

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

March 26, 2001.

The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor, Dennis Puthoff; Clerk Treasurer, Gregory Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-of-Allegiance, the roll was taken with all members present.

Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2001 meeting, seconded by Ms. Chachoff, all members approved.

Mayor Puthoff made presentations to Mr. Carter Moore and Mr. Sonny Harrison on their retirement.

Solicitor Terrence Donnellon read Proclamation 2001-3 James "Sonny Harrison. Motion to approve made by Mr. Burke, seconded by Ms. Chachoff, all members approved.

Solicitor Donnellon read Proclamation 2001-4 Carter Moore. Motion to approve made by Mr. Hughes seconded to approve by Mr. Zaffiro, all members approved.

Mr. Rob Fredericks of the Sponsoring Committee spoke to council to invite one and all to the 18th Annual Greater Cincinnati Mayors Prayer Breakfast to be held April 19, 2001.

POLICE CHIEF/ SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mayor Puthoff reported on Mr. Tilley's council notes:

1. RUMPKE- Effective Thursday, April 12th, Rumpke will be consolidating all village trash collections to one day per week, which will be Thursday. All set outs will be conducted on Wednesday, which will take the majority of the afternoon.
2. YMCA Contract – Mr. Donnellon is in the process of reviewing the contract for the operation of the pool.
3. Swimming Pool – During the week of April 2nd, the Service Department will begin working on the swimming pool. I expect this process to last several weeks, coupled with their normal duties.
4. New Police Cruiser – The new police cruiser will be in service early next week. When time permits please take a look at it.
5. Letter of Appreciation – Sent to Mayor Puthoff by David Fogelsong, ex-administrator for the Village, reference the retirements of James Harrison, and Carter Moore.

6. Letter of Appreciation – Sent to my office expressing gratitude to Officer Haverkamp for his performance of duty to them during a critical situation.

Mr. Tilley added:

1. It does not look like there will be any COPS Grant money coming available to Golf Manor. His second option was to delete all part-time officers and hire one full time officer; village still saves about \$15,000. Per year. Mr. Burke made a motion to approve the hire of one full time officer once we receive notice of cessation of COPS grant money, seconded by Mr. Zaffiro, all members approved.
2. Questioned if he should prepare his 2002 budget based on a 3% raise to employees, effective July 1, 2001. Mr. Hessler, co-chair of the Finance Committee, stated until we see figures (reports) for 2001 we can not assume this.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Ballman reported:

1. We have completed the test process; three new full time fire fighters are Mr. King, Mr. Trapp and Ms. Cure-Washington.
2. Golf Manor Fire Department passed the Academy of Medicine re-site visits which is done every three years.
3. Is working on an EMS grant.
4. Federal Fire Grants: we will pursue and file grants for what ever we can apply for.
5. Questioned what type of benefits is available to fire dept. personnel in the event of death or disability. Chief Ballman asked Solicitor Donnellon for help on this item A.S.A.P.
6. I am looking to see if we can afford, through grants and budgets, a thermal imaging camera. This is the type of camera that "found" Fireman Bill Ellison after he had fallen through to the basement of the house in Miami Township, or he would have died at the fire scene.

SOLICITOR: No report.

FIANANCE REPORT: Ms. Chaney:

1. Made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$9,512.81 seconded by Mr. Burke, all members approved.
2. Finance Committee met March 21, 2001. No report.

Mayor asked for a brief session after the regular meeting with the finance committee.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: No report.

RECREATION: Mr. Hughes reported the next recreation commission meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS: Mr. Hessler questioned if the street sweeper has been out as was reported, if not, when it will be out, and he would like to see it out every week or two.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Mr. Zaffiro reported:

1. They met March 21, 2001. The Hamilton County Development Co. and a report from them is forth coming.
2. Questioned the term "Eminent Domain"; would like solicitor to prepare a report on this topic.
3. The committee will meet next on an as needed basis, not in conjunction with the finance committee meeting night.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Zaffiro reported that the newsletter is being proofed and should be in residents' homes the week of April 9, 2001.

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

OMBUDSMAN: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2001-1: Third reading. Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Burke, all members approved.

ORDINANCE 2001-2: Third reading. Motion made by Mr. Hessler, seconded by Ms. Chachoff, all members approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION 2001-4: "Donate Life Month". Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Chachoff, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2001-4: Creating Employee Awards Program. Motion made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Zaffiro, all members approved.

ORDINANCE 2001-3: Amending Section Entitled Dangerous & Vicious Dogs.

After discussion many amendments and changes were proposed. Solicitor will prepare a new proposed ordinance for the next council meeting.

Mayor Puthoff asked that if we are contacting the press, please give the correct facts to the press.

Mr. Hughes replied that it was the reporter, Allen Howard, who inaccurately reported the facts up in the March 18, 2001 Cincinnati Enquirer article

Mr. Hughes reported that he has spoken to Mr. Purtune Re: Home ownership H.E.L.P. program (low interest loans for homes and businesses). He would like Golf Manor's support of his program, and Mr. Hughes asked if we could prepare a resolution for this. Mr. Burke asked if Mr. Hughes would get additional information on Mr. Portune's proposed program and report back to council.

Mayor Puthoff referred to the recent census figures. He disagrees with the published figures, and noted that groups of jurisdictions are filing lawsuits, challenging the census figures.

Ms. Chachoff spoke of complaints about Rumpke service. Mr. Donnellon and Mr. Tilley will follow up on these, problems may be with the new customer service reps.

Mayor Puthoff spoke about a letter he received from a Golf Manor resident being very positive of the job being done by Hamilton County Communication Center and Golf Manor Police Department.

Motion made to adjourn made by Mr. Hessler, seconded by Mr. Hughes, all members approved.