

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

August 31, 2026 7:00 PM

Call to Order – Mayor Thompson

7:00 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Mayor Thompson
Councilman Darren Moore
Councilman Mark Mockensturm
Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Heather Phillips

Councilwoman Wendy Greeley
Village Administrator April McDonald
Solicitor Kati Tharp

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh
Tim Cummins
Kevin Merrill

Yarko Kuk
Larry Nameche

Acting Clerk

A motion was made by Mr. Shimborske and seconded by Mr. Mockensturm to appoint Ms. McDonald as acting clerk for the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Wimmers to approve the minutes as amended from August 3, 2026, Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Mrs. Afjeh expressed frustration regarding the most recent Streets & Finance Committee meeting.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Mockensturm

No report

Human Resources – Ms. Phillips

No Report

Safety – Mr. Moore

Mr. Moore reported on discussions regarding E-Bikes, noting that options are still being considered at this time. A Safety Committee meeting will be scheduled. Mayor Thompson shared that he and Ms. McDonald spoke with school representatives, who are receptive to assisting with E-Bike education and safety efforts.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Greeley

Mrs. Greeley reported that the Nature Conservancy completed a floristic assessment of Ottawa Hills. The assessment evaluates the health and diversity of plant species using FQAI scores. Underhill and Evergreen showed notable improvements, while Epworth's score remained similar to the previous assessment. No recommendations were provided, as the assessment was intended

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for informational purposes. The assessment does not specifically evaluate deer impacts or invasive species, but rather overall plant health and diversity.

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Shimborske reported that the Streets & Bridges Committee met with the Finance and Future Planning Committee to discuss road improvements. The Village decided not to pursue an outside road assessment and will instead utilize existing data and additional field reviews by staff and Fishbeck. Future projects will primarily consist of mill-and-fill work, with projects prioritized annually based on available funding and grants. Edgehill and Brookside are being evaluated, with Brookside anticipated as the next project. Mrs. Hoffman will apply for OPWC funding for 2027. The Village will also coordinate with Toledo regarding waterline projects.

Ms. McDonald provided an update on Edgevale Road, noting that water service taps began this week. Having the contractor complete the taps will allow approximately 12–14 homes per day to be completed, compared to 3–4 homes per day if handled by the city, saving an estimated three and a half weeks. The Village received some reports of discolored water, and staff followed up with affected residents.

Equipment, Utilities, Building & Grounds – Mr. Wimmers

Mr. Wimmers reported that a resolution is on the agenda to contract with Fishbeck as the engineer for The Dana D. and H. David White Sports Complex. The Village has previously met with Fishbeck to establish the scope of work. If approved, Fishbeck will serve as the engineer of record and prepare the project for bidding

Solicitors Report – Mrs. Tharp

No report

Administrator's Report

Ms. McDonald reported that the Hardman Field Improvement Project bid opening is scheduled for this week, with two companies having obtained plans thus far.

Mayors Report

Mayor Thompson reported that Brittany Ford resigned from her appointment to the TARTA Board. Former Council Member Dana Dunbar was asked to serve as the Village's representative and agreed to complete the remainder of the term.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Shimborske and seconded by Mr. Mockensturm to approve the payment to Kati Tharp in the amount of \$1,096.50 for the period of July 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Shimborske reported that Mr. Martinez continues to request a speed bump near his home due to concerns about a vehicle speeding in the area. Mr. Shimborske suggested that Police Chief Schnoor contact Mr. Martinez to discuss his concerns.

Resolutions and Ordinances

Mayor Thompson read Resolution 2026-17:

Resolution 2026-17:

Authorizing a contract with Fishbeck for engineering services related to the Dana D. and H. David White Sports Complex project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to waive three readings:

Motion – Mr. Wimmers
Second – Mr. Mockensturm
Unanimous Approval

Motion to declare an emergency:

Motion – Mr. Wimmers
Second – Mr. Mockensturm
Unanimous Approval

Motion to adopt legislation:

Motion – Mr. Wimmers
Second – Mr. Mockensturm
Unanimous Approval

Yeas (6) – Mr. Mockensturm, Mr. Shimborske
Mr. Moore, Ms. Phillips,
Mrs. Greeley, Mr. Wimmers

Nays (0) –

Citizen Comments

Mrs. Afjeh asked Council to consider timecards for Village employees and consider their votes carefully.

Executive Session

At 7:21 p.m., Mr. Shimborske made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of conferring with the Village Solicitor regarding pending or imminent court action; for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee; and for the purpose of discussing the potential purchase and/or sale of real property. Mr. Merrill was invited to attend the executive session. Mr. Mockensturm seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:09 PM Council returned to regular session.

Next Meeting Date

September 9, 2026

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Adjournment

9:10 PM



Mayor Thompson