

OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2020 7:30 PM

Video Teleconference

Call to Order – Mayor Gilmore

7:32 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Mayor Kevin Gilmore	Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Dana Dunbar	Councilman John Lewis
Councilman Jeff Gibbs	Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell
Councilman Rex Decker	Clerk / Treasurer Eric Shreve
Solicitor Sarah McHugh	Village Administrator John Wenzlick
Clerk/Treasurer Eric Shreve	Finance Director Karen Urbanik

Citizen Attendees

Eileen Conlon	Sarah Puffenberger
Mark Dangler	John MacKay
Yarko Kuk	Mr. & Mrs. Richards
Hank Silverman	Suzette Kanarowski
Doug Brown	Deb Simmons
Krista Havill	Cindy Rerucha
Andrew Prince	Brandon Pardee
Fran Martone	Jane Ruvolo
David Kanarowski	
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Martin	

Other Zoom Usernames Present

“Call in User 1”
Nancy

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Dunbar to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2020 Council meeting, and Mr. Shimborske seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Shimborske reported that the Street Committee met with the Finance Committee to discuss the upcoming Ridgewood and Canterbury Road projects for 2021, as well as additional road resurfacing for the upcoming year. Mr. Shimborske noted that IMS has compiled their data for the street analysis and it will be discussed soon at a Street Committee meeting.

Mr. Shimborske said that the Village is committed to about \$800,000 for the 2022 construction year for the Riva Ridge and Secor Road bridges. Mr. Shimborske told Council that the committee decided to use this year’s OPWC grant application towards possible additional funding for the bridge projects in 2022.

Mr. Shimborske reported that at the joint Streets & Finance Committee meeting, it was decided to move forward with the reconstruction of Secor Road and Canterbury Court. Mr. Shimborske said the committee is sympathetic to the concerns of residents in the area, especially as it relates to the possible loss of trees, but they decided to follow the engineers’ recommendations.

Mayor Gilmore noted that he was at the joint Streets & Finance Committee meeting, recently met with two citizens from Ridgewood, and read email concerns and comments that were

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received. Mayor Gilmore said he wants to make sure citizen concerns are considered, and the Village has been actively gathering more information about the potential impacts of a street reconstruction. Mayor Gilmore summarized the potential impact the project may have on trees, as currently understood by the Village. Mayor Gilmore again stated the Village is gathering more information about the lead water service line replacements by the City of Toledo, researching the possibility of only doing a road resurfacing, and exploring the alternatives available to us.

Ms. Fran Martone said she lives on Hawthorne, but the access to her home is from the Ridgewood Road alley. Ms. Martone expressed concern over drainage issues in the alley and wanted to make sure those with mobility issues could access their homes during potential construction. Mayor Gilmore said the Village is aware of the drainage issues and information about accessibility will be reviewed when a final plan is determined.

Mr. Wenzlick responded to a question as to whether trees were replaced when one needs removed. Mr. Wenzlick said the Village attempts to replant a tree whenever it is possible to do so. Mr. Wenzlick then responded to a question from Mr. Kanarowski regarding notice of the next meeting, and Mr. Wenzlick said notice would be provided to all residents via the United States Postal Service.

A discussion ensued involving Mr. Decker, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. O'Connell, and Mr. Wenzlick related to the replanting of removed trees.

In response to a typed question, Mayor Gilmore said the Village will provide residents with responses to questions prior to our next meeting.

Mr. John MacKay expressed the need to look at a comprehensive solution to our road reconstruction projects to avoid the possible loss of Village trees. Mr. MacKay also said that his water has been tested multiple times by the Water Department and has been found to be safe each time. Mayor Gilmore said the Village is researching the flexibility we have with the Water Department, and Mr. Lewis expressed concern since he lost a tree last year because of water line replacement during the Brookside Road reconstruction project.

Mr. Mark Dangler requested that the Village contact and consult with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry during the research phase taking place over the next two weeks. Mr. Dangler suggested the exploration of alternative solutions to save the trees. Mr. Dangler also expressed concern over not knowing about the scheduled road project sooner and wanted to make sure citizens are involved in the process, specifically when assessing a projects potential impact on trees. Mayor Gilmore said the Village will reach out to the Division of Forestry, will look at all available alternatives, and the Village will review the road reconstruction project process. Mrs. Dunbar concurred that involving the Division of Forestry early in the process is very important.

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Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported that income tax revenue in September was \$236,000 which brought our year-to-date total to just over \$3,000,000. This brought our total income tax revenue very close to our projections for the year, but still behind last year's revenue. Mr. Lewis said the Village has paid approximately \$320,000 of the \$1.5 million for White Field, and we have expended \$865,000 of the \$1.37 million projected for the 2020 road projects.

