 and therefore, unable to attend the August 21, 2012 work session. Suggested Council appoint an Acting Clerk of Council in her stead.

Police Chief of Police – Thomas Doyle

- Remain waiting for the installation of the automatic license plate reader system. Some installation problems are still being encountered by the installation team and they are working to overcome these issues.

- Two of the three Tasers used by the Police Department have been removed from service. This action was taken due to notification from Taser International that these units are past the five-year useful life. If the Tasers remained in service, there is a possibility that Taser would not stand behind the Village should a liability issue arise.
- The monthly Officer Activity Report, Monthly Crime Analysis, and the Personnel Early Warning System Report were filed with Council and are available for public inspection.

Mayor – Fred Murrell, Unaudited Court Receipts

- Unaudited Court receipts for July - \$3,366.00 State of Ohio; \$13,270.00 Village of Greenhills; bonds minus \$395.00; total \$17,031.00.
- Expressed his intent later in the meeting to suggest an amendment to the agenda to consider the appointment of a Charter Review Committee and the appointment of an Acting Village Manager.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Audit – Drees

- Mr. Halter stated the Finance Committee will meet prior to the next Council meeting to discuss bond refinancing.

Inter-Governmental Affairs, Laws & Rules – Walther

- Thanked Ms. Amy Long, new Manager of the Greenhills Library, for introducing herself to Council and the community.
- Attended the Recreation Committee meeting on July 18, 2012.
- Attended a music related event on July 21, 2012.
- Attended a Winton Woods School District technology meeting on July 24, 2012.
- Presided at the Laws and Rules Committee meeting on July 30, 2012; minutes are on file for public inspection.
- On August 4, 2012, attended a presidential rally at the invitation of Senator Portman.
- On August 8, 2012, will attend a Municipal Income Tax Interested Party meeting at the Sharonville Convention Center. The meeting is sponsored by Ohio Representative Peter Beck.
- Referenced the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code, and Mayor Murrell placed her in charge of placing copies of the document at the Greenhills Library for public inspection.
- While shopping met Mr. Bell, director of the Winton Woods High School Varsity Ensemble, who stated he was pleased with the recognition and proclamation from Council at the July 17, 2012 regular Council meeting. The ensemble won a gold medal in the championship division of the World Choir Games on July 8, 2012.

Services & Streets – Adams – No report.

Community Development – Halter

- The Design and Beautification Committee recently met for a half day to discuss the 75th anniversary of the Village of Greenhills. Volunteers are needed and interested residents may contact him by mail or email at jhalter@greenhillsohio.org.

Traffic & Safety – Wolterman

- Traffic and Safety Committee will meet on August 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m., Municipal Building. The committee is in the process of refining the dog ordinance.
- Stated he was approached by a citizen about how he was ignored at a meeting. The meeting was not a public meeting and the members of the committee were not introduced. Suggested making introductions at public meetings of the members and guests. Mr. Halter concurred with Mr. Wolterman's comments and suggested Council hold two public hearings regarding to the Zoning Code amendments to make certain all citizens comments are heard. Mrs. Waltherr agreed with this suggestion.
- Expressed appreciation to Wood and Lamping for sponsoring a recent *Concert on the Green*.
- Reminded all residents to indicate Greenhills on the form when renewing motor vehicle licenses.
- In reply to a comment by Mrs. Waltherr, Mr. Wolterman stated he would follow up on a broken window at the shopping center.
- Mrs. Waltherr indicated there will be a dance floor at the next *Concert on the Green* featuring the Cincy Rockers.

Recreation & Cable Television – Hermes – No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Waltherr moved, seconded by Mr. Wolterman, to amend the agenda to add motions regarding the appointment of an Acting Village Manager and the appointment of a Charter Review Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Wolterman moved, seconded by Mrs. Waltherr, to appoint Police Chief Thomas Doyle as Acting Municipal Manager in the absence of Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Wolterman moved, seconded by Mr. Adams, per Section 6.08 of the Charter of the Village of Greenhills, to concur with the Mayor's appointment of the following qualified electors of the Village as a Charter Review Committee: Christine Visnich, Chair, Michael Brown, Ken Huff, Dave Moore, Trish Murray, Heidi Rasmussen and Thad Willard. Motion carried by voice vote.

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2012-37-S&S

Authorizing the Municipal Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping for the Winton Road Rehabilitation Project and Declaring an Emergency was read in full by Mr. Adams.

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

- Bid was let for the Winton Road and Eswin Street repair projects to obtain the best price for both projects. The grant funds apply to only the Winton Road project.
- Mrs. Walther expressed concern with the Eswin portion of the repairs.
- Mr. Adams stated the Services and Streets met to discuss the assessment of the adjoining property owner and decided against it.
- The Laws and Rules Committee then reviewed the projects and forwarded questions to the Law Director.
- Mr. Forbes then explained the assessment process in detail, noting it will take at least four months to place an assessment on the property tax bill. A memorandum was prepared for distribution with a bulleted explanation of the assessment process. There are no guarantees that the taxes and assessments will be paid.
- Mr. Wolterman stated the worst case scenario is that the Eswin Street project is delayed to Spring 2013.

Voting as follows on the motion to suspend the rules: “Aye” – Adams, Halter, Hermes, and Wolterman; “No” – Walther. Motion failed by voice vote.

Council then concurred to convene a special Council meeting on August 14, 2012 to further discuss Ordinance No. 2012-37-S&S.

CALENDAR

Special Council meeting, August 14, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Traffic and Safety Committee, August 15, 2012, 3:00 p.m., Municipal Building

Laws and Rules Committee, August 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Municipal Building

Council work session, August 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Council public meeting, September 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building (Zoning Code Revisions)

Council public meeting, September 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Municipal Building (Zoning Code Revisions)

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

Glenn Drees, VICE-MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/