

OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2023 7:00 PM

Call to Order – Mayor Kevin Gilmore

7:00 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Dana Dunbar
Councilwoman Heather Phillips
Village Administrator John Wenzlick

Solicitor Sarah McHugh
Councilman Marc Thompson
Councilman John Lewis

Citizen Attendees

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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. Phillips to approve the amended minutes, from the March 6, 2023 Council meeting, and Mr. Shimborske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Swearing In

Deputy Chief Estok introduced Officer Jade Nelson and Mayor Gilmore swore her in.

Citizens Comments

None

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis stated the March income tax report has not been finalized yet. So far, March receipts total \$260,273 which is above the prediction amount of \$226,943 which brings us to 2% above prediction for YTD.

Human Resources – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar stated the employee health insurance quote from Anthem for 2023/2024 came in with a 5% increase, and our budget allowed for a 20% increase. The committee also decided to do an employee handbook review, at the cost of \$8700.00, which is a full review of our employee handbook and will bring us up to date with current compliance laws.

Safety – Mrs. Phillips

Mrs. Phillips stated the committee did not meet but she did have some residents speak with her about our rules/ordinances for invisible fences and our leash laws. Mayor Gilmore asked about the Edgehill fire and Mr. Wenzlick stated Lucas County Engineering will review all lines as roads are

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being reconstructed. Mayor Gilmore states there are safety concerns regarding traffic cut throughs due to the bridge replacement. We have a lot of walkers in our community and Mr. Wenzlick has been working with ODOT for the best solutions.

Services & Environment – Mrs. O’Connell

Mr. Wenzlick stated The Nature Conservancy has chosen a contractor for the Sled Hill project and he set up an April 18th committee meeting to meet with the contractor, The Nature Conservancy and the committee members.

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Thompson

Mr. Wenzlick stated both bridge projects are progressing well. We have placed a bid advertisement for the 2023 street projects, bid opening will be in a few weeks. Lucas County is asking if we would be willing to roll the cost of the valves/hydrants on Bexford into our projects and they would reimburse us for approximately \$265,000. A formal request has not been made yet and he will keep Council updated. The Riva Ridge bridge still has some equipment in place for bridge staining once we have appropriate weather.

Mr. Thompson stated even though there is a resident inconvenience with the bridge replacements, the new bridges add value to our community with the majority of all three bridges being covered by grants.

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Shimborske deferred his report to the Executive session.

Solicitor’s Report

Mrs. McHugh deferred her report to the Executive session.

Administrator’s Report

None

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Gilmore asked for an update on the rocks and boulders that residents have been placing in the right of way. Mr. Wenzlick stated that Ms. McHugh and himself are still working on a solution and will discuss options with Council in the future.

Old Business

A motion was made by Mrs. Dunbar and seconded by Mrs. Phillips to adopt the rules of Council as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Dunbar asked Mr. Wenzlick about the 2024 Ohio park grant opportunities, Mr. Wenzlick stated we will need to reach out to them in November.

New Business

None

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Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Gilmore read Ordinance 2023-2

Ordinance 2023-2	Ratifying and authorizing a real estate purchase agreement for 4105 W. Bancroft Street (Lucas County Parcel ID# 8800254) and authorizing the Village Administrator to execute related agreements and documents therefor and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion – Mr. Shimborske Second – Mr. Lewis Unanimous Approval
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Motion to declare an emergency:	Motion – Mr. Shimborske Second – Mr. Lewis Unanimous Approval
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Motion to adopt legislation:	Motion – Mr. Shimborske Second – Mr. Lewis Yeas (5) – Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Shimborske, Mr. Lewis Nays (0) –
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Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2023-4

Resolution 2023-4	Authorizing an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide health insurance benefits for village employees, establishing the amount of employee premium share, and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion – Mrs. Dunbar Second – Mrs. Phillips Unanimous Approval
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Motion to declare an emergency:	Motion – Mrs. Dunbar Second – Mrs. Phillips Unanimous Approval
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Motion to adopt legislation as emergency:

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Motion – Mrs. Dunbar
Second – Mrs. Phillips
Yeas (5) – Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Thompson,
Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Shimborske,
Mr. Lewis
Nays (0) –

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2023-5

Resolution 2023-5 Authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of
Transportation for salt for the 2023/2024 winter, and
declaring an emergency.

Motion to waive three readings: Motion – Mr. Lewis
Second – Mrs. Dunbar
Unanimous Approval

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

Motion to adopt legislation as emergency:
Motion – Mr. Lewis
Second – Mrs. Phillips
Yeas (5) – Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Thompson,
Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Shimborske,
Mr. Lewis
Nays (0) –

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2023-6

Resolution 2023-6 Urging the Legislative branches of the Federal Government
as well as the State of Ohio to enact legislation to further
protect the citizens of the Village of Ottawa Hills from the
inherent dangers of a train derailment on the tracks located
near our Village, and declaring an emergency.

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Second – Mrs. Dunbar
Unanimous Approval

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Nays (0) –	

Executive Session

At 7:25 pm Mr. Shimborske made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of real estate acquisition and pending litigation. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

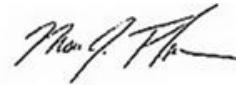
At 8:21 pm Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

May 1, 2023 7:00 PM

Adjournment

8:22 PM



Vice Mayor