

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 02, 2021 6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Call to Order – Mayor Gilmore

6:00 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Mayor Kevin Gilmore	Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Dana Dunbar	Councilman John Lewis
Councilman Marc Thompson	Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell
Councilman Rex Decker	Village Administrator John Wenzlick

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh	Yarko Kuk
Jeff Lewis	Carolyn Lemieux
Larry Nameche	Darren Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Cousino	Susan Fanelly

Acting Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Shimborske to appoint Mr. Wenzlick as acting clerk. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation

Mayor Gilmore and Council presented Mr. Jeff Gibbs with a proclamation for 23 years of service on council and for his extraordinary contributions to the Village of Ottawa Hills.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Connell to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2021 Council meeting, and Mrs. Dunbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Darren Moore, HOA President of Exmoor, thanked council for the recent road repairs in the Exmoor area. He stated that an aerial video was taken to help with home sales in that neighborhood, and the roadwork was helpful. He introduced his committee members: Carolyn Lemieux, Sue Fanelly and Mr. & Mrs. Cousino. Mr. Moore also shared concerns about utility work in the Central and Exmoor area.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported July income tax collections were slightly below projections, although we continue to be 7% above year to date projections. Other July income included \$235,000 from the American Rescue Plan and \$320,000 in property tax advances.

Human Resources – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson described current challenges to retaining a qualified workforce.

Safety – Mrs. O’Connell

None

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Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

None

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

None

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

Mr. Decker noted that Resolution 2021-16 was on the agenda to authorize acceptance of a grant related to White Field. He identified a few concerns with the language of the agreement, and after council discussion it was decided to have Solicitor Sarah McHugh review the issues.

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

Mr. Wenzlick reported on the Richards Road project, noting that the Village and Ottawa Hills Schools are partnering with FutureThink for a student enrollment study. Baker Tilly continues to review potential costs, taxes, and revenues of the Richards Rd development plan. The Phase 2 environmental study is underway and should be complete in about a month. OHM is going to provide a report comparing the cost of remodeling our current municipal building versus constructing a new building.

Solicitor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wenzlick reported that the majority of our 2021 street projects are now finished, with punch list items remaining. He also noted that the agenda includes legislation for a tree pruning contract. Two bids were received with Blanchard's bid being considerably lower than T&J.

Mayor's Report

None

Old Business

After a brief discussion about chalk from the marathon remaining on roads throughout the region, Mr. Wenzlick confirmed that he had reached out to the race director and will follow up.

Council also discussed concerns about speeding in the community, particularly as students return to school.

New Business

Mrs. Dunbar discussed the possibility of involving neighborhoods in transforming some of the Village islands, but concerns were expressed about ongoing maintenance for these types of projects.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2021-5

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Motion to adopt legislation:	Motion –	Mr. Decker
	Second –	Mr. Lewis
	Yeas (6) –	Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Decker
	Nays (0) –	

Motion to adopt legislation:	Motion –	Mrs. Dunbar
	Second –	Mr. Thompson
	Yeas (6) –	Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Decker
	Nays (0) –	

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Executive Session

None

Next Meeting Date

September 07, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment

7:16 PM

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Mayor Gilmore