

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

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. Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2010 as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Requested the Solicitor to contact Metro about the sign code as a reminder.
2. Requested the Solicitor to research if the businesses in the Strip Mall are individual or one unit when going before Planning Commission.
3. Spoke with Lisa Caldwell of NIC to
 - a) Canvass business district, especially vacant properties, for code compliance and
 - b) Observe / review fence on Vera Avenue which is 6' tall and falling down.
 - c) RE: Andy Dobson – has found no data base entity which lists how Property Maintenance Codes are enforced by municipality. Solicitor Butler added that this information could be found on line. Mrs. Faulk added that her Executive Committee could research this by (phone). Mayor Zaffiro said he would also discuss this with his peers at the next First Suburbs meeting.

VICE MAYOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Faulk reported that the newsletter deadline is Friday, September 17, 2010. She requested any and all input ASAP.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. NSP Phase I contract for demo of (3) buildings on Stover Avenue will be discussed tonight. Building #4 (of 5) is in process, however building #5 (of 5) is not in process and he may require the help of the Solicitor.
2. NSP Phase II. RFQ bids being reviewed by County.
3. Re: Pony Keg demo. Corrections / additions for demo specs to go out for bid on Phase I and Phase II.
4. Working on a grant for Losantiville Avenue resurfacing through the Ohio Department of Public Works.

Councilman Doering thanked Mr. Creager for the removal of both surplus property Police Department cars from the parking lot.

5. We have received a check from ODNR for the work done on Puthoff Park.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Taylor reported:

1. August totals:
 - 544 runs
 - Patrol miles in vehicles = 2,705.
2. Mayor's Court totals:
 - Collected - \$10,252.00
 - Deposited into General Fund - \$ 6,585.00

Motion to approve made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Doering requested that the Police Clerk meet with the Village Clerk to figure out the correct amount of Mayor's Court collections. Chiefs' report to council, Police Department Clerk's report to me, and cash revenue report are all different amounts – please straighten out and report back to me and / or Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman was ill and excused from this meeting.

SOLICITOR:

RESOLUTION 2010-24: Water Contract. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2010-25: Contract with Evans to demo Stover. 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, all members approved.

ORDINANCE 2010-6: Contract with Ohio PWC. Motion to suspend rules made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

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

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

FINANCE: No report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Committee met September 13, 2010.
2. Cost of yellow curb painting would exceed \$3,300 and the committee feels it would be cost prohibitive and recommended no. Hopes to put an article in the newsletter explaining parking rules / regulations / ordinances.
3. Mayor Zaffiro presented a proposal for the pool area demolition, cost of \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 and improvement of the area at a cost of over \$40,000.00. The committee was not in favor of selling the cell tower as a funding source, preferring to look at other sources such as Block Grant Money, Nature Works Grants, or anything else we can find.

Mayor Zaffiro added that he will contact State Senator Kerney's office and will bring ideas back to the entire Council.

4. Cancelled the Executive Committee meeting of October 11, 2010. Mayor Zaffiro requested the Solicitor to bring in a copy of the contract for the cell tower for Council to review and explain why the amount of income to the Village does not increase with additional "tenants" on the cell tower.

Brian Starner of 2676 Fair Oaks Lane addressed Council reference Public Schools. He owns property in Golf Manor and wanted to speak on the possibility of redistricting out of Cincinnati Public Schools.

- There are better ranked schools around us rather than those in Cincinnati Public Schools.
- Currently there are 40 homes for sale in Golf Manor and another 20 unoccupied.
- We pay highest taxes (according to Cincinnati Enquirer Article) because of the amount of our property taxes (about 67%) which goes to the Cincinnati Public Schools, and don't have control of the schools.
- This won't be an easy task, but it is what the people (tax payers) want.
- It would take 25% of the voters to put it on the ballot.
- Amberley Village is also interested.
- Web Site has been developed FORBETTERSCHOOLS.ORG FOR AMBERLEY VILLAGE AND GOLF MANOR

Mr. Gilbert questioned if the other school district would accept us? Mr. Starner replied "YES", they have no reason not to, especially when they now offer open enrollment. Mr. Starner added that we currently pay the highest tax rate in Hamilton County but get the lowest rated / ranked schools in the County, Cincinnati Public.

Mayor Zaffiro added that currently, Council Members as individual private concerned citizens can contact Mr. Starner, but as a Council we have no endorsement.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2010-5: Amending Penalty for Nuisances & Littering. Second reading. Motion to table made by Mr. Brown. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to pass for second reading made by Mrs. Faulk, seconded by Mr. Doering.

Mrs. Faulk spoke on the ordinance as being needed; Mr. Doering stated that it is about accountability.

Roll call vote follows:

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

Motion passes 5-1.

Mr. Butler requested an Executive Session on a matter of personnel.

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

Mayor Zaffiro reconvened the open meeting.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$61,223.39, seconded by Mr. Brown, all members approved.

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