

## **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 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 all members present.

Mr. Bidnick made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Faulk to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2009 as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro congratulated the top vote getters, both newly elected (Steve Gilbert and Elaine Moscovitz) and those re-elected (Brian Doering and Lloyd G. Brown), pending official results from the Board of Elections.

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

1. He is checking the weekly NIC reports.
  - 69 open cases
  - 1200 violations Year to Date (many are on same property and/or repeat offenders)
  - 3 citations in progress
  - 2 in court
  - 1 in foreclosure
  - 49 notified/pending future actions
  - 12 being monitored (extension)
  - 2 being researched

These include unlicensed vehicles, roofs, paint, gutters, sign, fire damage, tall grass, and trash/debris.

Mr. Bidnick reported on the dedication of the Rosedale-Wyland Building Education Center on Losantiville Avenue. 50-70 people attended this event on October 25, 2009 including Mayor Zaffiro, Congressman Driehaus, City of Cincinnati Councilmen Berding and Harris. A reception was held afterwards at the Cincinnati Hebrew Day School. A good time was had by all.

Mayor Zaffiro attended the Liberty Elm Recognition Presentation on October 25, 2009 at French Park (attached).

Mayor Zaffiro spoke on the subject of council attendance. We have had to miss a few meetings due to no quorum (4 members) to open the meeting. We have 6 members elected to represent the citizens of Golf Manor and they rightfully expect regular attendance at all meetings.

New rules of order: Do not call the Mayor nor the Service Director, if you will be absent contact a fellow council person so that he/or she can make a motion to excuse you for whatever the reason, have the motion seconded, debate the motion, and finally vote on the motion. Attendance will be published in the newsletter, on the web site and on cable.

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

1. Bremont project is moving along. Losantiville to Graceland will be finished, and then we may need to stop for the winter.

2. Re: Road Salt. We will be able to order as needed, about 40 tons per delivery.
3. Leaf pick up is about 1 day behind.
4. Newsletter should have “week of” instead of just “November 9”.
5. Pocket Park – we were awarded the grant and have received “Go Ahead” letter.
6. Distributed an article on Pennsauken, N.J. “Creating a Warm Welcome for All”

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Taylor reported:

1. October totals: 468 calls – 3094 miles  
September totals: 519 calls – 2095 miles
2. Major disturbance on Stover Avenue, November 8, 2009 after dark. Numerous arrests for disorderly conduct and inciting a riot.
3. With grant money, we have upgraded to 40 caliber weapons, all of our officers have qualified with new weapons.
4. Reviewed security within building – suggestion of “off site” server was made.
5. RE: Officer Rump. Back up for Chief Taylor as ante-terrorism officer. He is off to New Mexico (not at our expense – Federal Funded) for training which he can share.
6. Re: Part Time Officer Wallace, currently on leave, was hurt on his full-time job. We are looking at (27) applications and will be hiring a part time officer to help out especially during vacations/holidays.
7. Reviewed back one year of Mayor’s Court Receipts. All investigated and funds distributed. Totals are;  
1/09 - \$2,610.00  
2/09 - \$5,930.00  
3/09 - \$8,610.00  
4/09 - \$6,175.00  
5/09 - \$8,505.00  
6/09 - \$5,240.00  
7/09 - \$5,816.00  
8/09 - \$5,675.00  
9/09 - \$4,700.00  
10/09 - \$3,890.00

Motion to approve made by Mr. Colvin, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ballman reported:

1. Simulator training trailer was in the park area for the month of October and used for training.
2. Norwood Moose Lodge: Program of stuffed animals for kids, have given a supply to Golf Manor Fire Department. More when needed.
3. Distributed September and October Fire & EMS Response reports to Council.
4. We had an arson fire at 2667 Losantiville, investigation continues. Concern with boarded up buildings and buildings which should be

boarded up. He has contacted NIC, if condemned it needs to be razed as soon as allowable by law.

Per Solicitor, it is still a time consuming process.

Chief Ballman added that the mortgage company is being uncooperative. He is working with Mr. Creager, NIC and the insurance company.

5. It is the time of year for hydrant inspection and repairs if necessary. Bills may be forthcoming.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the bills of October 26, 2009 totaling \$157,933.43, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Mr. Doering made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, to approve the bills of November 9, 2009 in the amount of \$49,577.77, all members approved.

Mrs. Dubose reported that the cell phone bill in a previous month was rather high because we purchased new phones at full list price, the rebate will be coming to us in the future, net cost of \$17.95/phone.

**SOLICITOR:** No report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Has an invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Reception at Woodward High School on November 23, 2009 from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM. If interested, let her know ASAP for RSVP.
2. Distributed a flyer on Free Training from the Greater Cincinnati Occupational Health Center (Copy Attached).
3. Attended the Cintas Seminar – very interesting and informative sessions. Ideas included community gardens and Town Square Development.
4. Met with our intern, Lauren Brady on November 13, 2009 to tie up all information.

Mrs. Dubose:

1. Questioned temporary signs being put on poles throughout the Village (ex: “Sell your home in 9 days”.)  
Per Chief Taylor, they will be removed by Officers of the Golf Manor Police Department.
2. On Losantiville at Bremont, the “Do Not Enter” sign needs to be relocated correctly. Mr. Creager will research what is needed to be done.

Mr. Bidnick questioned the “No Parking” signs on Vera, seems to be old and faded. Per Mr. Creager, we are replacing the signs as we do the street reconstruction.

Mrs. Faulk attended a meeting with the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Congressman Driehaus, Reverend Damon Lynch, Jr. and others at Integrity Hall in Bond Hill. The hope is to organize church and civic groups to urge lenders to restructure loans and the government to hold banks accountable.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Zaffiro thanked the voters of Golf Manor for exercising their civic duty to vote on Election Day. Official results should be within 30 days.

Mrs. Dubose offered to head the Employee Appreciation Project, same as years past. Solicitor will prepare legislation.

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