

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2007

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 the following members present: Mrs. Dubose, Mr. Brown, Mr. Colvin, Mr. Bidnick and Mr. Doering.

Mayor Zaffiro spoke in memory of Councilman Denny Puthoff, who died suddenly February 15, 2007. Denny served as a policeman, fireman, councilman and mayor, along with service on numerous commissions and committees during his years in Golf Manor. We all leaned on him a lot over the years. Council observed a moment of silence in his memory.

Mr. Bidnick read a letter from Rabbi David Spetner of the Cincinnati Community Kollel expressing the sadness of the Jewish Community on the passing of Mayor Puthoff.

Mr. Charlie Murray, Ms. Debra Forte-Muhammad and Donald Troendle from Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority spoke to Golf Manor council to explain CMHA programs, distribute literature and hold a question and answer session.

Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. The monthly Mayor's court statement for December 2006 at \$3520.00. Mr. Bidnick made a motion to accept, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.
2. Thanked Amberley Village for their assistance during the latest snow/ice storm. Our plow went down and they plowed our streets at no cost.
3. Reported that Golf Manor resident, Mr. Chuck Harmon, was featured in the Cincinnati Enquirer as part of Black History Month.

Vice Mayor Dubose reported that:

1. She is still working on Grandpa's Garden for later this year (Farmers Market)
2. Working with Mr. Lee on the proposed self defense class in Golf Manor.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. We have received road grants for Graceland Avenue in the amounts of \$500,000.00 (State of Ohio SKIP Grant) and \$100,000.00 (Hamilton County Grant).
2. Bureau of Workers Comp. bill in the amount of \$39,000.00 is still owed plus the amount for this year, which is being appealed.
3. 170 Tons of salt have been used on streets already this season.
4. Requested of the Finance Committee approval to purchase a pick-up truck for the maintenance department. Cost will be about \$22,000.00 and was in the budget for 2007. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Mr. Brown:

1. Complimented Mr. Creager for his hard work in securing \$600,000.00 in grants.
2. Hopes we work with Duke Energy to be sure their gas main replacement work on Graceland (and any other sites), is complete before our road work starts.

Mayor Zaffiro added that without the levy money to match these amounts, we would not have been able to secure these grants.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Tilley requested an executive session after tonight's regular meeting on a matter of personnel.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman:

1. Reported on the passing of Russell W. Desserich, 34 year member and former Chief of the Golf Manor Fire Dept., who passed away on February 25, 2007.
2. Distributed the January, 2007 Fire & Ems response report to Golf Manor Council.
3. Reported that we have officially received word that we have been awarded a \$50,000.00 health and fitness grant. This will be used for equipment, physicals, training, etc.
4. Added that Denny Puthoff was a Golf Manor Fire Dept. member from 1970-1979. He will be missed by all. Between the passing of these 2 men and illness among Golf Manor Fire Dept. officers, it has been a difficult time, but we will get through it.

SOLICITOR:

ORDINANCE 2007-2: Expenditure of \$1,000.00 for reception for Dennis Puthoff. Motion to suspend rules made by Mr. Colvin, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

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

Mayor Zaffiro thanked all who contributed and helped out during the reception.

Mr. Butler reminded all that Mr. Puthoff's successor designate (Mrs. Dubose) has 30 days (March 17, 2007) to designate a successor to his seat on council.

FINANCE: Mr. Dubose:

1. Mrs. Dubose reported that we came out ahead in 2006. This reduces some of our negative balance in the general fund.
2. Thanked Kathy for the 2006 final figures – job well done.
3. Thanked Jamie for income tax receipts. We budgeted that \$580,000.00 would be collected, we collected \$615,000.00. Once again, a job well done.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to approve the bills of February 12, 2007 totaling \$38,465.03 seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to approve the bills of February 26, 2007 totaling \$24,390.58, seconded by Mr. Bidnick all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro has received a request from a councilman to publicize the larger amounts of the bills in an effort to educate the public. After discussion, the idea was referred to the finance committee for decision.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Mrs. Dubose reported that:

1. Wires (cable?) are down at Pieper Way and Elbrook Avenue.
2. Tree limbs are down at Elbrook and Pieper which are blocking the sidewalk. Wane will look into. We should put on our web site that citizens must put limbs out for CSI/Rumpke to remove.

HOUSING: Mr. Brown introduced a Memorandum of Understanding between Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission in partnership with H.O.M.E. and the Village of Golf Manor. This would be at no charge and run from January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. After discussion, he distributed copies for Council and Solicitor to review.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Zaffiro:

1. Reported that the membership fee of \$250.00 for the 1st Suburbs consortium is due. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve this expenditure, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.
2. Reported that the membership fee of \$588.00 for Regional Planning Commission is due. This was done at NO CHARGE to us in 2006; Mayor will write a letter to ask this at N/C for 2007 also.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Mr. Doering:

1. Asked if phone numbers and contacts for Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority be put on cable was O.K? Council and Solicitor had no objections.
2. EPA report on 2100 Losantiville? No response per Mayor Zaffiro, he will look further.
3. Design of Web Site (compared with other cities). Ideas include:
 - A) Doing business with Golf Manor
 - B) Living in Golf Manor.
 - C) FAQ page.
 - D) Calendar of events/maps.
 - E) Government section.It needs O.K. and input from department heads and council members.

If we want to change, we will contact our volunteer Webmaster Rich Brown for help in design and preparation then get approval before putting it up on line.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to adjourn to executive session on a matter of personnel, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

Mayor Zaffiro reconvened the open council meeting, and being no further business, Mr. Doering made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING