

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 12, 2009**

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The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor Alan Zaffiro; Clerk-Treasurer Greg Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-of-Allegiance, the roll was taken with the following members present: Mrs. Dubose, Mr. Bidnick, Mr. Brown, Mr. Colvin and Mr. Doering.

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

Mr. Bidnick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doering to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2008 meeting as corrected, all members approved.

Vivian Kidd of 2942 Mapleleaf Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45213 who owns property in Golf Manor addressed council reference Rumpke and Cincinnati Water Works. She stated that she was unhappy that the property owners were never informed of the combination of the Rumpke bill with that of the Cincinnati Water Works. She had two main questions:

1. Why weren't the property owners informed of the change?
2. Will the property owner be billed for Rumpke if the rental property is unoccupied?

Mayor Zaffiro replied to question two, that yes, the bill will be the same whether the rental property is occupied or not.

Mr. Bidnick replied to question one and stated that it had been discussed at open council meeting (at least 3 to 4 months) before making the decision.

The notices (and the bills) were sent to the residence and added that the bills are broken down Rumpke charges separate from Cincinnati Water Works charges.

Solicitor Butler added that the discussions were held in open council meeting and open committee hearings, along with the fact that the minutes are posted on line at the Golf Manor web site and in the newsletter. Mrs. Kidd replied that not all have computers and/or web access and the notices were mailed to the tenants, not the owners of the property.

**VICE MAYOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR:** No report.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Taylor reported that the new patrol cars are due in about January 31, 2009.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ballman reported:

1. Distributed December 2008 Fire & EMS Response report to Golf Manor Council.
2. Have been notified by the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant that it appears we will receive our request of \$38,000.00 to replace our monitor/defibrillators with new state of the art defibrillators.
3. Requested an Executive Session of council on a matter of Village security after the regular meeting tonight.

**SOLICITOR:**

RESOLUTION 2009-1: Requesting the County Auditor to make advance payment of taxes. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

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

**FINANCE:** Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the final bills for December 2008 in the amount of \$60,477.18, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mr. Bidnick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the bills of January 12, 2009 totaling \$51,975.41, all members approved.

Clerk Treasurer Doering questioned that since we have now paid Rumpke for 3 months service, have we received any payment from Cincinnati Water Works? No, per Mr. Creager, it should be in January 2009.

Mr. Colvin reported on an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer that there is a proposal from Cincinnati Water Works to increase sewage rates by 12%. He will keep council informed.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** No report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Brown reported that they met tonight and discussed among other issues, trash cans being visible from the street, which is in violation of our ordinance.

Mayor Zaffiro added that the NSP program – Jo Anna Brown – has submitted our initial proposal to the county on our behalf. Also, she has identified a non-profit developer to handle this project.

Mrs. Dubose spoke reference planning:

1. HVAC Business at Bremont & Losantiville is still not in compliance with the planning commission directives. Mr. Creager will look into this and report back to council.
2. Sign at Hebrew Day School? Mr. Creager responded that they have been sent a letter, 30 days to comply.
3. Serger's Pony Keg – Closed? Mr. Creager believes that they have moved out. He will see what the owners have in mind for the property.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Zaffiro reported:

Reviewed 2008 accomplishments

- Restructured waste collection and recycling program.
- Cedar Brook repaved; new water main and gas main.
- Community Development Block Grant: \$75,000 awarded for home improvement grants.
- Eddie Taylor appointed as Police Department Chief; two new state-of-the-art cruisers ordered.
- Continued progress and excellence in the fire department.

- Service Director: gaining experience and showing continuing initiative to improve operations and save money.
- More visible and efficient service crew.
- Plugged into county purchasing (Government Cooperation and Efficiency Project): A) Salt, B) Gas, C) Office Supplies.
- Street beautification: Mayflower, Canterbury, parts of Losantiville, Cedarbrook.
- Litter control: inmate work crews.
- Channel 25 and Listo sites redeveloped; bakery purchased with \$285,000 improvements planned.
- Recreation commission restarted.
- Concerned Citizens active.
- Committee structure working: smooth budget process and good financial oversight by the finance committee under Mrs. Dubose, creative and proactive executive committee under Mrs. Faulk (recruited Community Building Institute of Xavier University to help get our stalled economic development program moving again).
- Office staff and police cooperating to enforce state law requiring landlords to report tenant occupancy and to collect delinquent taxes.
- All departments responded to the September storm with extraordinary effort and resourcefulness, especially the service crew.

#### 2009 Agenda

- Continue 2008 programs.
- Get NIC, Wane, CMHA, PD, FD to focus on one area at a time, starting with Stover Manor.
- Develop pocket parks to take advantage of Megan's law.
- Get started redeveloping the pool area in Volunteer Park
- H.O.M.E. housing study.
- Create program to utilize NSP funds.

#### Committee Assignments for 2009

- Fold Economic Development Liaison into Executive Committee.
- Other committee's assignments to remain unchanged.

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

Mayor Zaffiro reopened the public meeting of council.

ORDINANCE 2009-1: An Ordinance Authorizing the Fire Chief to enter into "Point of Disbursing" Agreement.

Motion to read by title and suspend the rules made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No report.

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

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MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

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CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING