

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

MAY 12, 2003.

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 except Ms. Francis.

Mr. Puthoff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cohen, to excuse Ms. Francis, all members approved.

Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2003 meeting as read, seconded by Mr. Cohen, all approved.

Mayor Puthoff reported the Mayor's monthly statement for April 2003 as \$10,203.00. Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, all members approved.

Mayor Puthoff reported that the tax collection totals for May 2002 was \$277,000.00 and for May 2003 was \$269,000.00 per Ms. Huston. Not too bad to be down only about \$8,000.00

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Ballman:

1. Distributed April 2003 Fire & EMS response report to Golf Manor Council and noted that we were very busy with recent weather related activities. Golf Manor Fire Department did a great job!

STREETS/BUILDINGS: Mr. Creager reported:

1. Hammel Avenue Pond is back, due to recent rains; homeowners are working on it.
2. Re: Vacant Houses - high grass complaints. He is working on solutions.
3. Re: Property at 2512 Bremont. Requested councils' approval to mow grass and put lien on tax duplicate.

Resolution 2003-6: Motion made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, all members approved.

4. Distributed April 2003 Building Department monthly reports to council.
5. Holes in street at 2619 Ardmere. Contacted MSD, they will be rebuilding.
6. Still working on sign ordinance and enforcement of car ports with the solicitor's office.

POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Chief Tilley reported:

1. Minutes – The Clerk's Office did not receive the minutes until Friday AM and due to an absence, they were unable to be typed.
2. Pit Bull Information – I spoke to Mr. Andy Mahlman, Operations Manager for the SPCA, in regards to our possible utilization of the SPCA for pit bulls. He initially stated that Sgt. Manser had quoted an old price to Mr. Hughes, that it is actually \$20.00 per dog. The

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average time that a pit bull is held is approximately 6 weeks, sometime a little beyond. There can be a problem with housing, when the City of Cincinnati loads them up with pit bulls. These dogs are housed separately from the other animals and that is why there can be a housing problem. Based on this information, we are looking at approximately \$900.00 to \$1000.00 per dog. However, the problems with these dogs are growing in my opinion. Just in the last 4 weeks we have had 6 details involving pit bulls in the village. Possible, a more thorough enforcement by the police department, and more citizen participation assisting the police could help curb this problem.

3. Health Care Renewal – On Wednesday I met with Mr. Scott Hinrichs, our health care broker in regards to our renewal with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. This year's renewal is 9.74% above last year's rates. The plan we are on now is the result of a re-write we completed last year when the renewal rate came in at 18.5%. Once the re-write was completed, last year's renewal was 9.86%. We are unable to ask for a rewrite for the present because Anthem has began a policy that if a renewal comes in lower than 15%, they will not conduct a rewrite. Also, this is the last year we will be able to receive this health plan. Effective July 1, 2003 the plan we are on will only be available to companies with more than 50 employees. I am requesting that we continue with the plan that we are presently

on, and next year the village will go ahead and look at a different health plan through Anthem, or another company.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

4. State audit will start May 27, 2003 on site and will last 6–8 weeks.
5. Leafer information has been received, report is forthcoming.

SOLICITOR: No report.

FINANCE: Mr. Puthoff reported the committee met April 21, 2003.

1. Income and Expenses are up slightly.
2. Preparing 2004 budget.
3. Will meet Monday April 19, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Mr. Cohen reported that this is police memorial week and reported on activities attended by Golf Manor Police Department officers.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS: Mayor Puthoff noted that we (Golf Manor) did not have problems with rainwater as surrounding communities did. Golf Manor maintenance department did a great job keeping street drains open and debris picked up and/or removed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Mr. Zaffiro noted that there is an article in the current Cities and Villages worth reading.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Puthoff made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$29,652.60, seconded by Mr. Cohen, all members approved.

ORDINANCE 2003-5: Banning Pit Bulls. Motion to suspend the rules that an ordinance be read 3 time made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Sullivan.

Roll call vote:

Cohen - No

Puthoff - No

Zaffiro - No

Hughes - Yes

Sullivan - Abstain

Motion fails 4-1.

Motion to read by title second reading made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, all members approved.

Motion to approve second reading made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, all members approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Hughes:

1. Distributed a written report on the Village of Golf Manor Forum held May 3, 2003.
2. Re: Broken rims on basketball court. Replacements are on order, will be replaced when in.
3. Finance committee requested all requests in writing.

Mr. Hughes requested that the N2N Committee, now 10 members strong, could be "endorsed" and/or "under council". Council questioned if N2N had a charter or by-laws such as the recreation commission used to have and the women's club currently has. Solicitor Butler will research this and report back to council.

Mr. Cohen made a motion to cancel the council meeting scheduled for May 26, 2003 (Memorial Day), seconded by Mr. Hughes, all members approved.

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

MAYOR, DENNIS J. PUTHOFF

CLERK-TREAS. GREG DOERING
