

OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2024 7:00 PM

Call to Order – Mayor Thompson

7:00 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Mayor Thompson
Councilwoman Dana Dunbar
Councilman Dan Wimmers
Councilwoman Wendy Greeley
Solicitor Kati Tharp

Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Heather Phillips
Councilman John Lewis
Finance Director April McDonald
Deputy Chief Gregg Estok

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh
Brittany Ford
Jessica Meade

Yarko Kuk
Mark Mockensturm

Acting Clerk

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

Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Shimborske to appoint Mr. Mockensturm as Clerk/Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Dunbar to appoint Ms. Ford as our TARTA board representative. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Wimmers to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2024 Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

Mrs. Meade stated her concern with speeding near the school and other areas of the Village. She stated that last Saturday, a bus dropped off a team and blocked the intersection, at Ashborne and Osborn. After this, many kids were all over the street because of where the bus stopped. The crosswalk is not marked, which is a safety concern. She would appreciate a better marked crosswalk, more police presence, and a legal area for buses to park. Mr. Wimmers stated he has called the police due to traffic concerns. There is a vehicle that continuously parks on a speed bump and blocks traffic. Ms. Phillips stated she witnessed a car facing the wrong way on the wrong side of Ashborne making it challenging for traffic to pass through. Mayor Thompson asked Deputy Chief Estok to check the crosswalk for the appropriate markings. Deputy Chief Estok stated that he will work with the school and Athletic Director regarding the bus parking. He stated that bus overage parking can be overwhelming during sporting events, especially football games. Deputy Chief Estok stated he tries to address phone calls when they are called in and they have been increasing traffic stops each year. Mrs. Dunbar asked if there was ever consideration for a

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one-way street on Ashborne. The consensus was that directing the flow of traffic would be very challenging. Deputy Chief Estok stated he appreciates phone calls when someone sees an issue so they can address it right away. Mayor Thompson stated he appreciates the comments regarding safety, and we recognize and agree that safety is a high priority. Ms. Ford thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment to the TARTA board.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis stated April income tax collection, as of last week, is just under \$260,000. This is below our prior April collections, but this was expected with our transition to RITA. Due to RITA processing tax returns, our biggest collection month will now be in May.

Human Resources – Ms. Phillips

Ms. Phillips stated the committee met to discuss community engagement ideas. Some items for this year would be encouraging block parties, reaching out to The Nature Conservancy to lead events, and trying to coordinate Music on the Point. In the future, we could ask The Nature Conservancy to lead a walk on the trails through the sled hill area, summer series, and provide a map of meadows and access points.

Safety – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar stated the committee met to discuss police vehicle purchasing. We had a police vehicle encumbered in a previous budget year that needs a motion to allocate the funds to a new vendor. The previous vendor is unable to provide the vehicle so we would like to use Chapman Ford. We also have a police vehicle budgeted for this year bringing our total to two new vehicles from Chapman Ford.

A motion was made by Mr. Wimmers and seconded by Mrs. Greeley to allocate the old Bauman purchase order to Chapman Ford for the police vehicle. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Dunbar stated the committee also talked about dog restraint in the meadow. The consensus was that we need to enforce our current laws and residents need to abide by the rules. Ms. Phillips asked about a dedicated area for dogs and the discussion led to dog waste pollution and the difficulty of finding a space not near homes.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Greeley

None

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

None

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Wimmers

Mr. Wimmers stated the committee met to discuss a pickle ball permit request, but the resident decided to hold off on the permit. Also, some engineering students presented their ideas for Ridgewood bridge. This was a learning experience for them, to present to a municipality. The university collaborates with local municipalities to gain experience in project management.

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Overall, it was a great presentation with neat photos and ideas. Ms. McDonald will email the presentation to all Council members.

