

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 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 all members present except Mr. Brown.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to excuse Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mr. Colvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Colvin to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting as written, all members approved.

Mr. Clay Mardis of 6410 Hammel Avenue addressed council reference Notice of Violation to him for violating the "Tall Grass Ordinance".

Complaints:

1. **Receipt of a "Notice of Violation" form that lacked any proper identification or appearance of an official government document.**
2. **The Code Enforcement Agent 800 phone number on the notice that I called refused to properly identify themselves.**
3. **The use of outside private industry firms for the issuance and enforcement of ordinances and laws.**
4. **Having a Village Ordinance that permit abatement of violations resulting in tax liens, other cost to a resident and subject to criminal penalties, without any notification to the resident of a violation, as stated on the form I received, I believe to be illegal, and I believe residents of this community would also object to. This ordinance should be repealed.**
5. **The use of Village tax revenues in what appears to be, or should be, the illegal hiring of outside private firms to enforce law, and very possibly inefficient use of tax dollars. A full investigation is needed on the use of funds.**

Mayor Zaffiro responded that outside hiring is legal and cost efficient.

Mr. Butler added in response to #4 that the "Notice of Violation", which was posted on his property, was also attached to the packet he submitted to Council, so he was properly and legally notified.

Council agreed that the N.I.C. form could be more professional looking and the phone number should be properly answered and identified.

Mrs. Cindy Beringhaus addressed Council reference Recreation Commission Finances.

1. She reported as a representative of the Recreation Commission that they have put \$300.00 into the General Fund, and they need about \$200.00 to put on the Fourth of July Parade and festivities. After discussion and looking at options, the best course of action is for her to submit the bills to the Village and they would be reimbursed, if they were unable to find vendors who were willing to bill the Village.
2. Three members of the Recreation Committee whose term is expiring need to be reappointed.

3. Invited members of Council who are running for reelection to participate in the parade.

Mayor Zaffiro reported that N.I.C. is out in the Village and doing their job. They are providing a good service to our community.

VICE MAYOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Dubose reported that the:

1. Planning Commission met on May 9, 2009 to hear an appeal of property maintenance code violations at 6111 and 6119 Stover Avenue. The property owner responded to the number of violations N.I.C. enforced and after discussion the Commission voted to allow the property owners more time to be compliant.
2. Finance Committee met May 18, 2009 to:
 - A. Review final financial reports for the year ended 12/31/08. Concerns of under collection and over spending were reviewed.
 - B. Requested of department heads to reduce their 2010 budget requests by \$35,000.00.
 - C. Met with representatives of Rumpke & Greater Cincinnati Water Works to discuss figures, billings and payments. We are still waiting on a form (statement) from Greater Cincinnati Water Works. They should be current and accurate by the June billing.
 - D. Scheduled a special meeting of the Finance Committee for June 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM to review budgets.
 - E. A public hearing will be held at 7:15 PM on June 22, 2009.

FINANCE: Mr. Bidnick made a motion to approve the bills of May 25, 2009 totaling \$50,181.70, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the bills of June 8, 2009 totaling \$89,105.16, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. Bremont bids were opened, suggested bid of Adleta at \$1,243,969.40. Concrete costs are about \$60,000.00 higher than asphalt, with longer years of service. Work should start about August 1, 2009.
2. N.I.C. cited 5 properties for tall grass, and condemned properties on Vera (2), Stover (3) and St. Albans (1).
3. Audit of our books is in action.
4. Our request of grant money for LED traffic lights and Kellerman rehabilitation work was denied.
5. Re: H.I.G.P. Sent letters out to those who qualified, about \$22,000.00 out of \$25,000.00 will be used.
6. Re: Greater Cincinnati Water Works/Rumpke Meeting. We are still waiting on paperwork.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Taylor reported:

May statistics
589 Details
3456 Miles on cars

Our officers spent 106 hours in court downtown. Officer Van Cleve completed evidence technician training.

Officer Rump was in the class today.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman reported:

1. Distributed March 2009 Fire & EMS Response report to Council. May was a very busy month.

Mrs. Dubose questioned a fire hydrant leaking on St. Albans. Chief Ballman will look into. Work order submitted.

2. Has advertised for bids for the Monitor/Defibrillator. Specs were sent to interested parties. Bids will be opened on June 18, 2009.
3. Have asked Mr. King for pro bono help with a grant opportunity (STIMULUS FUNDS) for improving facilities in fire houses. We hope to apply for these Federal Funds.
4. Requested of Solicitor a resolution for "Building Maintenance Payment", which is an annual expense which increased "652.00 over 2008 expense.

SOLICITOR:

RESOLUTION 2009-11: Adleta / Bremont. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2009-12: Surplus Property. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2009-13: Abatement of Nuisances. 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.

RESOLUTION 2009-14: Building Maintenance. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

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

ORDINANCE 2009-8: Vacating Alley. Second reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

ORDINANCE 2009-3: Recreation by Laws. Third reading. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Made a motion to expend \$200.00 for the Recreation Commission “petty cash” fund, seconded by Mr. Doering.

After discussion, Mrs. Faulk rescinded her motion.

2. Mrs. Faulk made a motion to reappoint
 - Ruby Bean
 - Jerry Beringhaus
 - Cindy Beringhausfor three year terms to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.
3. Mrs. Faulk reported that a second round of neighborhood stabilization program may become available, Mayor will keep us posted.
4. We received a grant for a developer packet, but our match cost would be \$1250.00, which we don't have. We will look at all options to make this happen.
5. Will be meeting June 19, 2009 at 3 PM with Mr. Picket Slater Harrington, reference Intern.
6. Re: LSDMC – done for 2008-2009 school year, workshop scheduled for June 29 & June 30 in preparation for 2009-2010 school year.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Colvin stated we have a problem with children playing/riding bikes in streets. Can we put on cable? Yes, and Golf Manor Police Department will keep up on it.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Doering reported on a program currently utilized by the City of Cincinnati (vacant property fee) which allows the city to impose a fee of \$600.00 per year to help offset the cost of services provided to vacant properties. Mr. Butler has a copy, will research with the City of Cincinnati Solicitor's office and report back to council or appropriate committee. Mr. Doering made a motion to refer to the Solicitor's office to research, seconded by Mrs. Faulk. During discussion, Mrs. Dubose suggested someone other than the solicitor (paid) could look into this idea. Mr. Bidnick additionally suggested the findings go before the Finance Committee along with the Executive Committee. After further discussion, Mr. Doering rescinded his motion.

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