

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 05, 2021 6:00 PM
Video Teleconference**

Call to Order – Mayor Gilmore

6:02 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	Village Administrator John Wenzlick
Solicitor Sarah McHugh	

Citizen Attendees

Larry Nameche
Zayne & Zoe Cheema
Sara Leonardi

Other Zoom Users Present

Call-in User 1

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes from the March 01, 2021 Council meeting, and Mrs. Dunbar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Comments

None

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis provided the March income tax receipts and indicated that collections were 2% below projection. Due to the change in the due date, the April collections are expected to fall below projection as well.

Human Resources – Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs reported that there is legislation on the agenda renewing our employee health insurance with Anthem on a month-to-month extension, as has been the case in recent years. The renewal includes an 11% increase, which is below the 13% increase that was budgeted.

Safety – Mrs. O’Connell

Mrs. O’Connell reported that the Safety Committee met on March 11, 2021 and one of the primary discussion topics was Bancroft pedestrian crossings, focusing on the crossing at Brookside. The Evergreen crossing may be impacted by potential work at the Richards Road intersection, so that discussion will occur at a later time. The committee has requested an estimate from our engineering firm on a Hawk system for the Brookside Road crossing.

The committee also discussed food truck regulations related to parking locations and a simple permit process. Mr. Wenzlick will research sample legislation for the committee to consider.

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A final topic was the purchase of a police vehicle. This item was budgeted, and the proposed purchase is under budget. The purchase will be through a local vendor for an amount below the state bid price. This legislation is on tonight's agenda.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar reported that the Committee met on March 2, 2021 to discuss a restoration plan for the meadow at the Brookside Road sled hill. Representatives of the Nature Conservancy presented a plan with three groups of tasks and recommended moving forward with the initial steps including a title and easement search. The budget includes \$20,000 for meadow restoration and the committee selected several tasks that can be done within that budget.

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Shimborske reported that there is a resolution on the agenda to award the 2021 street projects to Helms & Sons. This had been recommended by the committee previously, but concerns were raised regarding Secor Road. Mayor Gilmore spoke with Mayor Kapszukiewicz regarding a potential joint future project on Secor, but the committee is still recommending that the maintenance resurfacing move forward to preserve the roadway surface until a more extensive project might be considered. Mr. Shimborske described the various aspects of the 2021 project throughout the Village.

The committee also discussed the 2022 road project and has recommended that curbs be planned for the Riva Ridge Road area to address drainage issues.

Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

Mr. Decker indicated that we continue to make progress on White Field and hope to reach a resolution on some outstanding issues soon.

Mr. Decker then addressed the gas aggregation program. Beginning in May the aggregation coalition, NOAC, has negotiated a new contract with Constellation. They determined that our current gas provider, Volunteer Energy, has violated their contract. Mr. Decker explained that NOAC has asked the Village to join their complaint against Volunteer Energy as a named plaintiff. At this point NOAC has sufficient reserves to pay the legal costs of this action.

Mr. Decker moved that the Village of Ottawa Hills join the NOAC complaint as a named plaintiff. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Visioning Committee – Mrs. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar reported that the Visioning Committee met on March 8, 2021. The Mayor and members of Council attended, and the school board was invited with Dr. Fineske, Rob Gnepper and Corey Hupp participating. Many community members joined, with about 50 people attending in total. It was a productive opportunity to answer questions and receive feedback. Representatives from OHM discussed the concept they created for the Village.

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There will be another meeting on April 8th where the Harmon Group will present their proposal in executive session and Council members are encouraged to attend.

Solicitor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wenzlick noted that residents will receive notices regarding the aggregation as reviewed by Mr. Decker previously. He also described some water issues on Citation that seem to be related to the sanitary sewer. The Village is working with Lucas County to try to resolve the issue.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that he received a call from Kim Dunham, the Executive Director of TARTA. She indicated that legislation is going through the statehouse making a change to the voting requirement, from a unanimous vote to a majority vote of the TARTA communities, to request a move to sales tax funding. TARTA would like to attend the next Council meeting, asking the Village to approve similar legislation as was passed unanimously last year.

