

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

MINUTES

A work session of the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio was called to order on February 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Fred Murrell. Present were: Mayor Murrell and Messrs. Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Wolterman, and Mrs. Waltherr. Also present were: Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

STREETS AND SERVICES

Joint Facility with the Hamilton County Park District

Ms. Kovach stated the following:

- Refinements to the contract for this project will be needed prior to execution of the contract.
- There will be a storage area for wooden and concrete slated for disposal.
- Approval for the site is needed from the Forest Park Stormwater Management Utility.
- The Hamilton County Park District will cover the cost of the tub grinder which will be operated by Park District personnel, with some labor provided by village personnel.
- The contract is for five (5) years with the possibility of becoming a long-term arrangement.

Corporate Pool Rate

Mr. Wolterman explained that for years, the Fire Department, Police Department, and village employees received pool passes at no charge. Under a previous Municipal Manager, the arrangement was discontinued because of potential income tax implications for those receiving the passes. Mr. Wolterman supports passes at no charge to the pool and golf course for Fire Department personnel only.

Mr. Drees stated he spoke with the Fire Department Chief Spaeth who indicated pool passes had been provided for 20+ years. Four years ago, that practice stopped, but the Fire Department was offered a corporate membership. An attempt was made to track the usage with the passes, however, it was ineffective. The corporate rate over the past four years has been erratic. The Fire Department is currently struggling in the recruiting area of the operation. Supports providing pool passes at no charge to Fire Department volunteer personnel due to the benefits they provide to the Village of Greenhills.

Mr. Halter stated it is necessary to make certain what is done with respect to the pool passes is legal and ethical. Questioned that if a corporate rate is offered, where it would fall with other business domains. The corporate rate pool passes could be tracked by the pool management

contractor. Also, volunteer service should be quantified and the corporate rate should have a written policy. Tough and legitimate questions cannot be dismissed.

Mayor Murrell stated there is a clear line between the Fire Department and other areas of volunteerism. The cost of Fire Department pool passes is nominal to the pool operation. This is a reasonable perk for the Fire Department. Supports the department and the benefits it provides to the village.

Ms. Kovach indicated she will contact the Law Director regarding the tax implications of the passes.

LAWS AND RULES - Walther

Suggested amendments to the Rules of Council

- Provided the proposed amendments to the Rules of Council to Council; proposed amendments have been vetted by Law Director. Safety is paramount with respect to ingress/egress-aisles must be kept clear. Notice was given at the February 4, 2012 of the amendments to the Rules of Council; the first reading is scheduled for the March 6, 2012 regular Council meeting. The amendments will be considered by Council separately.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Halter

Follow Up Retreat Discussion – “Big Ideas”

- Provided to Council a typed version of the “Big Ideas” from the Council Retreat flip charts.
- The discussion from the retreat is a first stage of bringing ideas together.
- Recommended review of the data with the votes of preference indicated by Council at the retreat. Will resend data which will contain the votes that were inadvertently left off.
- An Open House is scheduled on March 7, 2012, 3:00-8:00 p.m., at Molloy’s on the Green, to permit citizen input; refreshments will be available. This is a sincere reaching out to residents of all ages. The *One Call* system will be used to publicize the event.

OTHER

- Council has been invited to attend the Tree City Awards luncheon on April 2, 2012 in Amberley Village.
- The 2013 Tree City Awards luncheon will be held in the Village of Greenhills.
- Mayor Murrell will attend the Hamilton County Board of Health District Advisory Council organizational meeting on April 5, 2012.
- Mayor Murrell recently attended Mayor’s Court training in Columbus, Ohio.
- The Planning Commission will meet soon to review the revised Zoning Code.
- The Finance and Audit Committee will meet in the near future.

- The Village of Greenhills has been invited to join with the City of Forest Park and Springfield Township in an effort spearheaded by the Winton Woods School District for a community night at a Red's baseball game.
- A letter has been received from Ms. Barbara Wyatt, Historian, National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Program, Department of Interior, discussing the village's request for national recognition. Ms. Terri Treinen of the Greenhills Historical Society has been following up on this project and has agreed to provide a tour of the village to the historians on or about April 12, 2012.

With no further business forthcoming, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Fred Murrell, MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/