

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 4, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Kevin Gilmore called to order the February 4, 2008 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk Treasurer Katherine O'Connell took roll with Council members Rex Decker, Robert Reichert, Jeff Gibbs and Jack Straub present. Also present were Mayor Kevin Gilmore and Clerk Treasurer Katherine O'Connell. Staff members present included Village Solicitor Sarah McHugh and Village Manager Marc Thompson. Mayor Gilmore reported that Council member Norma King would not be in attendance due to health reasons. He also stated that Council member Jim Walter would be late but was expected to be in attendance.

In the audience was Nasrin Afjeh.

Mayor Gilmore then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tony Bassett of the Village Voice entered the meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

Mr. Gibbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting of the Village Council. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under committee reports, Mr. Gibbs briefly reviewed Ordinance 2008-3 and 2008-4 reminding everyone that they were on the agenda for first reading.

Mr. Straub commented that there was a Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 7. Discussion of the sculpture garden was going to be the primary topic.

Village Solicitor Sarah McHugh informed the Council that she had a brief discussion before Council in executive session.

Discussion then followed regarding the website development specifically related to the "homes for sale" portion of the proposed website. Mr. Thompson informed the Council that serious discussion was occurring in the Marketing Advisory Committee related to a commercial aspect to the site. Specifically, a portion of the website would identify homes which were for sale in Ottawa Hills through a slide show type presentation. This feature would be the result of a combined effort between the Danberry Realty Company and the Village. As a result, a Danberry logo would be on a portion of the Ottawa Hills website. Other real estate brokers would have the opportunity to pay for a similar logo in an effort not to exclude anyone. Danberry would not pay, under the proposal, because of the Village use of their advance technology.

Based on information provided by Team Z Marketing, it is the Village's understanding that no other real estate broker has the capacity to provide the information in the manner that can be provided by Danberry.

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Council members were concerned about allowing advertising on this portion of the site for real estate brokers and not for other businesses. It was stated that a large part of the website intent was to provide a marketing vehicle to keep demand for housing in Ottawa Hills at a high level. This was envisioned by the Marketing Advisory Committee as an important component in that regard.

Direction was given by the Council that confirmation be made that Danberry is the only company that has the capacity to provide this service to the Village. Additionally, Council members wish to see the proposed addition to the website in the "non-released" website before having it go live.

A second topic of discussion was the increasing number of complaints regarding delivery of the Toledo Free Press. Mr. Thompson reported that numerous complaints have been received about the Toledo Free Press being distributed on driveway aprons throughout the Village often when the property does not want receipt of the Free Press. Mr. Gibbs commented that the Toledo Blade does a similar type of delivery for advertisements and candidates for elected office have recently been dropping written material in driveway aprons as well.

It was reported that the Free Press has been contacted regarding the number of complaints and it has pledged to cease delivery where the newspaper is not requested. However, the complaints seem to continue from the same locations.

It was decided that this topic could be assigned to the Services & Environment Committee of the Council which was scheduling a meeting in the near future.

The report from the committee established by the Ottawa Hills Athletic Boosters to explore recreation districts was distributed to the Council. Also, the report from the traffic engineering firm studying Indian Rd. was distributed.

Council members received a letter from Columbia Gas indicating that they intend to file for a rate increase which would result in a \$5.64 average increase per month for a typical home. Mr. Reichert pointed out that many of the homes in Ottawa Hills were not typical and that the monthly increase would be substantially more for Ottawa Hills residents.

Mr. Thompson reported that the auditor's office would be conducting a meeting in the community room on March 19. The purpose would be to hear challenges regarding property values assigned in the Village.

Under the heading of Old Business, Mr. Reichert asked for a status report regarding Geresy Field. Ms. McHugh stated that nothing changed from the last meeting, and we appear to be proceeding towards arbitration on the final payment.

Mr. Reichert made a motion to approve payment of the attorney bills for the fourth quarter of 2007. Mr. Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Jim Walter entered the meeting at this time.

Attention then turned to legislation.

Ordinance No. 2008-3 (first reading)	An ordinance approving, adopting and enacting the 2007 edition of the Ohio Basic Code published by the American Legal Publishing Corporation for the Village of Ottawa Hills, Ohio repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith and publishing the enactment of new matter.
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Motion for approval by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Reichert, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Ordinance No. 2008-4 (first reading)	Amending Ordinance 2008-1 relative to the adoption of the Ohio Basic Code by amending, adding and repealing certain sections thereto, repealing certain ordinances.
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Motion for approval by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Reichert, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

A brief discussion followed regarding the personal day provided as a holiday for Village employees. The personal day replaced Good Friday many years ago in order to improve efficiency of Village operations.

Resolution No. 2008-4	Adopting a public records policy for the Village of Ottawa Hills and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Gibbs moved to dispense with the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Mr. Gibbs moved for the passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure. Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Mr. Gibbs moved for final passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure and Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

At 8:12 p.m. Council voted to move into executive session for purposes of discussion of pending legal matters and other items properly considered at executive session.

At 8:27 p.m. Council returned to regular session.

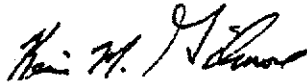
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It was agreed that the next meeting of the Village Council will be on March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Walter provided a brief review of the recreation report which was a follow-up to previous discussions held several months ago with the Village Council. A survey was done of a number of citizens and a substantial amount of research went into the report. The report will be provided to the school board at their upcoming meeting.

Mr. Walter hoped that a couple Council members would be assigned by Mayor Gilmore to review the report, perhaps work with school board members and determine a long term course of action on the subject.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Kevin Gilmore, Mayor