

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 04, 2021 6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Call to Order – Mayor Gilmore

6:00 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

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

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh	Yarko Kuk
Chelsea Gupta	

Acting Clerk

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Dunbar to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2021 Council meeting, and Mr. Shimborske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Connell to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 Council meeting, with the correction that Mrs. McHugh was not present, and Mrs. Dunbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

None

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported income tax is 7% above projections year to date and 3% above last year which is consistent with the last few months.

Human Resources – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson described a piece of legislation on the agenda tonight to increase the hourly rate for part-time police officers. Due to the current hiring challenges, more flexibility will be required in compensation tools. The Human Resources Committee will be discussing other options to facilitate hiring.

Safety – Mrs. O’Connell

None

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

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Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

None

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

Mr. Decker reported that glass in the playing surface at White Field is still an issue. Discussion is underway involving Solicitor Sarah McHugh to arrive at an acceptable remedy. It is anticipated that the field will not be ready for play until 2023 due to the field problems.

Mr. Decker reported on a proposal from the City of Toledo, Department of Public Utilities, to install a water transmitter pole in the Village. The transmitter would remotely collect information from water meters and the system is expected to improve water billing. Mr. Lewis reported the pole would be approximately 74 feet tall and would be placed on Secor Road across from University of Toledo Law School, on the Village side of the road. Based on this location, no other tower would be needed in the Village. A lengthy discussion followed, including confirmation that the tower would not interfere with future sidewalk plans in the areas.

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the water tower installation subject to conditions to be negotiated by the Village Administrator. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker asked Mr. Lewis to describe the Committee's recent discussion about the cemetery fencing. Mr. Lewis serves on a cemetery board and members of that board toured Joy Cemetery. They made suggestions to remove some fencing, leave the fencing on the north side, and replace fencing to the south with split rail to match that around St. Michael's memorial gardens. Mr. Wenzlick is communicating with the church to get their input. Mr. Lewis also noted that his fellow cemetery board members suggested that part of the road in the cemetery could be eliminated, which would allow for additional cemetery lots. No action is requested at this time.

Mr. Decker reported that the refuse truck needs to be replaced. Mr. Lewis made a motion to obtain bids for a refuse truck and Mr. Decker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

None

Solicitor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

None

Mayor's Report

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Old Business

Mrs. Dunbar inquired about the Maple Grove and Briar Hill walk paths. Mr. Wenzlick responded that he has not received an update about the survey yet and would continue to follow up.

Mr. Decker inquired about the blinking 5 mph sign on Edgevale and Mr. Wenzlick responded that the yellow sign is a suggested speed to slow traffic, but it is not enforceable by law.

New Business

None

Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-20

Resolution 2021-20	Accepting the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion –	Mr. Lewis
	Second –	Mr. Decker
		Unanimous Approval

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

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

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-21

Resolution 2021-21	Authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to draw on the County treasury for advances against tax settlement, and declaring an emergency.
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Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2021-6

Ordinance 2021-6	Amending Ordinance 2020-16 fixing salaries for Village employees for calendar year 2021, and declaring an emergency.
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	Second –	Mr. Shimborske
		Unanimous Approval
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Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2021-7

There was discussion about tree planting and replacement, and Mr. Wenzlick indicated that the budgetary adjustment would not impact the number of trees scheduled for planting this fall.

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Ordinance 2021-7	Making appropriations and deductions from previous appropriations, amending Ordinance 2020-15 and 2021-5, and declaring an emergency.
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Executive Session

At 6:39 pm, Mr. Decker made a motion to move into executive session for purpose of discussion of real estate acquisition. Mr. Shimborske seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:23 pm, Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

November 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment

7:24 pm



Mayor Gilmore