

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 24, 2008**

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

Mayor Zaffiro swore in Officer Chris Campbell as Sgt. of the Golf Manor Police Department.

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Councilman Doering to the finance committee, council had no objection.

Mr. Bidnick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Colvin to excuse Mrs. Dubose from this meeting, all members approved.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to excuse Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mr. Bob Blum spoke to Council reference public walk space between Elbrook and Stover (Canterbury). He gave a historical account of the sidewalk that is Canterbury planned to go through but was never constructed. The sidewalk was built in the 1950's. 10 Feet on either side of the walkway is easement on property. Fences, etc. have been tried to curb vandalism, graffiti, trash, teen groups, fights, etc. When the properties were purchased as long as 60 years ago, they believed there would be a street constructed, not a public sidewalk. He asked that the area in question be deeded back to the property owners, so it can be maintained as private property.

Mrs. McMillan of Stover Avenue added that eggs and vegetables have been thrown at the house. Vandalism, broken windows, broken storm door, trash, beer parties (no trash can), dog waste problems. She is afraid to build or landscape for fear of vandalism. She would also like it deeded to the homeowners.

Mayor Zaffiro replied that with the restructure of the garbage program, the garbage/trash problem should go away.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to refer this to legal council for an opinion, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all approved.

Faye Cossins and Mark Menkhaus of Greater Cincinnati Water Works spoke to council reference billing for waste services. They explained that when costs are collected with the quarterly water bill the consumer should get a lower rate from the waste hauler.

Mr. Colvin questioned why we need this service?

Mr. Menkhaus replied the biggest advantage is lower costs to citizens.

Mr. Bidnick questioned what if bill is not paid by resident?

Mr. Menkhaus answered that if it is not collected, there would be no payment to the village. However, 98.5% do get paid.

Mr. Butler questioned if the homeowner can opt out?

Mr. Menkhaus replied that no, that is currently not an option.

Mr. Creager questioned the billing status of an abandoned house? Mr. Menkhaus answered that it is still billed; after 45 days late water is cut off, account sent to collection agency and/or written off.

Janet Blannon of the Concerned Citizens Group spoke to council re:

1. July Fourth Parade. She hopes that there is no conflict between the Concerned Citizens Group versus the Golf Manor Fire Department; they were trying to help with the parade planning, not take over.
2. Reference message board, can the Concerned Citizens Group put announcements on the message board.

Chief Ballman replied that there is no hard feeling from the Golf Manor Fire Department toward the Concerned Citizens Group.

Mayor Zaffiro stated that he met with the Solicitor and Chief Tilley on March 21, 2008 about the message board. It was agreed that safety messages, meeting dates and times are permitted use. However, "Recreational Events" should be under the direction of the Recreation Commission (currently inactive), which would need to "start back up" with officers, meetings, etc. per the Golf Manor charter.

Chief Ballman added that historically the Golf Manor Recreation Commission put on the parade. When they ceased operations (late 1990's) the Golf Manor Fire Department took over so that there would be a parade. They have been looking to get out of the parade business and are thrilled that the Concerned Citizens Group would be interested in taking over the parade planning.

Mayor Zaffiro also reviewed his "Communication Guidelines for Elected Officials and Volunteer Organizations" memo of July 23, 2007.

Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Newsletter will be out soon. Please submit articles to him.
2. Re: Hamilton County Development Co. proposal for developmental services. Distributed to Councilman Doering and members of Finance Committee.

Councilman Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Mr. Creager reported:

1. He is working with construction company owner's reference equipment abandoned at Graceland and Bremont that needs to be removed.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Tilley reported that he has had 2 cruisers down recently. He will submit a report to the Finance Committee for the request to replace unit 103.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ballman distributed the February 2008 Fire & EMS Response report to Golf Manor Council.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$42,409.30 seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all approved.

Clerk Treasurer Doering stated the importance of meetings being held as scheduled.

Mr. Bidnick requested an executive session after the regular meeting on a matter of personnel.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Faulk:

1. Distributed a packet of information reference the City of Silverton Waste collection contract including Greater Cincinnati Water Works billing. The committee will meet further and report back to council.
2. Reference Pleasant Ridge Montessori School, the proposed principal, Mr. Porter, is retiring before the school is due to open. The LSDMC will meet 4/7/08 to start search for new head.
3. Re: Parks/Memorial & Veterans Park on Losantiville at Ardmore has been proposed. She will research any grant money available.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Councilman Doering reported:

1. Re: Deer Park Construction Project currently no money available from city. Hope is for condos, retail, greenspace, etc. They have applied for grant money.
2. Re: proposed Company or individual to help with Economic Development.
  - A. We have had Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission do the planning, etc.
  - B. We need business brought in and it must be on a commissioned basis for any expense to Golf Manor.

**SOLICITOR:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Re: Waste collection & billing. Mr. Colvin questioned why we need to change. He feels we open "Pandora's Box" – No need to change. No bundle of services is needed.

Mrs. Faulk called point of order, added that the discussion of this topic is still in committee.

Mr. Bidnick suggested spelling out pro's and con's and weighing both sides of the proposal.

Mr. Doering added that the homeowner would have to pay the bill to Greater Cincinnati Water Works or pay the fine (violation of trash ordinance) which would be more to Golf Manor.

Mr. Creager added that if a residence has water service shut off it can't be occupied by current Golf Manor ordinance and Hamilton County Board of Health.

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

Mayor Zaffiro reopened the public meeting.

Being no further business, Mr. Doering made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

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MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

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CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING