

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Kevin Gilmore called to order the March 5, 2008 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council at 7:32 p.m.

Roll was taken with Council members Norma King, Jim Walter, Rex Decker, Robert Reichert, and Jack Straub present. Also present were Mayor Kevin Gilmore and Clerk Treasurer Katherine O'Connell. Council member Gibbs was absent from the meeting. Sarah McHugh and Marc Thompson were also present representing the Village of Ottawa Hills.

Members of the audience included Jim Gee, Dee Talmage, Brian Killian, Beth Killian, John Aiken, John Enderlin, Chelsea Darvas, Nasrin Afjeh, and Tony Bassett.

Mayor Gilmore then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gilmore welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any citizen comments. There were none.

Mr. Straub made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2008 meeting of the Village Council. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mayor Gilmore then introduced Village resident Dee Talmage who serves as the Ottawa Hills representative on the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority. Mrs. Talmage and Mr. Gee, the general manager of the Transit Authority were invited to the Council meeting to discuss House Bill 480.

Mr. Thompson provided a brief description of House Bill 480 which would change the method by which member communities could withdraw from the Toledo Regional Transit Authority.

Mrs. Talmage then handed out a sheet of statistics relative to TARTA and the Village of Ottawa Hills.

Mayor Gilmore commented that since the Council had been asked to support House Bill 480 it was appropriate to give representatives of the Regional Transit Authority the opportunity to speak, particularly since Mrs. Talmage is the Village's representative on the TARTA board.

Mr. Straub commented that the proposed state legislation was initiated due to concerns expressed by the City of Perrysburg. Mr. Reichert commented that years ago there had been discussions about how communities became part of the Regional Transit Authority and how they might leave.

Mr. Gee commented that if Perrysburg or any other community opted out of the Regional Transit Authority the cost for operation would be spread over the remaining members and cost increases might occur or service may diminish.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Decker asked why TARTA is funded through property tax when all other Regional Transit Authorities are funded through sales tax. Mr. Gee responded that property taxes are probably are not the best way to fund such an endeavor. Property tax hurts high value property. He stated that he believed House Bill 480 was bad for TARTA, bad for passengers and bad for other member communities. He expressed his belief that public transit will become more important with an aging population and increasing energy costs.

Mrs. King confirmed her belief that an increase in the cost of energy will make mass transit more important.

Mr. Gee stated that the TARTA organization is looking at "tearing apart and rebuilding" to address current needs since downtown is no longer the center of activity that it used to be. He hoped that this effort would improve service to the other communities and recognize the change in demographics in traffic patterns in the region.

Mayor Gilmore asked Mrs. Talmage for her thoughts.

Mrs. Talmage stated that she thought the TARTA staff was doing a good job and she believed that the Village of Ottawa Hills should stay with TARTA and that the staff watches the funding very closely.

Mr. Gee said that service has improved to Perrysburg particularly since the construction of the OI building.

Mr. Straub pointed out that the TARTA levies have received strong support in Ottawa Hills in the past and that the Council should probably encourage TARTA to seek more equitable funding. Mr. Decker suggested that TARTA approach Representative Gardner and Senator Wagoner to deal with the funding issue.

Mr. Straub made a motion to indicate by letter the Council's opposition to House Bill 480 and to encourage the state and local agencies to move toward more equitable funding for TARTA identifying sales tax as a better solution. Mrs. King seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Council member Walter reported on a Service & Environment Committee meeting which occurred last week. Yard waste pickup was a significant topic of discussion at the meeting. Mr. Walter reviewed the three proposals that were received from Waste Management, John Enderlin, and Aiken Enterprises. Discussion followed regarding the specifics for each proposal. Mr. Walter commented that the decision was very difficult but it was the recommendation to contract with John Enderlin for the 2008 yard waste pickup program. Mr. Enderlin provided some additional information to the Council regarding services he intended to provide.

Mr. Aiken was asked if he wished to comment and he indicated that he had no comment.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

After brief additional discussion Mr. Walter made a motion to contract with John Enderlin for yard waste pickup based on the bid submitted in an amount of \$130 per household for curbside pickup and \$145 per household for door side pickup. His motion also identified the cost charged per household by the Village at \$135 for curbside and \$150 for door side pickup. Mrs. King seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Walter also reported on discussions with representatives of the Free Press, Charles Campos, and the Toledo Blade, Richard Fuller.

Discussion involved complaints received by the Village related to distribution of the Free Press in the driveway aprons of homes in the Village. Mr. Campos reported to the committee that the Free Press will begin a front door delivery in the very near future. As a result, the committee recommends no action to be taken at this time. The committee will continue to monitor complaints.

