

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2005

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

Ms. Dubose made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2005 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mr. Jonathon Goldstein of Losantiville Avenue addressed council to complain about loud, mentally handicapped citizens who live on (or around) Losantiville and Elbrook. These people frighten him, his neighbors and his family. Something needs to be done and he doesn't feel the police do much.

Mr. Donnellon reminded everyone that it is not a function of council to discuss or decide police department operations.

Mr. Zaffiro stated that we do all that we can and suggested a letter from the Village to Excel (owners of the building where the group homes are located). A suggestion of a civil suit (Mr. Goldstein vs. Excel) was also mentioned.

Mr. Mallot of Elbrook Avenue asked if we could use the number of runs and complaints to have them removed as a nuisance. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Puthoff and Chief Tilley added that we are somewhat restricted as to what can be done to these MRDD/Group Homes.

Mayor Zaffiro suggested that we meet administratively to work on an approach toward solving the problem.

Vice Mayor Dubose reported that:

1. Signs are up and look great however, on Elbrook near Vera we need to scale back the landscape (blocking view).
2. Met with Alicia Reese of the Cincinnati City Council to see what can be done to clean up the former Schuster's Inn property, which is currently a landscaper, but not very well kept near the entrance to our village.

POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Chief Tilley reported:

1. Letter from Law Director – Letter sent to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office. Please review.
2. Golf Manor Urban Renewal Plan #2, review draft.
3. Residential Recycling Incentive Program – The village has received a check in the amount of \$1,430.13. These funds may only be used for recycling related expenses.
4. New Police Officer – Officer Kinamores' training is progressing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman was excused to attend a Hamilton County Fire Chief's meeting.

Mr. Puthoff reported that Mr. Eric Lett is now a Lieutenant and there is now a Lieutenant on each and every shift.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Donnellon:

1. Proposed an amnesty week for certain tickets similar to what the City of Cincinnati and other communities have done. Mr. Colvin made a motion to do this, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.
2. Re: Urban Renewal Plan suggested council to refer to the Planning Commission. Ms. Phillips-Young made a motion to do this, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.
3. Planned Unit Development suggested it be referred to Planning Commission. Motion to do this made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro stated that the Planning Commission is meeting May 17, 2005 on other issues, it will be the following meeting for these 2 subjects.

4. Letter to Mr. Nurre of the Hamilton County Auditor's Office concerning deficit reported by Golf Manor (copies distributed to council members).

FINANCE: Mr. Colvin made a motion to pay the bills of May 9, 2005 totaling \$15,103.73, seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to pay the bills of April 25, 2005 totaling \$33,413.92, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro added that the bill to ROSCOR for cable equipment will be reimbursed to us by Time Warner.

Chairman Colvin distributed minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of April 20, 2005 to council members.

Mayor Zaffiro reported that he has met with the department heads and they favor a 6 or 7 mil police levy in November 2005 and 10 mil street levies in 2007. The cost of 1 mil to a homeowner is about \$30.00 based on a \$100,000.00 home. Revenue to the village is about \$50,000.00 per mil.

Mr. Brown supports a Police Department Levy in 2005 and a future 10 mil street levy. Mr. Puthoff added (1.) word a Police Department levy carefully (safety services?) to negate any negativism towards police and (2.) explain street levy fully to voters. Ms. Dubose agreed Police Department levy first and explain what money will be used for – explain fully and completely. Ms. Phillips-Young is in agreement with Mayor Zaffiro's suggestions and also reduce credit (1/2) for income taxes paid to other communities. Mr. Colvin agreed the Police Department levy is needed now. Dr. Morton agrees with Police Department levy, emphasis on "Security", but does not like the idea of the reduction of credit on income tax.

EDUCATION; No report.

SAFETY AND HEALTH; No report.

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE; Mr. Puthoff reported:

1. Pool fence has been cut and there is water in the pool. Per Mr. Tilley, fence vandalism has been repaired and water pumped out of pool as of May 9, 2005.

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2. Appears Katz Landscaping has moved out and left quite a mess at the 2100 Losantiville property. Per Mr. Tilley, they have moved, area will be cleaned up and out by developer.
3. Cross walk light on Losantiville at Elbrook needs to be fixed ASAP. Mr. Tilley will look into.
4. Memo on canine finds/arrest refers to firearms and drugs but not cash seizures. Per Chief Tilley, minimal monetary finds.

Dr. Morton asked if we could remove the old Welcome to Golf Manor sign on Elbrook near Losantiville since we have the new signs.

Ms. Uneek Lowe of 6407 Mayflower addressed council on the subject of safety. Her car was vandalized in her driveway, police were called, but no investigation occurred. Also, the house next door to her home and the one across the street are deplorable and in need of care. Mr. Donnellon explained the process on enforcement of "Tall Grass" ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Colvin, seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.