

OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2022 6:30 PM

Call to Order – Mayor Kevin Gilmore

6:30 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Dana Dunbar
Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell
Councilwoman Heather Phillips
Councilman John Lewis

Solicitor Sarah McHugh
Councilman Marc Thompson
Village Administrator John Wenzlick
Mayor Kevin Gilmore
Clerk / Treasurer Eric Shreve

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh

Perozek Family

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Dunbar to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2022 Council meeting, and Mr. Shimborske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation

Mayor Gilmore and Council presented Teddy Perozek with a proclamation for his achievement of winning the Division III State Championship for High Jump.

Citizens Comments

None

Finance & Future Planning – Mayor Gilmore

Mr. Lewis reported that June was above projections, and we are 9% above projection amounts for year to date. He indicated that expenses are within budget, with tree related expenses and fuel running higher than expected.

Human Resources – Mrs. Phillips

None

Safety – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Wenzlick reported the speed signs are ordered and we will update Council when they arrive.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar noted that we are still waiting on the grant process being managed by The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Wenzlick reported that he is working with Solicitor McHugh to review the proposed use restrictions related to the grant funding.

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Thompson

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Mr. Thompson reported that the Streets Committee interviewed three engineering firms as part of the selection process undertaken every five years. The committee requested some additional information and will bring a recommendation to Council at a future meeting. The committee will also meet tomorrow to discuss sidewalks. It was noted that work has begun on the Riva Ridge Road Bridge.

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mrs. O’Connell

None

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

None

Solicitor’s Report

Solicitor McHugh deferred her report to executive session for discussion of litigation and real property acquisition.

Administrator’s Report

None

Mayor’s Report

None

Old Business

Mrs. Dunbar asked about the Secor Road bridge project. Mr. Wenzlick indicated that the project was on schedule for 2023, with some utility work beginning this year. The contractor is expected to have control of the site this fall.

Mrs. O’Connell reminded Council that the high school is expected to request an amendment to their special use permit to allow for construction of a parking lot on the Kenwood Blvd side. This request would be presented to the Zoning Commission, and if recommended, a report would come to Council for consideration. There was a general discussion of the potential project. Mr. Wenzlick said he would provide Council with any documents submitted when a request is received.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Shimborske and seconded by Mrs. O’Connell to approve payment of attorney fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2022-4

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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

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Village of Ottawa Hills in accordance with section 727.011 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the year ending December 31, 2022.

Motion to waive three readings:

Motion –	Mrs. Dunbar
Second –	Mr. Lewis
Unanimous Approval	

Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion – Mrs. Dunbar
Second – Mr. Shimborske
Yeas (6) – Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Thompson,
Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Shimborske,
Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Lewis
Nays (0) –

Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2022-5

Ordinance 2022-5	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, 2022.
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Nays (0) –

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2022-14

Resolution 2022-14	Supporting the establishment of and endorsement of a representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Region 4 Board, confirming that funds will be used as approved under the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding, and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to declare an emergency: Motion – Mr. Thompson
Second – Mr. Shimborske
Unanimous Approval

Motion to adopt legislation as an emergency:

Motion –	Mr. Thompson
Second –	Mr. Shimborske
Yeas (6) –	Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Lewis
Nays (0) –	

Executive Session

At 6:58 pm Mr. Shimborske made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of real estate acquisition and pending and threatened litigation. Mrs. O'Connell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:18 pm Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

August 15, 2022 6:30 PM

Adjournment

7:19 PM



Mayor