

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 10, 2005**

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NOTE: Due to a lack of a quorum the 7:15 PM Block Grant Hearing was postponed until later during the regular meeting.

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.

Mayor Zaffiro distributed a memorandum on Police Staffing Issues. (attached)

Ms. Phillips-Young announced her agreement with the statement, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Dr. Morton questioned that if we have lost 2 officers and only plan to hire one, aren't we still down one officer? No, per Mayor Zaffiro, we have hired one (Kinamore), lost two (Haverkamp & Moore) and currently are interviewing for one. This will bring us up to the number of officers we had at the end of 2004. Currently we are two behind, and are hiring one, and looking at the possibility of hiring another officer.

Ms. Dubose made a motion to accept the Position Statement on Police Staffing Issues, seconded by Ms. Phillips-Young, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro read the statement to the audience.

Those registered to address council:

Stephanie Weidus of 6275 Hammel spoke reference police issues. She is a 27 year resident of Golf Manor and has concern about hiring a Building Inspector instead of a Police Officer. There was a fight near her home last month (12-13 year olds) which she broke up herself and it took 30-45 minutes for an officer to respond. Support the hiring of 2 more officers. She added that she won't let her child walk in the neighborhood after dark and she doesn't know our officers as she did when growing up because they don't have the time to talk to us.

Mr. Jim Weidus of 6267 Hammell, 52 year resident, third generation of Weidus's. Pool used to close at 10:00 PM when he was a youth, and he used to walk home – can't do that now. Mr. Creager is top shelf but the questions of prospective home buyers aren't, "How's the building inspector?" but rather "How are the schools, Fire and Police Departments?" With only one officer on duty he can't do everything.

Donna Weidus of 6267 Hammell, resident for 32 years stated that Fire Dept., Police Dept., and schools are what are advertised to sell Golf Manor. She wants it to be safe not just for her family but for everyone in the Village. The letter from the Mayor seems to say we are heading in the right direction. She had a complaint in the past, the building inspector didn't respond, but the police did. Please keep the total police force intact.

Mr. Aubrey Dubose of 2439 Kellerman, 6 year resident stated that in the past, police routinely patrolled streets. This has decreased, and the level of safety is a concern. He is convinced of the dedication of the officers, but good people don't

stay where they don't feel safe. Nowadays, crime is different, criminals are bolder. Please work on staffing and safety.

Ms. Dubose made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2005 meeting as corrected, seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro announced that Mr. Lee, recently honored by Golf Manor Council, passed away September 23, 2005.

Vice Mayor Dubose suggested that the practice of Golf Manor Police Department delivering the minutes to council member homes be discontinued in favor of putting them in our council chamber mailbox. Council agreed.

Surrounding communities such as Cincinnati and Amberley Village have jazzercise classes and classes in Golf Manor for residents would be good for community involvement.

Note: Today is Columbus Day and all department heads are off.

**POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR:** No report.

Mr. Puthoff announced that Chief Tilley had surgery on his back/neck today all wish him a speedy recovery.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report.

**SOLICITOR:** No report.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Colvin made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$10,615.62, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

**EDUCATION:** No report.

**SAFETY AND HEALTH:** Mr. Puthoff reported that the graffiti at Losantiville and Elbrook still has not been removed and needs to be done ASAP. Also, the problem with the rubber rolls on Wiehe near park still exists. Mayor will look into both of these, also the graffiti still on the back wall of the former Valvoline property.

**STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clerk Doering reported that we have received 2 bids for salt; however Mr. Tilley did not recommend either Morton or North American. He suggested waiting for a recommendation from Mr. Tilley and accepting a bid at the next council meeting.

Mr. Doering also reported that when there are discrepancies between the tape(s) of the meeting and the written minutes, the tape is dominant.

Mr. Butler responded to the question of citizens registered/not registered to speak to council (on the agenda). We must enforce the ordinance – if you are registered, you may speak and if not registered – you don't speak.

Mr. Puthoff made a motion to direct the Solicitor to prepare an amended ordinance about planting in the right of way in the business district, seconded by Mr. Brown, all members approved.

Ms. Phillips-Young commended Mayor Zaffiro for what he has done on the subject of everyone's voice being heard at council meetings. Mayor added that his cell phone is on and E-mails are always welcome.

The Public Meeting on Community Development Block Grant was started now.

Mayor Zaffiro read from a letter from Dan Domis, Director of Department of Community Development.

In the past we have received money for the streetscape of the Losantiville Avenue business area. Again, the county is emphasizing 2 goals: A) Programs that discourage population loss and also B) encourage Economic Development. Mayor Zaffiro and Mr. Creager are currently working on projects, but they are not yet finalized.

Dr. Morton added we might look into ideas to beautify the Business District, possibly a "Village Clock" project.

Ms. Phillips-Young:

1. Questioned if any park monies available for pool?
2. Suggested a wall be built for our "graffiti artists" which could be repainted on a regular basis. This would reduce the amount of graffiti in the neighborhood according to her research. No youth projects may be leading to the graffiti problem.

Ms. Dubose questioned if our graffiti problem is gang related. No, per Mr. Puthoff, our graffiti problem is still very limited, but most we have ever had.

The question was raised if the wall would lead to negative paintings and/or positive painting being defaced? No, per Ms. Phillips-Young.

Dr. Morton questioned if any graffiti is a good thing and doesn't think we should spend community money on a project not every one thinks is a positive activity.

Ms. Phillips-Young responded the project would have to be guided and structured.

Mayor Zaffiro added that large projects could include the flea market property, Peterman Bus Co. expansion with consolidation of other locations to Golf Manor.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.