

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 03, 2021 6:00 PM**  
**Video Teleconference**

Call to Order – Vice Mayor Edward Shimborske III

6:01 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

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| Councilwoman Dana Dunbar    | Councilman John Lewis               |
| Councilman Jeff Gibbs       | Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell    |
| Councilman Rex Decker       | Village Administrator John Wenzlick |
| Solicitor Sarah McHugh      | Councilman Edward Shimborske III    |
| Clerk-Treasurer Eric Shreve |                                     |

Citizen Attendees

Nick Thomas  
David Krieger  
Kim Dunham

Other Zoom Users Present

Call-in User 1

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Connell to approve the minutes from the April 05, 2021 Council meeting, and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Kim Dunham, Executive Director of TARTA, spoke about the improvements to the transit system in the last year. In July, TARTA will be asking Council to pass legislation which supports adding Lucas County to TARTA, putting a .5% county sales tax on the ballot, and repealing the two existing property tax levies. Language included in the state transportation budget will allow a majority, instead of all, members to approve these changes. Ms Dunham reminded Council that they had voted for these changes in the past and thanked them for their support.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported we are year to date 41% under projections but will have a clearer number in two weeks after the new tax deadline of May 17, 2021.

Human Resources – Mr. Gibbs

None

Safety – Mrs. O’Connell

Mrs. O’Connell responded to a question from Mr. Decker regarding a speed study on Brittany Road, which is being reviewed because of complaints about speeding. Mr. Wenzlick added there will also be a study on Valleyview based on resident concerns.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

None

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Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske  
None

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

Mr. Decker reported that the committee met and had a presentation from Mark Frye, President of Palmer Energy. about using solar as a part of an alternative supply for the aggregation electricity program. Mr. Frye indicated that several communities had signed on to the proposal, but because Ottawa Hills is a small user, we would likely have an opportunity to sign up later as more information becomes available. The committee felt that there was not enough information currently to sign on to the program.

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar reported that the committee met on April 8<sup>th</sup> and NAI Harmon Group presented their proposal in an executive session. On April 16<sup>th</sup> information from the proposal was sent out to the public. Mrs. Dunbar and Mr. Wenzlick recently attended a school board meeting and updated the Board and answered questions. An upcoming meeting will be scheduled to include village and school representatives in further discussion. Mrs. Dunbar noted that a phase 1 environmental and asbestos study started today on the Richards Road property.

Solicitor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wenzlick reported that the EPA and Department of Natural Resources came out to look at the plugged oil well, regarding the oil sheen on the river. As they identify any steps that are needed, the information will be referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Mayor's Report

None

Old Business

Mr. Gibbs reported how well the marathon turned out. He thanked John and Gregg for their help and said there was excellent feedback about the race. He also thanked the villagers for their support. The chalk on the roads should wash away within 30 days.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs and seconded by Mr. Decker to approve payment of attorney fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. O'Connell reported that recent variance requests have caused discussion at the Zoning Commission about lot coverage requirements in the zoning code. The paved area definition does not include patios and other surfaces inaccessible for vehicles. As a result, much of a lot can be covered around pools and other non-vehicle areas.

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Discussion continued with Council members expressing support for the Zoning Commission's review of this topic and also considering methods to encourage more permeable surfaces to help protect the environment.

Ordinances & Resolutions

None

Executive Session

At 6:30 pm, Mr. Gibbs made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter. Mrs. O'Connell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 6:39 pm, Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

June 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment

6:43 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Shimborske III', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Vice Mayor Edward Shimborske III