

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 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. Beringhaus, Mrs. Dubose, Mr. Bidnick and Mr. Doering.

Mayor Zaffiro spoke about the importance of attendance. We have a doctor's letter for Mr. Brown, nothing from Mr. Colvin.

Mr. Doering made a motion to excuse Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved. Being no other motions, Mayor Zaffiro termed Mr. Colvin's absence unexcused. Vice Mayor Dubose led a discussion leading to a person being called for absence – that being Mr. Creager.

Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2007 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mr. Colvin arrived at this time.

Mr. Ed Haake spoke to council on the subject of N.I.C. It has been 3 months since he has contacted N.I.C. about the deplorable conditions at 2434 Kellerman Avenue. He was told by N.I.C. in April that they were trying to reach property owners; that they were making progress, and he reported to council.

In May, per N.I.C. certified letters sent and returned, and some clean up and progress being made. He stated that 3 months is plenty long enough, even though they say so, not much progress is being made.

Mayor Zaffiro reported that the administration along with the Hamilton County Development Co. is working on a plan for 2100 Losantiville Avenue.

Vice Mayor Dubose reported that Farmer Cliff began the Farmer's Market on Wiehe Road on June 5, 2007 from 3-7 P.M. All went well, still looking at the WIC program. Very well attended. Mayor Zaffiro thanked Mrs. Dubose for her hard work on this project.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. State audit postponed until later in June.
2. Gas main replacement on Graceland is completed. Duke has moved onto Cedarbrook project.
3. Cincinnati Water Works is next to do replacement work on Graceland – after that we can bid it out in July.
4. Ohio Public Works gave us permission to bid out Graceland Avenue resurfacing project.
5. Streetscape: We have the bid, ordinance prepared; meeting will be June 13, 2007 to get that project going.
6. Meeting with Workers Comp representative on June 12, 2007 on past years amounts.
7. Re: Healthcare. We are still waiting on some final figures. Will have for the next meeting (6/25/07).
8. Re: Ridge Club. We have received a call regarding zoning.

9. We need a public hearing on the budget. This will be held on June 25, 2007 at 7:15 P.M.
10. Re: N.I.C. We have met with N.I.C. and Mayor Zaffiro and worked on cleaning up paperwork problems. Mayor Zaffiro added that they will work on their report to council. Mr. Creager added that some citations have been issued to property owners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Tilley reported:

1. Coyote's on Ridge Club property. Officers will do what they need to do to solve the problem.
2. Re: Farmer Cliff.
 - A) The solicitor fee was reduced for him, and
 - B) His paperwork was not completed.He asked what prohibits any other "street vendors" from starting up in the village. Solicitor Butler will review and prepare a resolution and/or ordinance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman reported:

1. That \$19,000.00 worth of exercise equipment is now in gym, purchase through a grant from the Federal Government. Fire & Police personnel are using the equipment and we are researching the possibility of a trainer.
2. Distributed May 2007 Fire & EMS Response report to Golf Manor Council.

SOLICITOR:

RESOLUTION 2007-9: 2245 Bremont Nuisance. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2007-10: 6303 Mayflower Nuisance. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2007-11: Contract with Langenheim & Thompson. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

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

ORDINANCE 2007-1: Appointing Magistrate Triggs. Third reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

ORDINANCE 2007-5: Panhandling. Third reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

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

FINANCE: Mrs. Dubose made a motion to approve the bills of June 4, 2007 in the amount of \$74,287.08, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to approve the bills of June 11, 2007 in the amount of \$26,321.77, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mrs. Dubose distributed a “2008 Budget Sheet as of June 4th, 2007” report to council. She gave an explanation of the report, stated that there would be a mandatory meeting with all employees, that we would add one day of personal time (8 hours) to all full time employees, stated that all full time employees would receive an additional holiday (Veterans Day), and stated that employees would be responsible for a portion of their health care insurance cost.

Chief Ballman replied that he understands the financial condition of the Village, but giving no raise in 2006, 2007 or 2008 and asking employees to pay part of their health care is going backwards.

Councilman Doering stated that he understands the figures and the financial situation of the Village, but the deficit accumulated over the years. He feels we should grant raises and reduce the amount of our reduction of deficit. He also added that he is not in favor of raising taxes.

Mr. Colvin stated that if the money is not available, you can't give raises.

Mr. Bidnick reminded all of the health care coverage (up 19%). He pays 33% of his family's coverage; Golf Manor employees pay a very minimal amount. We can't continue to absorb that high % increases. This decision was difficult, but we are keeping all our jobs and employees.

Clerk-Treasurer Doering added that he would have loved to give raises, but looking long term and bring the general fund to a zero deficit we can look forward to raises in 2009.

Mr. Creager stated that this was a tough decision, but we must base our proposed budget on a replacement levy – if not, additional cuts would have to be made. Long term employment; trump short term gratification of raises. If deficit is gone in 2008, 2009 looks up!

Mrs. Dubose stated that the budget was a very difficult task for the finance committee. All the employees of the Village of Golf Manor are great, but we want to look at the long term rather than “pin hole” a look at a raise. It is no good to give a raise and then have to lay off good people.

Mrs. Beringhaus added that she is the newest member of council and is trying to understand the figures. Increases on her own property are up about \$1,000.00 over the last 3 levies. She feels we can't ask our residents to pay more taxes and giving no raises to employees will lead to good employees leaving – are there other sources of income, such as grants, that we can look at?

Chief Ballman stated that he understands the financial position of the Village and he thanked the finance committee for a very difficult job. He added that the Cincinnati Public Schools are the biggest drain (46%) on the tax dollars spent by our homeowners.

Chief Tilley stated that he agrees with the finance committee and that we are being proactive to our condition. He sees the replacement levy as a move forward.

Mayor Zaffiro commended the finance committee, the department heads and the administration for their hard work on this very difficult task. We can't continue any of our services with a village in decline.

Mr. Bidnick added that the additional revenue from a replacement levy helps reduce the deficit and not granting raises equals no additional expense. We should not spend money which we do not have.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to end the discussion, seconded by Mr. Colvin, roll call vote:

Mrs. Dubose – Yes	Mr. Doering – No	Mr. Colvin – Yes
Mrs. Beringhaus – Yes	Mr. Bidnick – Yes	

Motion passes; 4-1.

RESOLUTION 2007-12: Replacement Levy. Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2007-13: Renewal Levy. Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

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

ORDINANCE 2007-6: Personal Time. First Reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Motion to pass made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mrs. Beringhaus, all members approved.

ORDINANCE 2007-7: Healthcare Coverage. First Reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

Motion to pass made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

ORDINANCE 2007-8: Holidays. First Reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

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

SAFETY AND HEALTH: No report.

HOUSING: No report.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

EDUCATION: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

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