

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**September 07, 2021 6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Call to Order – Vice Mayor Shimborske

6:00 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilman John Lewis
Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell
Village Administrator John Wenzlick
Deputy Chief Gregg Estok
Finance Director Karen Urbanik

Councilwoman Dana Dunbar
Councilman Marc Thompson
Councilman Rex Decker
Solicitor Sarah McHugh
Clerk / Treasurer Eric Shreve

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh
Yarko Kuk

Heather Phillips
Brian Cooper – Baker Tilly (via Zoom)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Dunbar to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2021 Council meeting, and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Swearing In

Deputy Police Chief Estok introduced our newest officers, Sarah Goble and Trevyr Curtis. Vice Mayor Shimborske swore in both new officers.

Citizens Comments

Heather Phillips thanked the Village for fixing the sidewalk ramp by the high school. She would like the Village to consider putting pedestrian markings on Brookside where the paths exit to help with children crossing.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported that we are above income tax projections for the month of August and 7% above income tax projections year to date which has been consistent with the last few months.

Human Resources – Mr. Thompson

None

Safety – Mrs. O’Connell

None

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar asked Deputy Chief Estok to report on recent deer hunts. Deputy Chief Estok noted that the 2018-19 cull took 41 deer, 2019-20 took 31 deer, and 2020-21 took 25 deer. Mrs. Dunbar made a motion to authorize a deer cull up to 40 deer for the 2021-22 season. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Dunbar also reported that she will keep Council updated on the Sled Hill project that was discussed at the August 20th Council meeting.

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Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Shimborske reported that an ODOT representative attended the last Street Committee meeting, discussing the Central Ave traffic study conducted near the Exmoor intersection. Council discussed the study and some of the potential approaches to improve safety. At this time, ODOT is considering changing the timing of the traffic signals to see what impact that may have in this area. Mr. Shimborske will keep Council updated once he has more information.

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

Mr. Decker reported that the committee met recently, and Chris Hardman spoke about the Geresy Field scoreboard which currently has a malfunction. Mr. Hardman stated that an organization had proposed to fund the replacement scoreboard in exchange for a permanent advertisement on a new sign. Mr. Decker brought the issue to the Council, and there was an extended discussion with concern expressed about the proposal. Mr. Wenzlick will talk with Mr. Hardman about repairing the sign instead of replacement.

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

None

Solicitor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

None

Mayor's Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances & Resolutions

Vice Mayor Shimborske read Resolution 2021-16

Resolution 2021-16

Authorizing the Village Administrator, on behalf of the Village of Ottawa Hills, to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, accepting grant funds to be used for the Ottawa Hills Recreation Field (White Field), and declaring an emergency.

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

Executive Session

At 6:54 pm, Mrs. O’Connell made a motion to move into executive session for purpose of discussion of pending litigation and real estate acquisition. Mr. Decker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:16 pm, Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

October 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment

8:18 PM



Vice Mayor Shimborske