

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8, 2002.

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 the following members present: Ms. Francis, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Puthoff and Mr. Zaffiro.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to excuse Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Francis, all members approved.

Mr. Puthoff made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2002 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Cohen, all members approved.

Mayor Puthoff reported that the collection of funds from Columbia Township non-residents for ambulance/paramedic service totaled \$24,000.00 in 2001. We had anticipated about \$29,000.00.

Chief Ballman added that we could not, by contract, bill Columbia Township residents for this service, it concerns him that we would consider that for Golf Manor residents.

Mr. Cohen questioned how much money billing Golf Manor residents could generate. Chief Ballman did not know, this has never even been explored.

Mayor Puthoff reported the Mayor 's monthly statement for March 2002 as \$8,670.00. Ms. Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cohen to approve. All members approved.

Mayor Puthoff reported on the status of a request from Queen City Metro asking for \$1,300.00 shortfall for the Access buses. A letter from Mr. Dowling's office does not answer our questions, just make the payment by April 30, 2002. Mayor is against paying, Mr. Cohen suggested tabling the issue. Ms. Francis suggested sending a letter of explanation on our position, Mayor agreed to send a letter.

Mayor Puthoff reported that our maintenance department has completed the brick project at the park. Looks nice, invited all to look at it.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield money is in the bank drawing very meager interest. Mr. Donnellon will research if and/or where else we can deposit our money (5/3rd Bank?) for better rates.

POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR: No report.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Ballman reported that:

1. Fire Dept. has finished their grant applications (both state and federal) and submitted them. He wished to thank Mr. Zaffiro for his helpful info, which was used in the applications.
2. Distributed March 2002 Fire and EMS response report to council.
3. Has met with Mr. Hessler reference the web site. He will be working on it gradually and would like to bring it current before anything else is added.

STREETS/BUILDINGS: Mr. Creager distributed his March 2002 Building Department Monthly report to council.

Mr. Donnellon updated Mr. Creager and council on the boulder by driveways in the village. If the rocks are in the right of way we should send a letter giving a period of time to remove it and if no compliance issue citations.

FIANANCE: Ms. Francis cancelled the April 15, 2002 meeting. Mayor Puthoff reported that Kathy Patrick's son suddenly died this past weekend. The Clerk's office will be slowed for a number of days due to this tragedy and asked for prayers for Kathy and her family at this time.

SOLICITOR: No report.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: No report.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS: No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Mr. Zaffiro reminded all his presentation would be April 22, 2002.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Francis announced "final call" for next issue of Villager.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report.

HUMAN RELATIONS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Cohen asked where we stand on the proposal from Mid Town Health and Fitness Club. Mayor Puthoff responded that he is

still researching other clubs, which may be cheaper, but not better. He will keep council informed.

ORDINANCE 2002-3: Amending Zoning Map. Second reading. Motion made by Mr. Zaffiro, seconded by Ms. Francis, all members approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Puthoff spoke on the subject of the pool. He feels we are taking too much away from the citizens, and had never intended to not open the pool this year. Mr. Tilley has worked with the YMCA to bring the contract down to a cost of \$30,700.00. We have come up with the money, neither from the general fund nor from any budgeted expenses. He continued that he feels it will cost more to close the pool. This service to the residents has been here for years, and hopes it will continue to be in the future. Mayor Puthoff feels strongly in favor of this subject, but the final decision is up to council.

Mr. Cohen questioned the total cost of the pool's operations. Mr. Tilley responded the high end of expenses to be \$53,700.00 and the income in 2001 was \$7,500.00.

Ms. Francis feels it is a waste of money, there is too much competition from The Beach, Kings Island, etc. Mr. Zaffiro agreed and added we need to make capital improvements to retain. He feels the 2 choices are:

1. Improve the condition for the long run.
2. Raise the pool site for other use Mr. Tilley responded that he feels the community needs the pool, the cost of major water parks is overwhelming to some of our residents. Our season would be 8 weeks, June 11, 2002 to August 4, 2002. We can't keep taking away services from our residents. Mr. Len Puthoff stated he feels this (2002) should be a transitional year. Let the people decide by committing to it or voting with their feelings.

Ms. Francis added that the pool was not in the budget for 2002. Mayor Puthoff responded that this money was not anticipated income to the village. Mr. Zaffiro feels give it 2 years of operations, then decide. Favors opening for 2002. Ms. Sullivan favors opening, be honest with residents about cost, let them know and decide on support on closure.

Mr. Cohen believes a \$48,000.00 expense for 8 weeks (\$6,000./week) for 10% of the community who use - 90% of the community would be saving the community \$50,000. (almost).

Mr. Clay Mardis spoke to council and feels council is making him pay for garbage so that Golf Manor can open the pool. He feels Golf Manor should bring back basic services, which will service 100% of the residents (garbage). He also questioned where the money for the K-9 would come from.

Mr. Zaffiro made a motion, seconded by Mr. Puthoff to open the pool for the 2002 season and do a study on keeping it open, seconded by Mr. Puthoff.

Zaffiro - Yes	Puthoff - Yes	Francis - Yes
Cohen - No	Sullivan - Yes	

Motion passes 4-1.

Mr. Donnellon will prepare the final contract, will be ready April 22, 2002 council meeting.

Officer Matt Haverkamp made a presentation to council on a proposed K-9. Cost of dog about \$8,500.00. Already have donations of over \$5,000.00 plus donations of materials and services and some still to

come in. Total first year cost of \$21,000.00, \$2500.00 second year and on. We would use the K-9 as we have in the past (using other communities dogs such as Norwood, City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County

Sheriff) but more because it would be readily available to Golf Manor Police Dept.

After discussion, Mr. Cohen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zaffiro.

RESOLUTION: 2002-8 Purchase of K-9 Unit and Expenditures. All members approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Zaffiro, all members approved.

MAYOR, DENNIS J. PUTHOFF

CLERK-TREAS. GREG DOERING

