

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 2, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Vice Mayor Robert Reichert called to order the June 2, 2008 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council. He reminded everyone that Mayor Gilmore was going to be absent from the meeting.

Roll was taken with Council members Norma King, Jim Walter, Rex Decker, Bob Reichert, Jeff Gibbs and Jack Straub present. Mayor Gilmore was not in attendance. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Katherine O'Connell, Village Solicitor Sarah McHugh and Village Manager Marc Thompson.

Members of the audience included Nasrin Afjeh and Tony Bassett.

Vice Mayor Reichert then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no citizen comments.

Mr. Straub made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2008 meeting. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker reported that he had recently attended a fraud conference hosted by the Auditor of State and took advantage of the opportunity to gain information and some publications regarding anti-fraud efforts. The same conference involved discussion regarding public records particularly related to elected officials. Mr. Decker suggested that a brief training session be held for Council members so that they understand their obligations as public officials as related to public records.

Mr. Decker also reported that we were slightly ahead of revenues for the year-to-date. On the expenditure side, aside from high cost for fuel the Village is well within budgetary projections.

Mrs. King reported on Resolution 2008-11 amending the employee handbook to allow for salary continuation options when determined to be in the best interest of the Village. She reminded everyone that this had been discussed at the previous meeting and legislation is on the agenda consistent with the decisions made at the prior meeting.

Mr. Gibbs reported on Ordinance 2008-5 which would make the intersection of Indian and Westchester a four-way stop. This also was discussed at the previous meeting and is in response to concerns from Indian Rd. property owners regarding perceived speed issues on Indian Rd.

Mr. Walter reported on a recent meeting of the Services & Environment Committee which dealt exclusively with deer problems in the Village. He stated that although the meeting went well only three citizens were in attendance. Among the citizens in attendance there was not an unanimity of opinion regarding the problem or any possible solutions.

He suggested that we continue to look at various options and educate ourselves regarding the problem. There will soon be a camera at the Central Ave. bridge location to try to determine the amount of deer traffic coming to and from Wildwood Park. Initial contact

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has been made with Dr. Turner of the Medical College regarding sterilization possibilities. The meeting also involved discussion of efforts in the City of Solon, Ohio to reduce the deer population through hired sharpshooters. Mr. Walter concluded by stating that we would begin to gather additional information on the subject and meet again in a couple of months.

Mr. Straub reported that there was need for a meeting of the Equipment, Utilities, Buildings & Grounds Committee in the near future.

Solicitor McHugh briefly reviewed pending items including the Geresy Field construction which is scheduled for arbitration on June 18.

Mr. Thompson provided a copy of In Toledo magazine for members of the Council. The magazine has a very attractive photo spread of the new sculptures at the Village owned property at Indian and Bancroft Streets.

Mr. Thompson informed Council that the bi-annual audit has begun. He also mentioned that the Village would be advertising for bids on the resurfacing and repair of the 2008 western streets repair program.

Discussion then turned to street signage under the heading of old business. Council was shown two designs for print on these street signs. Substantial discussion occurred regarding the options presented in both prototypes. The conclusion was that the preferred option included some curvature in the letters of the words "The Village of Ottawa Hills" and the fancier letter "O" which would be consistent with the other signage, stationary, etc.

Mr. Walter then reported on the turf project for the high school athletic stadium. He said that the Board of Education met two weeks ago and would be meeting again soon. At that meeting board member John Lewis was not in attendance and the board did not make any firm decisions. He indicated that there seemed to be a general consensus that the board was supportive of the project and he believed that at the next meeting they would make a firm commitment. He also stated that the entire budget for the upcoming year's capital improvements at the Board of Education was \$500,000. They have additional roof repair and technology related expenses to come out of that \$500,000. Jim Walter anticipates that the school board will make a commitment similar to the commitment made by the Village but including purchase of specialized equipment, goal posts and soccer goals which were not part of the original fundraising.

Mr. Walter stated that fundraising was in the \$70,000 - \$90,000 range not counting any money from the Board of Education, the Village of Ottawa Hills or the Boosters Club. He anticipates that there are some large contributions that have not yet been received. He also reminded everyone that time is a major issue as there is a June 15 deadline.

Mr. Decker commented that the Ottawa Hills Foundation has been asked to contribute to the fund and concern had been expressed about a number of outstanding issues. He asked about who was going to make decisions on technical issues related to products, vendors, installation, etc. Mr. Thompson said that the Village was looking at the drainage of the

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field but only to the extent that analysis was required by the Village's drainage legislation. Mr. Reichert commented that there are certainly artificial turf associations which could provide information.

Mr. Walter commented that Village resident Paul Sieben is very knowledgeable in this area and has become involved in the project. Mr. Walter said that the use of PolyPavement is new for this application. It reduces the amount of excavation and filling necessary and there is some risk involved because of the use of PolyPavement.

Mr. Decker said that he thought it was important that the Board of Education understand that the Village is relying on the Board to review the technical aspects of the project to assure that the installation would be done properly.

Attention then turned to legislation.

Ordinance 2008-5	Consent and designation of street, highway and crosswalk, regulatory, warning, traffic guide signs, load limit and other miscellaneous designations within the Village of Ottawa Hills, amending Ordinance 86-15 and subsequent amendments by adding certain sections, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Gibbs moved to dispense with the rule requiring an Ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Straub seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

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

Resolution 2008-11	Amending the employee handbook of the Village of Ottawa Hills regarding work related injuries and declaring an emergency.
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Resolution 2008-12	Declaring that installation of an artificial playing surface at the high school stadium constitutes a public purpose, authorizing the use of village funds to support installation of such turf, establishing conditions for contribution of those funds, and declaring an emergency.
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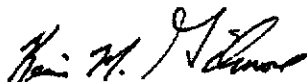
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There was no need for an executive session.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Village Council would occur on July 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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Kevin Gilmore, Mayor