

OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 31, 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

Solicitor Sarah McHugh
Councilman Marc Thompson
Village Administrator John Wenzlick
Mayor Kevin Gilmore

Citizen Attendees

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Kathy Selking

Acting Clerk

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Shimborske to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 Council meeting, and Mrs. Dunbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TARTA

A motion was made by Mrs. O’Connell to appoint Mrs. Kathy Selking to the TARTA Board of Representatives. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dunbar and passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

None

Finance & Future Planning – Mayor Gilmore

Mayor Gilmore reported that May is a low month for income tax collections, but the positive variance to our projection increased to 9%. We can now compare more accurately with 2021, due to the May 2021 due date, and collections are 7% over 2021.

Human Resources – Mrs. Phillips

None

Safety – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Shimborske reported that the Safety Committee recently discussed speeding in the Village and would like to recommend discussion of installing digital speed signs. The signs are solar powered and can be relocated as needed. Each sign is approximately \$3,000.00; they were not included in the budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Shimborske to purchase three solar powered speed signs, and Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Wenzlick noted that a TMACOG speed study in the Talmadge area was performed, and a report was received late today. He will share the study with the Safety Committee soon.

The Safety Committee also reviewed right-of-way usage in the Village. There have been rocks and boulders placed in the Village rights-of-way that have raised concern. In addition to the physical hazard of something in or near the right-of-way, these items can cause visibility problems, especially at intersections and driveways. After some discussion it was determined that the committee would review potential regulations with Solicitor McHugh.

Discussion of complaints about dogs-at-large in the Village will result in a Resident Newsletter article reminding residents of the animal leash law.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar reported that The Nature Conservancy, as part of our contract, was tasked with exploring grant opportunities to move forward with the design and construction of the Sled Hill project. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is willing to fund the entire project, which has an estimated cost of \$435,000. However, the ODNR would require a covenant restricting the use of the land in perpetuity. If less than \$250,000 is accepted from the ODNR, they would require a 30-year covenant restricting the use of the land.

The Nature Conservancy has also applied for grant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). If received, it would reduce the amount of funding needed from the ODNR, and would thereby only require the 30-year covenant. In this scenario, partial funding would be received from both entities. We will not know whether our project is selected by the NFWF until September.

Mrs. Dunbar will be in communication with The Nature Conservancy and Solicitor McHugh regarding any contracts that need to be reviewed.

Mrs. Dunbar stated her committee also reviewed sidewalk snow clearing in the Village and she would like input from council members. After a lengthy discussion, the overall sense is that the Village will not offer sidewalk clearing and it remains the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mrs. Dunbar reported the complaints of rats have diminished in recent months. We will continue to monitor any complaints with the Health Department.

Lastly, the committee discussed the yard waste program and the need to remind residents that it is a paid subscription service and yard waste cannot be placed earlier than 6 am on Monday.

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported there are two items of legislation on the agenda tonight related to streets and bridges. Mr. Wenzlick noted the Riva Ridge bridge project is scheduled to start in early July and the bridge will be closed for two to three months. The bridge replacement on Central Ave. will begin next year and will be closed for three to four months.

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

None

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

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2022-11

Resolution 2022-11	Authorizing a contract with the Lucas County Engineer for construction inspection of replacement of the Riva Ridge Road Bridge and related road construction, and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to waive three readings:

Motion –	Mr. Thompson
Second –	Mr. Shimborske
Unanimous Approval	

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 (5) –	Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. O’Connell
Nays (0) –	

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Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2022-12

Resolution 2022-12	Providing consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to replace the Central Ave bridge (SR120 structure) over the Ottawa River, to perform necessary related work within the Village of Ottawa Hills, and declaring an emergency.
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Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2022-13

Resolution 2022-13	Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Ottawa Hills to sign documents to convey a permanent and a temporary utility easement, as described in Exhibit A, to the City of Toledo, Department of Public Utilities, for installation of an advanced metering transmitter pole.
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Nays (0) –	

Executive Session

At 7:26 pm, Mr. Shimborske made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of real estate acquisition and pending litigation. Mrs. O’Connell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:51 pm Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

July 11, 2022 6:30 PM

Adjournment

7:53 PM



Mayor