

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2009

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, Mrs. Faulk, Mr. Colvin and Mr. Doering.

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

Mr. Colvin apologized for his being late for the Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

VICE MAYOR: Mrs. Dubose reported:

1. Questioned if TAX DR is still in business? Yes, per Mr. Creager, however building is for sale. He will look into just to be sure.
2. Winnebago on lot of Cincinnati Hebrew Day School still, now also a Port-O-Let behind it. Mr. Creager will look into.
3. Sign at Boymel status? Mr. Creager has written order on this.
4. New Janitorial Business – Van is still being parked behind building, needs to be inside building, and needs to conform to all requirements of the planning commission. Mr. Creager is on top of the situation.
5. HVAC Co. – Shed still needs to be corrected. “Working on that also”, per Mr. Creager.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. We have used 35 tons of road salt to date, have ordered 20 more tons, which leaves money for only 20 more tons for the year 2009
2. Sink hole at 6324 Wiehe Road MSD will come out and look at it.

Mr. Colvin questioned broken branch hanging on wires on west side of 6400 block of Wiehe. Mr. Creager replied he will look into this.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Taylor reported that Amberley Village, Hamilton County and the Golf Manor Police Departments worked together to investigate a shooting which occurred in Golf Manor on January 18, 2009. This investigation resulted in:

PRESS RELEASE

Today the Golf Manor Police Department, with assistance from Hamilton County SWAT and Amberley Village Police Department, were able to simultaneously serve search warrants at three (3) homes within the Village of Golf Manor. The warrants were obtained by this department due to a felonious assault and aggravated robbery that occurred on Sunday January 18, 2009 at 1:30 A.M.

Search warrants were served at 6467 Elbrook Avenue, 2609 Losantiville Avenue and 2612 Losantiville Avenue. Officer's recovered two firearms and narcotics, including crack cocaine, ecstasy and marijuana during the execution of the warrants. Robert Wade (20) and Dacier Whatley (20) of Golf Manor were both apprehended and charged with aggravated robbery, felonious assault, trafficking in

drugs, possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia with more charges pending indictment from Grand Jury.

Officer Forrest led the investigation, and it was a great team effort with all involved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman had no report.

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Councilman Doering to the Finance Committee for this meeting. Council had no objections.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Butler reported that:

1. His office is looking into a “collection agency” to collect our outstanding court costs and fines from Mayors Court. Our cost would be zero, as an additional fee would be added to the outstanding fine. If Council so wishes, Mr. Butler will prepare the paperwork for the next meeting. Council had no objection.
2. His motion to quash the subpoenas in the case of Thomas Starks has not been ruled on as yet. He has documents for all to sign and he will let each of us know.

FINANCE: Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$49,070.06, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Mrs. Dubose reported that the Finance Committee met tonight and discussed:

1. Paying about \$1,000.00 to reimburse Golf Manor Police Dept. Officers who purchased vests.
2. Balances for the end of year reports should show positive. Final reports should be forthcoming.
3. Discussed raises vs. additional health care portion to be picked up by employees effective January 1, 2009. All three of these issues will be looked at next meeting when end of year reports are in hand.
4. Discussed June and January health care cost increases – employees would like only one increase.
5. Golf Manor Fire Department is in need of a new squad and a new utility vehicle. These are both budgeted and should come out of levy funds. Chief Ballman will research loan rates and report back.
6. A) Discussed Levy Renewal for November 2009 (plans) ?
B) Budget due into county July 15, 2009 asked department heads for budget requests for 1st meeting in April.
C) Discussed vacation “Pay Out” vs. taking time off.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Reported she met January 23, 2009 with Mayor Zaffiro, Mr. Creager and Ms. Brown reference Non-Profit Developer – additional money could come to us from stimulus package.
Met January 24, 2009 at Xavier University with Mayor Zaffiro for a series of programs put on by the Community Building Institute. Some benefits included: (or under insured) for better rates.
 - 1) “New RX” card for residents of Hamilton County with no insurance.
 - 2) Information on avoiding foreclosures can be obtained at 211 on phone.

- 3) Seminar on jobs – help can be obtained at the Community Action Agency on Langdon Farm Road.

Mayor Zaffiro added:

1. The seminars were very worthwhile and he made several good contacts.
2. Seminar on HUD/Section 8 was controversial. Jo Anna Brown, our housing planner is looking into grant money from HUD to Golf Manor.
3. Housing Committee met January 26, 2009.
4. First meeting of Park and Pool task force will be February 11, 2009.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

SAFETY & HEALTH: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Doering reported:

1. RE: Trash containers. When they are visible from the street, they are in violation of our ordinance. What path should we take about this? Motion to refer to executive committee made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.
2. Re: Fuel Surcharge on Court fines. Should we do as some other communities are doing, or adjust our fine schedule. Solicitor Butler reminded Council that the fine schedule was adjusted in June 2008. Chief Taylor added that gas prices have gone down since we first discussed this. Idea tabled.
3. Re: Conservation. Motion sensors have been installed in some rooms in Village Hall. Great start. However, we still need to work on vehicle idling policy/procedure and roof paint project status.

Mr. Creager will look into additional sensors and roof paint.

Chief Taylor replied that his officers have been told to turn vehicles off when possible.

Chief Ballman added that cars need to be warmed up at time (e.g. temps in single digits). Also, the computers in the vehicles are “battery killers”; cars must be run to keep battery charged up. Golf Manor Fire Dept. is aware of it and they are doing what they can when they can.

Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. RE: 1st Suburbs Consortium. Invoice for \$250.00/yr. is due. Motion to refer to finance made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.
2. RE: Regional Planning Commission. Invoice for \$690.00/yr. is due. In past years we have either ignored or asked for reduction. Clerk-Treasurer Doering suggested that Mayor send a letter asking for a reduction or waiver of dues. Mr. Creager added that the RPC is worthwhile to our village. Motion to refer to finance made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

3. RE: Planning Commission. Mayor asked that they look into amending the zoning code to ban outdoor vending machines. Motion to refer to Planning made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

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