

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON MARCH 11, 2019 AT 7:30 PM.

The March 11, 2019 special meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Kevin Gilmore.

Roll was taken by Clerk Treasurer Eric Shreve with Councilmembers Jeff Gibbs, Katherine O'Connell, Dana Dunbar, Edward Shimborske III and Rex Decker present. Also present were Mayor Kevin Gilmore, and Village Manager Marc Thompson. Councilmember John Lewis and Village Solicitor Sarah McHugh were absent.

Citizens in attendance included George Lathrop, Nasrin Afjeh, Todd Kime, Nancy Kime, Jim Hoffman, John Card, Erica Silk, Yarko Kuk, and Ben McMurray.

Mayor Gilmore then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

George Lathrop and Erica Silk then addressed the Council representing the Ottawa Hills School Foundation. They provided background regarding the Foundation stating that it has over \$1 million in assets and tries to provide financial support to school projects at about 5% annually. They mentioned a recent contribution by Ottawa Hills graduate Peter Kadens.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed wellness center to be funded by the contribution which allows for \$250,000 to the construction and \$250,000 to bring in speakers regarding wellness. Additionally, Promedica Corporation has pledged \$500,000 for the project.

Discussion of the specifics followed with display of an artist rendering, floor plan and inside renderings of the proposed wellness facility. It will be one story in height and includes exercise equipment, exercise areas, an office for an athletic trainer and some related rooms. The facility will be located adjacent to the east wall of the high school gymnasium.

Mrs. Silk went on to state that the proposed improvements include renovations in the schools multipurpose room, and the boys and girls locker rooms in the high school. The total project cost is about \$1,500,000. She said that the Foundation was seeking a contribution of \$200,000 from the Village towards the project.

Discussion followed regarding the specifics of the project, such as public access, security, etc.

Mrs. Silk stated that the property would not be open to the public generally, but Ottawa Hills residents could have access to the facility through Village Life programming. She went on to describe that during the day the facility would be used for curricular activities, but after school and athletic team usage, it would be available for Village Life activities.

Mrs. O'Connell asked about the total project cost. Mrs. Kime stated that the building expansion would be approximately \$650,000 and that the entire project was \$1.5 million and included three building improvement projects.

In response to a question from Mayor Gilmore, Mr. Lathrop stated that the Board of Education has committed \$200,000 to the project to date.

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Mrs. Silk stated that the Foundation was very flexible and would be happy to receive a donation spread over three years. She said they were hoping for a contribution from the Village of \$200,000.

Mr. Gibbs pointed out that funding for this project was not in the 2019 Village budget and Mrs. Dunbar reminded everyone that our Dorr Street recreational project has substantial costs.

Mr. Lathrop said that the proposed Dorr Street project would be great for the community. After brief additional discussion it was agreed that this topic will be placed on the agenda for the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Thompson provided a brief financial report, noting the absence of Mr. Lewis. Income taxes remain ahead of projection. He also mentioned that the 2018 financial statements had been submitted.

Mrs. O'Connell gave a brief report from the Zoning Commission informing the Council that the Commission met recently and recommends approval of the modification to the special use of the Ottawa Hills High School. She also described the Zoning Commission deliberations related to the electronic sign at Hope Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Dunbar reviewed the recent Visioning Committee meeting describing that one of the results of the meeting was a proposal to create a subcommittee related to paths and crosswalks in order to improve safety at school crossings, with consideration to be given to lighting, signage and an overall improvement of the appearance of the crosswalks and school paths. She mentioned the unnamed school paths at Manchester and at Hempstead, suggesting that it may be a fun project to have names suggested for the paths.

She continued by stating that Corey Hupp and Brad Browne from the Board of Education attended the Visioning Committee meeting. She also mentioned the substantial amount of communication coming from the school, sometimes six or seven items per day.

After brief discussion Mayor Gilmore asked the Environmental Task Force to incorporate the school paths discussion into their broader discussion regarding paths through the natural area. Mayor Gilmore suggested that the Visioning Committee should continue to focus on big picture items.

Mrs. Dunbar stated that lighting the paths could be very attractive and that sometimes they appear very dark, which can create perceived safety issues. She also mentioned the historic path names.

Mr. Shimborske, chair of the Street Committee, discussed the recent committee meeting and the discussion related to speeding on Brookside Road. He mentioned that next year's major project would be the Forestvale/Woodhill reconstruction. He also stated that much of the meeting dealt with future capital needs to maintain our streets in proper condition. That will be an upcoming topic for a Finance Committee meeting. Additional topics included sidewalks and the Brookside Road project.

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Mr. Shimborske confirmed that the Street Committee did not think it was necessary to proceed with a more detailed pavement condition analysis. The committee thought that the Village had a good understanding of the pavement conditions and did not think additional expenditures were necessary.

Mr. Decker reported on the Equipment, Utilities, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting which included engineer Matt Lewandowski and focused primarily on the land at the corner of Dorr and Richards. He mentioned that Julie Kowalczyk, president of the Joint Recreation Board, was at the meeting and that the JRB was very supportive of the project. He also mentioned the recent neighbor meeting and efforts that are underway to address some of the concerns expressed regarding the plans for the property.

Mrs. O'Connell stated that the Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended that the Village approve the application for the modification to the special use at the high school. In order to address that recommendation, Mayor Gilmore read the proposed legislation.

Resolution 2019-8 Authorizing an alteration to the special use by allowing
construction of a fitness center/weight room on the campus of the
Ottawa Hills High School.

Mrs. O'Connell made a motion to waive the three reading requirement. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. O'Connell then made a motion to adopt the legislation. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker asked if we invited comment from residents from the city of Toledo. Toledo residents were in excess of 300 feet from the project site and are not typically informed of our zoning issues.

After additional discussion it was agreed that the next Zoning Commission meeting would be moved to another date.

Mr. Thompson reported about the likely removal of the home at 3706 Edgehill Rd.

He also reported that the 2019 Glass City Marathon would be running on Evergreen Road. As a result, the sequencing of the Evergreen project and the Brookside Road project will be changed with Brookside Road commencing first and the completion of Evergreen Road being delayed. This change in sequence allows the Brookside Road project to get started as soon as weather permits and keeps Evergreen Road in a condition to accommodate the Marathon.

Attention then turned to legislation.

Resolution 2019-6 Authorizing the transfer of \$1,980,000 from the Income Tax Fund of the
Village Of Ottawa Hills, with \$400,000 to the General Fund, \$120,000
to the Recycling Fund, \$1,400,000 to the Road Levy Fund, and \$60,000
to the Police Pension Fund, and declaring an emergency.

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Resolution 2019-7 Authorizing an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Toledo for provision of fire services, emergency medical services, and related services in the Village of Ottawa Hills, and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Gilmore explained that this amendment would extend for an additional 6 months the ongoing trial period during which the City of Toledo is not required to have personnel stationed in the Ottawa Hills municipal building. Brief discussion followed regarding the \$130,000 cost for the 6 month extension.

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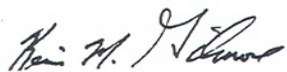
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Mr. Gibbs made a motion to move into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters related to the employment of Village personnel. Mr. Decker seconded motion and upon call of the role the motion was adopted unanimously.

Upon returning to regular session, it was concluded that the next meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council would be 7:30 pm on Monday, April 1, 2019. No other action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Kevin M. Gilmore