Old Business

In response to a question, the Mayor indicated that we had not heard from the City of Toledo about re-paving their side of Secor since he spoke with the Toledo mayor.

Mr. Wenzlick described the grant process that the Village undertook for the 2021 road project. The Village received an attractive grant based in part on the work to be done on Secor Road and the related traffic density. Because the proposed work is maintenance, not re-building, it is recommended that we move forward without Toledo at this time. Our engineers indicated that any major work on Secor would require a long lead time. He explained that the Village would review the schedules for the signal upgrades at Secor and Bancroft and coordinate any striping of the crosswalks.

New Business

Mr. Gibbs reminded Council that the Glass City Marathon would run through the Village on April 25, 2021. While there is some traffic inconvenience, the Village will get to host about 10,000 runners who appreciate our hospitality and beautiful environment. The Marathon truly appreciates the work the Village does to make the run successful.

Mr. Gibbs also announced that he will be resigning his position as a Council member after the May 3rd meeting. He is not leaving the Village and has enjoyed his time as an elected official.

Mayor Gilmore expressed his appreciation for the public service of Mr. Gibbs.

Mrs. Dunbar shared that she and John Wenzlick met with Representative Derek Merrin to express appreciation for the \$150,000 grant for White Field. During the discussion Representative Merrin indicated there was an additional \$50,000 that he could request on behalf

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of the Village for an appropriate project. It would require a brief description of a project. Mr. Shimborske will review opportunities with Mr. Wenzlick in more detail.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-4

Resolution 2021-4	Authorizing a contract with Helms and Sons Excavating, Inc. for the 2021 roadway improvements including resurfacing of Ridgewood Road, Canterbury Court, Secor Road between the northern limits of the Village and Bancroft Street, and the loop segment of Exmoor, reconstruction of the Ridgewood alley, speed table installation on Forestview Drive, and drainage improvements on Edgehill Road.
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Motion to waive three readings:	Motion – Mr. Shimborske
	Second – Mr. Gibbs
	Unanimous Approval

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

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-5

Resolution 2021-5	Authorizing an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield to provide health insurance benefits for village employees, establishing the amount of employee premium share, and declaring an emergency
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		Unanimous Approval

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

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-6

Resolution 2021-6	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 and emergency.
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	Second –	Mr. Gibbs
		Unanimous Approval

Motion to declare an emergency:	Motion –	Mrs. O’Connell
	Second –	Mr. Gibbs
		Unanimous Approval

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

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-7

Resolution 2021-7	Authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of salt for the winter of 2021/2022, and declaring an emergency
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Mr. Shimborske, Mr. Gibbs,
Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Decker
Nays (0) –

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-8

Resolution 2021-8 Authorizing the transfer of \$1,600,000 from the
Income Tax Fund and \$20,000 from the
Termination Benefit Fund of the Village Of Ottawa
Hills, with \$820,000 to the General Fund, \$160,000
to the Recycling Fund, \$400,000 to the Capital
Projects Fund, \$40,000 to the Shade Tree Fund and
\$200,000 to the Police Pension Fund, and declaring
an emergency.

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

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Nays (0) –

Mayor Gilmore read Resolution 2021-9

Resolution 2021-9

Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Ottawa Hills to Sign Documents to Convey a Perpetual Easement, as Described in Exhibit A, to the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, for Highway Purposes Related to the Replacement and Maintenance of the Central Avenue Bridge.

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Mr. Shimborske, Mr. Gibbs,
Mrs. O’Connell, Mr. Decker
Nays (0) –

Executive Session

Mr. Decker made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real property. The motion was seconded by Mrs. O’Connell. The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:49 pm Mr. Decker made a motion to exit the Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Shimborske and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

May 03, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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Adjournment

6:50 PM



Mayor Kevin Gilmore