

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**July 12, 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	Clerk / Treasurer Eric Shreve
Solicitor Sarah McHugh	Village Administrator John Wenzlick

Citizen Attendees

Kelsie Hoagland
Nasrin Afjeh
Larry Nameche

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Connell to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021 Council meeting, and Mr. Shimborske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Kelsie Hoagland, Board member of TARTA, thanked the council members for their support. Mrs. Hoagland responded to a question from Mrs. O’Connell regarding Derek Merrin and the proposed cap on sales tax. Mrs. Hoagland stated that TARTA did modify the requested resolution to include a sales tax “up to .5%” due to the legislation submitted by Derek Merrin capping the future sales tax at .3%. TARTA hopes to move forward and put the levy on the November ballot. Mr. Decker asked if there is an upcoming meeting with Mr. Merrin, and she confirmed that no meeting is set but she would welcome future dialogue with him.

Larry Nameche, HOA President of Monticello, asked to view documents regarding the redevelopment plan on Richards Road. Mrs. Dunbar stated the design proposal and renderings are on our website under the Vision section for his review.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis stated June income tax collections are strong at 8% above projections, and comparison with 2020 will be more accurate after July, due to the 2020 deadline extension. The bulk of capital projects have been completed although invoices are still pending.

Human Resources – Mr. Thompson

None

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

None

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar reported that we are waiting on the financial analysis from Baker Tilly.

Solicitor's Report

Mrs. McHugh reported that Mrs. Afjeh has filed suit against many individuals in the village and she anticipates the outcome will be similar to previous lawsuits. Counsel has been retained through our insurer. Mrs. McHugh will update council in an executive session in the near future.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wenzlick reported that the street projects are coming along well. He received a call from the auditor's office noting that their triennial property value review is underway. Information about the revaluation process will be sent to the residents within a few weeks. Committee meetings are currently being arranged for August

Mayor's Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2021-3

Ordinance 2021-3

Annual authorization to assess a special tax to pay the cost and expense of lighting the streets and public ways of The Village of Ottawa Hills, for the year ending December 31, 2021

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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion –	Mr. Decker
	Second –	Mrs. O’Connell
		Unanimous Approval

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

Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2021-4

Ordinance 2021-4	Annual authorization to assess a special tax for the planting, maintenance, and removal of shade trees on and along the streets and public rights-of-way of The Village of Ottawa Hills in accordance with section 727.011 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the year ending December 31, 2021.
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Mr. Decker asked how much additional assessment would be needed to cover our costs on the shade tree maintenance. Mr. Lewis commented it would need to be \$0.95 per front foot. A motion was made by Mr. Decker to raise the assessment to \$.95 per front foot.

Motion to amend ordinance:	Motion -	Mr. Decker
	Second -	Mr. Lewis
		Unanimous Approval

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Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-15

Resolution 2021-15	Approving the inclusion of Lucas County as a member of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) without time limit, and giving approval to TARTA to repeal the two property taxes currently levied and to levy a sales and use tax, and declaring an emergency.
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	Second –	Mr. Decker
		Unanimous Approval

Motion to declare an emergency:	Motion –	Mr. Thompson
	Second –	Mr. Decker
		Unanimous Approval

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

Executive Session
None

Next Meeting Date
Aug 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment
6:28 PM



Mayor Gilmore