

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 26, 2010**

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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, Mrs. Faulk, Ms. Moscovitz, Mr. Doering and Mr. Gilbert.

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

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Ms. Moscovitz to the Finance Committee for this meeting, Council had no objection.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget as written, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 Council Meeting as corrected, seconded by Ms. Moscovitz, all members approved.

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

1. Will do a "walk-thru" with himself, NIC, Chief Taylor and any other members of Council on Friday, July 30, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Streets will be especially Wiehe and Mayflower, but not limited.
2. Re: Pool Area. He met with Mr. Creager and Mr. King and with their help will prepare a bid for demo and review of the contract with American Tower.
3. Enforcement of Zoning Issues.
  - Applicants seem to be taking advantage of us.
  - Will meet with Golf Manor Police Department for help with citation stage of enforcement.

**VICE MAYOR:** Mrs. Faulk reported that the property at 6000 Elbrook Avenue still has not been cut (it is in the City of Cincinnati). She will call Councilman Wendell Young of Cincinnati City Council for his additional help (Health Dept. also contacted) and after this property, work on other properties for example Yosemite and Langdon Farm.

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

1. He has returned from a week's vacation.
2. Bid specs for the Stover Avenue project including some asbestos, will go out after being reviewed by Solicitor. The specs will include removal of asbestos and demo of structures.
3. Re: Pony Keg Property. Bids have gone out for asbestos removal and demo of the structure. This should be under \$25,000.00.
4. RFQ for the NP-2 Funds are being written, will be reviewed and then we advertise for quality contractors.
5. Grants for Home Improvement Project going slow, will prepare packets for distribution during Friday's walk.
6. Tractor Trailers have been removed with the help of the Golf Manor Police Dept. from the Flea Market parking lot.
7. Sign on Bremont at Losantiville. Still need to get to.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Taylor reported:

1. Truck owners of trailers (parked at Flea Market) have been contacted and consequences explained.
2. Re: Buildings being occupied without permits. Talked to tenants, questions involved landscaping, will meet with Mr. Creager for direction.
3. Re: Golf Manor Police Dept. Chief's vehicle.
  - Fender rusting out, about \$700.00 repair.
  - Has over 100,000 miles on it.
4. Re: Reports to Council. Problem with personal information being on report (can't publish) – currently not available, but still working on project.

Ms. Moscovitz gave example of Wilder, Ky., who distributes breakdown of incidents and runs of Police Dept.

5. Distributed to Council brochure on classes for Officers. Costs can be up to \$200.00.

Ms. Moscovitz questioned a tractor trailer parked on Bremont Avenue. Per Chief Taylor a citation was issued.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** No report.

**SOLICITOR:**

RESOLUTION 2010-20: Surplus Property (Blazer). Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

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

**FINANCE:** No report.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief Ballman distributed a proposal to place the Golf Manor Fire Levy on the November, 2010 ballot as a replacement (attached).

Councilman Doering asked Chief Ballman to speak (explain) his proposal. After explanation Councilman Doering added that as much as he does not like additional taxes, we must retain the current service level of our Fire Department. He applauded the pro-active action of the Fire Chief. Mrs. Dubose thanked Chief Ballman and added.

1. We need to be pro-active.
2. We lose no funds if it should fail.
3. Golf Manor has no other Levy on ballot this year.

Ms. Moscovitz asked why we have to rush into this instead explore all options and put it on ballot in May.

Solicitor responded that it could cost additional funds to have a special election in May ( if there was no primary) and added that if passed in 2010 we would see funds in 2011, if passed in May, 2011 we would not see funds until 2012.

She added that our millage is currently higher than the City of Cincinnati and that the values of the homes will decrease. Chief Ballman added that our levies have been passed by our citizens and that our services are much better than the City of Cincinnati has to offer.

Clerk-Treasurer Doering added:

1. The General Fund can not subsidize the Fire Levy Funds if it becomes in the red, as there is no money (2011= \$250 in the black).
2. Let the voters decide – if it doesn't pass, then look at other options.
3. If we do nothing and don't increase Golf Manor Fire Dept. funds, all we could do is a layoff, which would result in non-compliance with other communities we have contracts with. If we lose those contracts we would as a Village be in dire straits.

Mr. Gilbert was divided on the issue:

- Wanted to wait until May 2011, but
- Did not realize that would cost more
- Did not realize it would delay receipts 1 year
- Wants to put it on ballot in 2010 so we do not have 2 levies on in 2011 (May & November)
- Our millage is higher than communities such as Amberley Village, but due to valuations, our taxes are probably less than theirs.
- Let voters decide on this tough issue
- \$36.00 on a \$100,000 home – most of our homes are probably valued at less than \$100,000, so the cost would be less than \$36.00 more.

Mrs. Faulk added:

- No one wants to raise taxes, but to get the services we have, we must.
- Favors November, 2010 over May, 2011.

RESOLUTION 2010-21: Request Auditor to certify figures for replacement of 6 MIL Fire Dept. Levy.

Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Faulk, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Motion to pass made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, roll call vote:

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| Mrs. Dubose – Yes  | Mr. Doering – Yes | Mrs. Faulk – Yes |
| Ms. Moscovitz – No | Mr. Gilbert – Yes |                  |

Motion passes 4-1.

Council set a special meeting for July 28, 2010 at 8:00 PM to review proposed replacement levy.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$22,411.47, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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