

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor, Dennis Puthoff; Clerk Treasurer, Gregory Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-of-Allegiance, the roll was taken with all members present.

Ms. Chaney made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2001 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Burke, all members approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Hughes read a letter received from CINergy on the subject of us not having a "California-like crisis". (Copy attached to original notes)

POLICE CHIEF/ SERVICE DIRECTOR: In Mr. Tilley's absence, Mayor Puthoff read his report to council:

1. Monthly Police Department reports – attached to original notes.
2. Mr. Tim King, Village Engineer – Attached is the requested response on what Mr. King did for the four- (4) hours pay in December 2000.
3. YMCA Proposal – Submitted for your review is the 2001 proposal from the Blue Ash YMCA. Mr. Tilley recommended the eleven - (11) week program.
4. YMCA Flyer - a preliminary draft of the proposed flyer was submitted.
5. Street Cleanliness – We have just received a new set of brushes for the street broom. Weather permitting, the broom should be out by the end of next week or early the week after. Additionally, I have contacted the Hamilton County Probation Department to send a large crew to begin picking up trash on all of the streets. They will complete several streets a day until the entire village has been picked up. The actual date has not been set.
6. Street Repair – I am utilizing \$14,400.00 of the Municipal Road Fund money for the following areas to be repaired: 6334 Mayflower – 55 sq. yds, 6402 Mayflower – 138 sq. yds., 6430 Mayflower – 78 sq. yds., 6401 Graceland – 42 sq. yds., 6072 Yosemite – 7 sq. yds.
7. Vera Storm drains – as of Monday, February 5th; all but two (2) storm drains have been repaired.

Mayor Puthoff reported that the Mayor's Monthly Statement for January 2001 was \$7,835.00. Ms. Chaney made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hessler, all members approved.

Mayor Puthoff announced that our tax commissioner, Mrs. Kirschner, would be on a 2-month leave of absence due to illness.

Mayor Puthoff reported that there is in the 2001 budget \$22,000.00 for a new police cruiser. Lt. Moore and Officer Campbell researched a proposed lease of 3 year, \$7,475.26 per year, with a \$1.00 buy out after the 3 years. Council was very much in favor of this option.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Ballman, excused by Mayor Puthoff because of the extraordinary events of today, submitted a written report that Lt. Harper has fully recovered from his burns and is back to work and duty.

SOLICITOR: No report.

STREETS/BUILDINGS: Mr. Creager submitted:

1. The annual report for the year 2000.
2. The monthly report for the month of January, 2001.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

RECREATION: No report.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Ms. Chaney reported that she has spoken to Sally Hilver of Queen City Metro, the Access bus **HAS NOT** been discontinued in the Village of Golf Manor. That was just a rumor. Ms. Chaney will follow up with Hamilton County Commissioners about Access busses.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS: Mr. Hessler questioned if our re-named streets are correct on new maps such as Street Guide and Yellow Pages maps. Yes, per Mr. Tilley.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Zaffiro met with some businesses reference-revitalizing plan. Block Video is interested in property to the west of his current location. He is in need of a cost figure for a starting point.

Hamilton County Development has started work on the analyses for marketing the Village and will report back to council.

Mr. Burke questioned when the dead-end of Engelwood was paved last and if that contractor would be responsible for the current condition of it, as it is starting to deteriorate. It has been a few years, per Mr. Tilley, and contractor is not responsible after one year per Mayor Puthoff.

Mr. Burke also noted there is mud and debris on Fair Oaks at Bremont (construction site). Village Administrator will call responsible party on this issue.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Mr. Zaffiro would like to meet February 16, 2001 with Mr. Tilley to discuss brick project in park. Mr. Tilley asked to push this meeting back, will work with Mr. Zaffiro on a date.

OMBUDSMAN: Mr. Burke reported that he is happy we are looking at a new cruiser and has had favorable report on the Hamilton County Communications Center for our dispatching.

Mayor Puthoff mentioned an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer (February 11, 2001) which referred to the Sunshine Dancers, who have met and danced in our hall for years.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Chaney made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$59,325.93, seconded by Mr. Burke, all members approved.

Ms. Chaney reported that the Finance Committee would meet February 21, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Tilley will put on the cable.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Zaffiro spoke reference the zoning code, questioned business upkeep of property, which in many cases is not being done.

Mr. Burke suggested a letter be sent to the business owner suggesting clean up of the property. Mayor will look into this with the help of Mr. Tilley and Mr. Creager.

We have received complaints from citizens about an apartment at 1900 Losantiville – trash and fire debris all over the front yard. This building is located in the City of Cincinnati, not Golf Manor, but the rubbish has been cleaned up and put at curbside for pickup.

Mr. Tilley spoke to council on a budget issue. He agrees with the finance committee, the maintenance dept. must be reduced in salaries by two employees for him to balance his budget. He wishes to meet with the maintenance dept. along with the Mayor, Solicitor and at least 1 member of finance committee.

Mr. Burke stated that the 2 junior (lowest in seniority) be laid off.

Mr. Zaffiro favored an increased severance, stating that the 3 younger employees will be able to do more work than the 3 older employees will. Also, savings on 3 lower versus 3 higher salaries.

Mr. Hughes suggested that the 2 senior members be laid off to save the Village of Golf Manor money.

Mr. Butler questioned what plan we have for a severance package.

Mr. Burke states he is not opposed to a small severance package.

Mayor Puthoff feels he needs legal council direction and needs to research a severance package.

Mr. Tilley addressed council on the subject of the pool. The plan from the YMCA, which he favors, is an 11-week program at a cost to the Village of \$42,240.00. Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve this proposal, seconded by Mr. Zaffiro, all members approved.

Mr. Tilley addressed council on the subject of the hiring of an additional police officer, as was brought up initially in October 1998. He would like us to hire one additional full time officer through the COPS program grant. U.S. Government would pay \$25K/year for 3 years. This would eliminate all part time police officers and would reduce the amount of overtime we have now.

He will bring the specifics to the finance committee meeting on February 21, 2001.

Mayor Puthoff distributed the 2001 committee assignments to council.

Ms. Chaney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Chachoff, all members approved.