

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**November 01, 2021 6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Call to Order – Vice Mayor Shimborske

6:01 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Councilwoman Dana Dunbar (via zoom)	Councilman John Lewis
Councilman Marc Thompson	Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell
Councilman Rex Decker	Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Solicitor Sarah McHugh	Village Administrator John Wenzlick
Finance Director Karen Urbanik	Clerk / Treasurer Eric Shreve

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh	Yarko Kuk
Sandy Brown	Larry Klotz
Robin Buckey	Marcia Kozy

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Connell to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2021 Council meeting, and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Sandy Brown and Marcia Kozy shared concerns about a rat problem within certain areas of the Village. They requested that Council take additional steps to educate and assist citizens with this problem.

After an extensive discussion, Vice-Mayor Shimborske asked Mrs. Dunbar to make her committee report to Council because it related to the rat concerns.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar reported that the Service Committee recently met with Debbie Dacquist from the Lucas County Health Department. Ms. Dacquist has been the contact for the Village when residents call regarding rats. She has been extremely helpful and works directly with the residents to find solutions to the problem.

Council members acknowledged the problem and discussed causes, solutions, and steps that the Village could take to address the concern. It was determined that the first step will be a resident letter with an informational flyer about preventative measures and ways to eradicate an existing problem. Research will be done regarding potential enforcement strategies regarding animal feeding that can encourage rats to come and stay in an area.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported income tax is 7% above projections year to date.

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Human Resources – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported on a piece of legislation on tonight's agenda that would authorize a one-time bonus payment for Village employees.

Safety – Mrs. O'Connell

None

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

None

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

None

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

None

Solicitor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, and seconded by Mrs. O'Connell, to appoint Mr. Wenzlick as the TMACOG Stormwater Coalition representative. The motion passed unanimously.

In response to a question from Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Wenzlick reported that the walk path preliminary design is underway, despite the delay in the survey work. The survey will be critical, however, to complete the design. The committee should be able to meet soon to discuss the progress.

Mayor's Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Council would like to thank the Police and Service Departments for their hard work on another safe and successful Halloween in the Village. Given the staffing challenges, the extra effort is sincerely appreciated.

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Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance 2021-8	Amending Ordinance 2020-16 and 2021-6 fixing salaries for Village employees for calendar year 2021, and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion – Mr. Thompson
	Second – Mr. Lewis
	Unanimous Approval

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

Motion to adopt legislation as emergency:	Motion – Mr. Thompson
	Second – Mr. Lewis
	Yeas (5) – Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Decker
	Nays (0) –

Executive Session

At 6:53 pm, Mr. Lewis made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of real estate acquisition. Mrs. O’Connell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:00 pm, Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

December 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment

8:02 PM



Vice Mayor Shimborske