Human Resources – Mr. Gibbs

None

Safety – Mrs. O'Connell

The Safety Committee met on September 24th and discussed the possible regulation of food trucks and reported that the Committee will review the topic further. The Committee also discussed, in response to citizen concerns, safety related to the Forestview Road curve. Mrs. O'Connell said the Committee is looking at the option of speed humps placed on both sides of the curve, and reviewed potential costs associated with it. Next, the Committee discussed Halloween and trick-or-treating, and the decision to move forward with trick-or-treating and the closure of certain roads to vehicular traffic, as we have done in the past. Mrs. O'Connell reported that the Committee continues to review long-term improvements at the Bancroft and Evergreen and Bancroft and Brookside pedestrian crossings and discussed short-term improvements that are being implemented. Lastly, Mrs. O'Connell discussed a use-of-force and police training demonstration that was recently provided to interested Council members.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

None

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

The Committee met on September 18th and recommends awarding a bid to A.A Boos for repairs to the Geresy Field structure, and legislation is on the evening's agenda for it. Mr. Decker also reported that the Committee is reviewing a slice of property on Sulphur Spring that runs between homes in the 3700-block. Ms. McHugh said she has been in contact with the property owners' attorney and is awaiting more information from him.

Visioning – Mrs. Dunbar

The Committee met on September 17th to discuss the next steps in the Richards Road land development exploration. OHM Advisors suggested splitting the next step into the distribution of an RFQ to identify potential developers, followed by an RFP solicited to a shortlist of qualified developers. The Committee approved the separation into an RFP and RFQ, and noted that the Village is actively soliciting input from residents.

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Solicitor's Report

Ms. McHugh told Council that Mr. Dave White would like to donate two more parcels of land that are contiguous to White Field, to the north. Ms. McHugh is working with his lawyers to have the donation take place early in 2021.

Ms. McHugh provided an update on property maintenance issues involving a resident who owns a home on Talmadge, as well as on Manchester.

Manager's Report

None

Mayor's Report

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Mrs. Dunbar requested having preplanned and designated Committee meetings each month. Discussion ensued that considered the pros and cons of such a policy.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2020-23

Resolution 2020-23 Accepting the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Motion to adopt legislation
as an emergency: Motion – Mr. Lewis
Second – Mr. Shimborske
Yeas (5) – Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske,
Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Gibbs,
Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Decker
Nays (0) –

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Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2020-24

Resolution 2020-24 Authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to draw on the County treasury for advances against tax settlement, 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 as an emergency:	Motion –	Mr. Lewis
	Second –	Mr. Shimborske
	Yeas (6) –	Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Decker, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Gibbs
	Nays (0) –	

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2020-26

Resolution 2020-26 Authorizing repairs to the baseball stadium at Geresy Park and declaring an emergency.

Motion to waive three readings:	Motion –	Mr. Decker
	Second –	Mr. Gibbs
		Unanimous Approval
Motion to declare an emergency:	Motion –	Mr. Decker
	Second –	Mr. Gibbs
		Unanimous Approval
Motion to adopt legislation as an emergency:	Motion –	Mr. Decker
	Second –	Mr. Shimborske
	Yeas (6) –	Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Decker, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Gibbs
	Nays (0) –	

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Resolution 2020-27 Authorizing the Mayor to submit one or more applications for funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission, and authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements as they may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining such financial assistance.

Motion to adopt legislation:	Motion –	Mr. Shimborske
	Second –	Mr. Gibbs
	Yeas (6) –	Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. Decker, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Gibbs
	Nays (0) –	

Motion to adopt legislation as an emergency:	Motion –	Mr. Lewis
	Second –	Mr. Shimborske
	Yeas (5) –	Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shimborske, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Gibbs
	Abstain (1) –	Mr. Decker
	Nays (0) –	

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Citizen Comments

Mrs. Richards expressed concern over the sidewalk that was installed on Indian Road. Mrs. Richards asked if the Village would assume liability for accidents occurring on the sidewalk, to which Ms. McHugh responded that we would not. Mr. Richards said the design is dissimilar to other sidewalks in Northwest Ohio and that it could cause safety concerns. Mr. Richards also said he thought the slopes of the sidewalk were modified from the original plans. Mrs. Richards expressed concerns over communication with residents about the sidewalk installation.

Executive Session

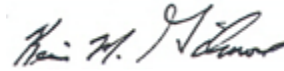
None

Next Meeting Date

November 02, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Adjournment

9:04 PM



Mayor Kevin Gilmore