The Services & Environment Committee also reviewed bulk item pickup which is anticipated to occur 11 times in the summer of 2008. Unlike the yard waste pickup, the Village underwrites a portion of the cost for the bulk item pickup. There has been a slight increase from 2007. Mr. Walter made a motion to accept the Waste Management proposal for bulk item pickup at \$34 per household and disposal costs of \$38 per ton plus a fuel charge. Mr. Walter's motion also set the resident cost at \$40 per pickup.

Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker reported that income tax collections were slightly ahead of projections and that the first notice regarding estate tax revenues was approximately \$400,000 which is equal to the amount budgeted for the entire year. He also reported on the transfer legislation which was on the agenda and the legislation authorizing purchase of insurance.

Mr. Straub reported on the recent meeting of the Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds Committee which focused on the sculpture garden at Bancroft and Indian. Members of the Sculpture Committee were at the meeting and Mr. Straub said that all members of the Council Committee were very impressed with the membership of the Sculpture Committee.

Mr. Straub reported that the Sculpture Committee and the Council Committee both wish to develop some long term plans for the sculpture garden including designating an area within which the sculpture garden would be contained. Mr. Straub mentioned a proposal submitted sometime ago by Larry Mitchell. Mr. Straub suggested that it might be appropriate to get the landscape architect Don Leary involved in the process.

He informed the Council that visitors from other communities have viewed the sculpture garden and undertaken similar projects based on the success of our sculpture garden.

The committee also discussed briefly river restoration projects and municipal paving.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Attorney Sarah McHugh stated that there was need for an executive session to deal with items of employment and pending litigation.

Mr. Thompson reported on the dwindling salt supply and the high salt usage this winter. He mentioned that thanks were appropriate to the City of Toledo and Sylvania Township for providing additional salt for the Village.

Mayor Gilmore reported that he has appointed Jim Walter and Rex Decker to be Council representatives on the ADHOC recreation committee which is analyzing the best recreation structure for the Village. Mayor Gilmore will talk to School Board President Gary Wilson about other potential members of the committee.

Under the heading of old business, brief discussion followed regarding the proposed entry signs for the Village. It was agreed that a full size mockup will be brought to the next meeting so that Council members could see the proposal before giving final approval.

Discussion also involved the new website and the "Homes for Sale" portion of the site. This was a follow-up from discussions that occurred at the previous meeting. A brief presentation was provided showing the Council what this portion of the website would look like. Discussions followed regarding the contract link with Danberry Realty, etc.

Council was in general agreement that the proposed website "Homes for Sale" portion should proceed.

The items on the agenda under the heading of new business had already been dealt with so the Council moved directly into ordinances and resolutions.

Ordinance No. 2008-3 (second 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.
---------------------------------------	---

Motion for approval by Mr. Reichert, seconded by Mr. Straub, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Ordinance No. 2008-4 (second 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.
---------------------------------------	---

Motion for approval by Mr. Reichert, seconded by Mr. Walter, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Resolution No. 2008-5	Authorizing the continuation of the Ottawa Hills D.A.R.E. program and authorizing a grant application for funding for the 2008-2009 D.A.R.E. program, and declaring an emergency.
-----------------------	---

Mr. Straub moved to dispense with the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Straub moved for the passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Straub moved for final passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure and Mr. Reichert seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Resolution No. 2008-6	Authorizing the purchase of property, casualty, and liability insurance for the Village of Ottawa Hills, and declaring an emergency.
-----------------------	--

Mr. Decker moved to dispense with the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Walter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker moved for the passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure. Mr. Walter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker moved for final passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure and Mr. Walter seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Resolution No. 2008-7	Authorizing a contract for Geresy Field maintenance.
-----------------------	--

Mr. Straub moved to dispense with the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days and Mr. Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Straub moved for final passage of the Resolution and Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Resolution No. 2008-8	Authorizing the transfer of \$3,180,000 from the capital financed fund of the Village of Ottawa Hills, with \$2,000,000 to the general fund, \$100,000 to the recycling fund, \$800,000 to the capital projects fund, \$100,000 to the shade tree fund, \$90,000 to the police pension fund, and \$90,000 to the
-----------------------	--

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 5, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

	fire pension fund, and declaring an emergency.
--	--

Mrs. King moved to dispense with the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. King moved for the passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure. Mr. Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

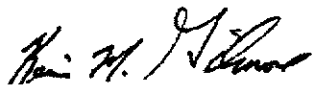
Mrs. King moved for final passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure and Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

At 8:44 p.m. Mr. Reichert made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and personnel items. Mr. Straub seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Council returned to regular session at 9:10 p.m.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Kevin Gilmore, Mayor