

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

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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.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2006 as corrected, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mr. Willie Walker of 6458 Mayflower addressed council to speak on getting parking tickets on your own property. He received a \$65.00 ticket for blocking his own driveway, 4 others on his street did not, and this is not fair in his opinion. Secondly, he accused the Chief of being in his driveway and walking around his car while he was out of town last weekend. Chief Tilley denied this accusation, as he "hasn't been out of the office on patrol in weeks". Mr. Walker added that the officer was quick to threaten use of his taser over a parking ticket. He has been a resident for 25 years and feels that was wrong.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Bearfield of 6423 Stover addressed council about tickets. Parking is bad on their block; they received a \$65.00 ticket for blocking his own driveway. He feels we are picking on the wrong people, he pay his taxes.

Mr. Dave Grebe of 2325 Vera Avenue addressed council about the direction of council. He feels that a proposed ordinance like the City has is not a good idea. He feels problems with tenants should not result in tickets to landlords. Secondly, warned all that if they don't like current taxes, things on board that could increase taxes, advised all to attend more, if not all meetings.

Ms. Janet Wolf of 6235 Elbrook Avenue addressed council. She is a lifelong resident of Golf Manor for over 30 years. She pays her taxes. She was cited for parking on the curb where she has parked for years. She questioned if she should warn her holiday guests about parking ordinances in the village. She thinks that the "ripple effect" will be people moving out of the village. More serious problems, not parking, should be focused on in the village. She has the utmost respect for the Golf Manor Police Department and thanked them for the work they do.

Ms. Carolyn Crawford of 6267 Graceland addressed council about injustice in Golf Manor. She received a ticket for parking in driveway; neighbors were warned but not her. She has started a petition to protest this ordinance, has about 100 people who will sign, there is not enough parking on the street which exposes women and elderly to assault, rape or worse by walking home from parking far away.

She added that she was arrested two years ago by Golf Manor Police Department for a barking dog violation. She has respect for the Golf Manor Police Department but they are arrogant. Giving no respect, results in getting no respect.

Mr. Jerry Bearinghaus of 2321 Vera addressed council. He received a ticket for parking in his own grass. Does not see who is hurt by parking in your own grass or in front of your own driveway.

Ms. Cindy Bearinghaus addressed council; and stated that she feels for council, but hopes council will feel for them. We were wrong (parking violations) but what happened to warnings? Thinks what has happened is anger between council members, we all need to get along. This is a huge task for council members, but we need to work on problems as a team.

Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Newsletter has been delivered to households, please read if you haven't already done so.
2. Meetings with Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission on October 12, 2006 and November 9, 2006. Working on business development to increase tax base. This professional service is at no cost to our village.

Vice Mayor Dubose asked council to revisit use agreement for Mr. Lee and support it?

**SERVICE DEPT:** Mr. Creager:

1. Distributed NIC report for June, July, August and September 2006 to council members. Mr. McKenzie of NIC will meet with him to review.
2. Planning Commission will meet on November 20, 2006 at 7:00PM.

Councilman Doering questioned the status of the former Valvoline property. Mr. Creager responded that they are ready to be cited.

Mrs. Dubose questioned NIC situation. Maybe we should step back and review the five most important issues. Mr. Creager will discuss this and report back to her and council members.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Tilley reported:

1. We are waiting on subpoenas for the trial to begin on his homicide on Vera Avenue.
2. No reported problems from Halloween night.
3. He has cancelled all schools and training for 6 months due to budget reasons.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ballman was on vacation and excused from this meeting.

**SOLICITOR:**

ORDINANCE 2006-10: DUI Updates. Second Reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Motion to suspend rules made by Councilman Doering, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

Motion to pass as emergency made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Councilman Doering, all members approved.

ORDINANCE 2006-11: Bond Council. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Motion to suspend rules made by Councilman Doering, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Motion to pass as an emergency made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Re: Exclusive use agreement between Village of Golf Manor and Dwight Lee and enter in agreement. Motion made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$50,136.15, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

**SAFETY AND HEALTH:** No report.

**STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE:** Mr. Brown asked Mr. Creager to cold patch some large pot holes in areas of village.

**EDUCATION:** Mayor Zaffiro reported that the construction of the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School will go as planned. Also, Ms. Shirley Jones will be our representative on the PTO.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Councilman Doering reported:

1. Working on a possible recreation project at the Losantiville School Property.
2. Contacted City of Cincinnati about corner of Seymour & Langdon Farm. The city is "all over" Sunoco and Sam's drive thru for violations of numerous City of Cincinnati codes and ordinances.
3. Cincinnati Gardens Annex has added 3 new hockey and skating leagues for area youth and adults.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Puthoff reported that the possible use of the vacant former Flea Market property has fallen through. The government agency (FBI) had interest, but the location of the railroad tracks negated the interest and efforts.

Councilman Doering spoke on the parking ticket complaints. Your own driveway being blocked causes problems for Police Department, Service Departments and Fire Departments. It may seem picky, but it is a State of Ohio Law, not a Golf Manor Ordinance. It is a "Right of Way" issue.

Mayor Zaffiro thanked the people for coming down and taking part in their community government. Taking care of neighbors is important. Nuisance enforcement is necessary for revitalization. Police presence is a good thing - know that if they are there for that, they will be there when really needed. The Golf Manor Police Department is great. We are proud of the department we have. We strive for compliance of laws (Golf Manor Police Dept.) and codes (NIC) because image is important for revitalization. Communities can spiral downward or upward. He believes we are going upward. Be patient and stick with us.

Mr. Bidnick echoes Mayor's comments about Golf Manor Police Dept. They are doing their job and doing it well. No one, even he, likes to get a ticket, but they are doing the job for all of us. Tickets are not issued to raise money, safety is paramount to everyone.

Mr. Colvin explained the reasons for his initial complaints about parking violations. He added that Golf Manor Police Dept. may have been over zealous, but everyone knows you should not park on the sidewalk nor block driveways – be considerate of your neighbors, park in your garage and driveways. The Golf Manor Police Dept. is great. You could have avoided the ticket, so don't complain about it.

Mr. Bidnick thanked Ms. Beverly Cook of Vera Avenue for showing the voting process to school age children of Cincinnati Hebrew Day School on election day.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mrs. Dubose has solicited to local community schools to rake leaves to curbs the Saturday before scheduled pick up. Coordinate between Mr. Creager and the schools through Mrs. Dubose. Chief Tilley added that we have done this in the past with good results.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Doering, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.