Solicitor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Ms. McDonald stated we are scheduling a pre-construction meeting for the 2024 road projects, and we should have a timeline soon. Regarding the tennis courts, Fishbeck would like to collaborate with SportsWork Design. They specialize in sports fields and would be able to handle any drainage concerns. We will work closely with Becky and the Athletic Director on the timing and scheduling conflicts. Mayor Thompson stated we have let other entities use our courts in the past, so Becky may want to reach out to them to have the favor returned.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Thompson stated we need to think about long term strategic planning now that we have a full team.

Old Business

Ms. Phillips asked for an update on boulders in the right of way and Mayor Thompson responded that we would have to wait for Mr. Wenzlick for an update.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Shimborske to approve payment of attorney fees for Ms. Tharp. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shimborske stated a resident reached out to him regarding speeding on Manchester. The resident would like to see a speed bump on Manchester to deter speeders. Mr. Shimborske stated residents have reached out to him regarding continuous dog barking. Mrs. Dunbar stated the office sends letters to residents when they get a phone call. Mr. Shimborske would like to see these issues addressed on upcoming agendas. Mayor Thompson agrees we need to have more discussion on these items.

Mr. Wimmers stated that he has received complaints about the condition of the restrooms are at Geresy Field. The office will reach out to AAA cleaning to get that addressed since the responsibility lies with the Village.

Ms. Phillips stated the Walk and Roll to School day is scheduled for May 8th and she is still looking for volunteers to help children cross at intersections.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Thompson read Ordinance 2024-2

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Ordinance 2024-2	Making appropriations and deductions from previous appropriations, amending ordinance 2023-12, and declaring an emergency.
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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion –	Mr. Lewis
	Second –	Mr. Wimmers
		Unanimous Approval

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

Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion –	Mr. Lewis
Second –	Ms. Phillips
Yeas (6) –	Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Wimmers, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Greeley
Nays (0) –	

Mayor Thompson read Resolution 2024-7

Resolution 2024-7 Authorizing the purchase of one police interceptor SUV all-wheel drive vehicle and authorizing the trade-in or sale of one police vehicle, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion –	Mrs. Dunbar
Second –	Mr. Shimborske
Yeas (6) –	Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Wimmers, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Greeley
Nays (0) –	

Mayor Thompson read Resolution 2024-8

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Resolution 2024-8 Authorizing the purchase of one police interceptor SUV all-wheel drive vehicle and authorizing the trade-in or sale of one police vehicle, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion – Mrs. Dunbar
Second – Mr. Shimborske
Yeas (6) – Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Wimmers, Ms. Phillips,
Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Greeley
Nays (0) –

Mayor Thompson read Resolution 2024-9

Resolution 2024-9 Approving the Lucas County 9-1-1 Final Plan, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion – Mr. Lewis
Second – Mr. Shimborske
Yeas (6) – Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Wimmers, Ms. Phillips,
Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Greeley
Nays (0) –

Mayor Thompson read Resolution 2024-10

Resolution 2024-10 Approving the Lucas County Solid Waste Management Plan.

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	Second –	Mr. Shimborske
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Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion – Mr. Lewis
 Second – Ms. Phillips
 Yeas (6) – Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Wimmers,
 Ms. Phillips, Mr. Shimborske,
 Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Greeley
 Nays (0) –

Mayor Thompson read Resolution 2024-11

Resolution 2024-11 Declaring the intent of the Village of Ottawa Hills to assume and pay assessments for the Ten Mile Creek/Ottawa River Ditch Petition #1053, and declaring an emergency

Motion to waive three readings:	Motion –	Mr. Lewis
	Second –	Ms. Phillips
		Unanimous Approval

Motion to declare an emergency:	Motion –	Mr. Lewis
	Second –	Ms. Phillips
		Unanimous Approval

Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion –	Mr. Lewis
Second –	Ms. Phillips
Yeas (6) –	Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Wimmers, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Greeley
Nays (0) –	

Next Meeting Date
June 3, 2024

Adjournment
8:11 PM

Mon. J. Fla.

Mayor Thompson