

**OTTAWA HILLS SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

November 14, 2022 6:30 PM

Call to Order – Vice Mayor Marc Thompson

6:30 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Dana Dunbar
Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell
Councilwoman Heather Phillips
Clerk / Treasurer Eric Shreve

Solicitor Sarah McHugh
Councilman Marc Thompson
Councilman John Lewis
Village Administrator John Wenzlick

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh
Adrienne Shreve

Yarko Kuk
Brittany Ford

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Phillips to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 Council meeting, and Mrs. O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Mrs. Shreve stated that she would like to request the speed limit on Bancroft be reduced to 25mph between the bike trail to Secor Rd for pedestrian safety concerns. She stated there are no sidewalks and the bike lane is small, so it does not offer pedestrian safety. She also requested more police enforcement of the speed laws along Bancroft while students are riding and walking to school. Vice Mayor Thompson stated that safety is very important to Council and added this request will be addressed at a Safety Committee meeting that is currently being scheduled. Mrs. Dunbar said she has advocated for speed reduction for a long time and research shows pedestrian survival rates are significantly higher in crashes at 25 mph than at 35 mph. Mrs. Ford stated that she supports Mrs. Shreve’s comments and would also recommend reducing the speed limit on Bancroft.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported that October income tax collections exceeded both prediction and 2021 actual, and we are now 12% or almost \$422,000 ahead of both. We have updated the 2023 budget and the 5-year forecast to reflect increased wages and our capital budget estimates.

Human Resources – Mrs. Phillips

None

Safety – Mr. Shimborske

None

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar stated we sought out grants for the sled hill to improve water quality and environmental restoration. The legislation on the agenda authorizes Mr. Wenzlick to enter into a

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Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Lewis

Nays (0) –

Vice-Mayor Thompson read Ordinance 2022-11

Resolution 2022-11	Fixing the salaries for Village employees for 2023, and repealing Ordinance 2020-16, Ordinance 2021-6, Ordinance 2021-8, and Ordinance 2021-12 and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion – Mrs. Phillips
	Second – Mrs. Dunbar
	Unanimous Approval

Motion to declare an emergency:	Motion – Mrs. Phillips
	Second – Mrs. Dunbar
	Unanimous Approval

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

Vice-Mayor Thompson read Resolution 2022-25

Resolution 2022-25	Authorizing the Village Administrator, on behalf of the Village of Ottawa Hills, to enter into a landowner agreement with The Nature Conservancy, for the purpose of environmental restoration and declaring an emergency.
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Executive Session

At 7:09 pm Mr. Shimborske made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of real estate acquisition and pending litigation. Mrs. Dunbar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:17 pm Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

December 5, 2022 6:30 PM

Adjournment

7:31 PM



Vice-Mayor