

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 23, 2003.

The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order. Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Hughes made a motion, to excuse Councilman Zaffiro and Clerk Doering from the meeting. The Council unanimously accepted the motion.

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Penn made a motion, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2003 meeting. The minutes were approved without change.

Mr. Penn, seconded by Mr. Hughes made a motion, to approve the minutes of the special meeting, June 19, 2003. The minutes were approved without change.

Mr. Creager submitted a report to Council for the monthly activity of the Building Department for the month of May 2003. Mr. Creager then asked for Council's approval to clean up the properties at 6426 Stover Avenue and 6215 Graceland Avenue, which had high grass and debris on the property. Notice was provided to both property owners, but no action has been taken to abate the nuisances at this time. Mr. Creager presented pictures to Council for their review. Council asked the Solicitor to prepare a Resolution for reading at tonight's meeting to authorize the entry upon these properties and to assess the clean up costs through the Auditor's Office. Mr. Creager also presented pictures of property at 6418 Hammel Avenue, which is owned by Gene Landwehr. Mr. Landwehr has been cited to Court several times for the accumulation of junk and debris upon the property. He has paid the fines, but has made no progress to clean up the property. The Solicitor will research our options to abate this nuisance and report to Council at the next meeting.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Ballman on vacation no updated report to be presented at this time.

STREETS/BUILDINGS: No report.

POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Chief Tilley on vacation.

SOLICITOR: No report.

FINANCE: Former Councilman Len Puthoff, who worked with the Financial Committee to prepare the 2004 budget made a presentation to Council concerning the budget for their review. The Finance Committee had proposed a deficit budget with approximately a \$60,000.00 deficit carried forward into the year 2004. It was agreed that the deficit budget should be submitted to the County, although the Finance Committee anticipates that before appropriations are made at the close of the year that we will close the budget gap through additional revenues, including the possibility of increasing our contract with the Ridge Fire District. Mr. Puthoff reported that the

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budget includes a 4% raise for all employees and a \$25.00 per month increase in the employee's proportionate contribution for health insurance.

Council then agreed to set a public hearing on the budget at 7:15 p.m. July 14, 2003. After the public hearing Council will proceed to consider the budget at its meeting that night. Instructions were made to the Clerk's office to prepare the appropriate notice for the Cincinnati Enquirer to be published ten days in advance of the budget hearing. The Finance Committee also acknowledged that the budget includes a replacement levy of 2.0 mills to be submitted to the electorate at the November general election. The Solicitor will prepare the appropriate Resolution requesting a certification of rates, which will be presented at the next meeting.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS/HIGHWAYS: No report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2003-5: Banning Pit Bulls, was presented for a third reading. Mr. Cohen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Penn, to table the legislation pending review of similar legislation by the City of Cincinnati. There was no discussion on the motion and it was approved with three members voting in the affirmative, one member voting against the motion, and one abstain. Mr. Hughes then announced that he intended to spearhead and initiative petition in the community to place similar legislation on the November ballot.

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION 2003-7: A Resolution authorizing abatement of public nuisances at 6426 Stover Avenue and 6215 Graceland Avenue was read by the Solicitor. A motion was made by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Covin, to approve the Resolution. The Resolution was unanimously passed.

Mr. Hughes reported that at a recent neighbor to neighbor meeting there were participants in the Grilling with Time featured on Channel 12. The meeting was very successful and Mr. Hughes offered thanks to Donna Faulk for her assistance.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR, DENNIS J. PUTHOFF

CLERK-TREAS. GREG DOERING
