

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD IN
THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON MAY 6, 2019 AT 7:30 PM.

The May 6, 2019 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Kevin Gilmore.

Clerk Treasurer Eric Shreve called the roll with Councilmembers John Lewis, Katherine O'Connell, Rex Decker, Jeff Gibbs, Dana Dunbar, Edward Shimborske III, and Mayor Kevin Gilmore present. Also present were Village Solicitor Sarah McHugh, Police Chief John Wenzlick, and Village Manager Marc Thompson.

In the audience were Yarko Kuk, Nasrin Afjeh, and Corey Hupp.

Mayor Gilmore then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no citizen comments.

Mr. Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewis reported on a recent Finance Committee meeting which dealt with long-range revenue forecasting. He stated that there would be continued discussion regarding this topic with a report back to the Council in the near future.

Mr. Lewis also mentioned that the Exmoor Homeowners Association had approached him regarding a desire to accelerate the timing for the reconstruction or resurfacing of Exmoor roads. Mr. Lewis concluded his report stating that the April income tax revenues were very good this year compared to last year. Mayor Gilmore commented that he had expected that income tax revenues in 2019 would be better than 2018.

Village resident John Card entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Gibbs reported on two pieces of legislation under the heading of the Human Resources Committee. He mentioned Ordinance 2019-2 which is on the agenda for consideration and will appoint John Wenzlick as Village Administrator effective January 1, 2020 and confirms his prior appointment as Chief of Police which will be ongoing after his appointment as administrator.

Mr. Gibbs also reported on an amendment to the salary legislation to recognize the change in staffing in the Office of Village Life. He stated this is likely to be a temporary situation, but that Becky Hauck is doing double duty at this time.

Mr. Gibbs also reported on the Environmental Task Force stating that progress is being made at various locations in the Village involving removal of invasive species and that the "Adopt a Natural Area" program is continuing to grow. He also mentioned that there will be at least two classes offered by the Office of Village Life providing education for interested citizens related to natural planting, rain barrels, etc.

Mrs. Dunbar briefly reported on the recent Visioning Committee meeting which involved Madhouse design studio with a goal towards improving our electronic communication presence

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particularly focusing on our website. The opportunity for Madhouse to be involved in a rebranding effort was also a key portion of the meeting.

Mr. Shimborske reported on a recent meeting of the Street Committee which focused on our 2020 street project which includes Forestvale and Woodhill. He also mentioned that communication regarding potential sidewalk expansion opportunities is in the mail. He said that strong consideration is being given to placing new sidewalk on Orchard Road between Bancroft and Indian and near the football field on Ashborne Road.

Mr. Decker reported that the Equipment, Utilities, Buildings and Grounds Committee had met recently and additional work has been done to revise and consider alternatives for the Dorr Street recreational property. The next step will be a meeting with neighboring property owners and then a formal application to the city of Toledo.

Solicitor McHugh stated that she had no report other than to confirm that there is no pending litigation at this time.

Mr. Thompson provided a brief update on the Brookside Road project, reminded everyone that June 1 is the date for the ice cream social hosted by the Community Foundation, and noted that this was the first day of Ramadan.

Under the heading of old business Mr. Gibbs stated that he heard lots of positive comments about the recent marathon from participants and organizers. He said that the community looked great and that there were several residents who were in their front yards supporting the runners and providing a party-like atmosphere. He identified that traffic on Bancroft Street was a problem and needed attention for next year.

Mr. Gibbs also reported that he had been receiving comments about the removal of the house on Edgehill Road in Plat I. He said that there was a rumor that Plat I has no zoning requirements. He tried to correct that rumor as best he could and stated that there is a difference between a house being old and a house being historic.

Mayor Gilmore stated that the Village needs to be very careful in telling private property owners what they can and cannot do with their property.

Mr. Lewis stated that he did not believe the Village should be involved in creating historic districts or architectural review boards that exist in some communities.

Attention then turned to legislation.

Resolution 2019-11	Authorizing a joint cooperation agreement between the Village of Ottawa Hills and the Board of Lucas County Commissioners for replacement waterline valves and hydrants on Brookside Road and Bancroft Street, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Thompson provided background regarding this piece of legislation emphasizing the long-term value of replacing water valves and fire hydrants on Brookside Road and Bancroft Street.

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He informed the Council that the Lucas County Commissioners would be taking similar action at their meeting on May 14. The County will reimburse the Village for all costs incurred as a result of this project.

Mr. Shimborske made a motion to waive the three-reading requirement. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Shimborske then made a motion to consider the legislation as an emergency. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Shimborske then made a motion to adopt the legislation as an emergency. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2019-12	Authorizing an amendment to the contract with Helms and Sons Excavating for reconstruction of Brookside Road to authorize replacement of waterline valves and hydrants on Brookside Road and Bancroft Street, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Thompson explained that this was a companion piece of legislation to the resolution that was just adopted.

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Mr. Shimborske made a motion to adopt the legislation as an emergency. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion, and upon call of the roll the motion was adopted unanimously.

Ordinance 2019-2	Appointing John Wenzlick as Village Administrator effective January 1, 2020, confirming his prior appointment as Chief of the Ottawa Hills Police Department, and waiving the residency requirement for each position.
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Mr. Gibbs made a motion to adopt the legislation. Mr. Shimborske seconded the motion and upon call of the roll the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker commented that the Village was extremely fortunate to have Mr. Wenzlick on board. He also encouraged the Human Resources Committee to take a look at any potential re-alignments in our organizational structure including compensation.

Ordinance 2019-3	Amending Ordinance 2018-10 fixing salaries for Village employees for calendar year 2019 and declaring an emergency.
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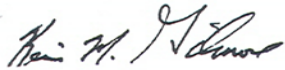
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It was agreed that the next meeting would be on June 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.



Mayor Kevin Gilmore