

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2005**

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

Mr. Colvin made a motion to excuse Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

Ms. Dubose made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mayor Alan Zaffiro reported:

1. Mayor Zaffiro announced the following committee assignments.

?? FINANCE:

Chairman – Mr. Colvin

Members - Dr. Morton

Ms. Phillips-Young

?? STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

Chairman – Mr. Brown

Co-Chair – D r. Morton

?? SAFETY AND HEALTH:

Chairman – Mr. Puthoff

?? EDUCATION:

Chairperson – Ms. Phillips-Young

Dr. Morton made a motion to nominate Brenda Dubose as Vice-Mayor, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

2. Mayor reported that Time-Warner is giving us a grant of up to \$5,000.00 to replace the old, outdated equipment on our message board (date not Y2K).
3. Next issue of our newsletter will go to the publisher within two weeks.
4. Held customer service training on January 14, 2005 for entire staff. Special thanks to Mr. Chuck Kohl for his assistance with this project.

VICE MAYOR'S REPORT: Ms. Dubose reported:

1. She has contacted the Mayor reference the snow of January 20, 2005. We need to plow heavy snow, not just salt snow covered main streets. Mayor will follow up with maintenance department.
2. Trash container at Losantiville and Elbrook is overflowing. Do we need more containers or bigger containers or more frequent pick up of trash? Per mayor, larger receptacles will be here soon; also, some homeowners are using them for their own use.

POLICE CHIEF/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Tilley reported:

1. Snow Emergency Definitions – Attached.
2. Police Court Time FY 04 – The police department spent a total of 650 hours in court last year with a total expenditure of \$21,278.00.
3. Blight Study for Stover Avenue – The study is progressing and the walk through with McBride, Dale and Clarion is scheduled for Thursday, January 27.
4. Police Department Training – On Tuesday, the 25th, and Thursday, the 27th, all police officers of the department will be involved in training for “Weapons of Mass Destruction”. With the successful completion of this

course the police department will be receiving protective suits from the federal government, which will be delivered in the near future.

5. Mandated Sign Changes – The federal government has mandated specific sign changes for certain traffic signs within a community. At the present time we will be required to change street name signs, and certain directional signs that are reflective and a minimum of 9” in height. I am researching prices at the present time.
6. New Copier – The village has been able to replace its five-year-old copier with a brand new, more advanced copier, at a cost that is less than what we have been paying. The police clerk was assigned this task, and did an outstanding job. To control the use of the copier, each department will be assigned a code so they may operate the machine. With this I will be able to maintain a record of use, and control the supply of paper.

Police Department:

1. On 1/22/05, Officer Taylor was involved in a traffic accident while on duty. Officer Taylor was not injured in the accident. The accident occurred during icy conditions, causing Officer Taylor to slide into the path of an oncoming car. The cruiser he was driving, unit 101 sustained approximately \$3,900.00 in damage to the front end of the unit and is now inoperable. This leaves the police department with only 1 functioning police cruiser as we are still awaiting delivery of the new cruiser set to replace unit 298 which is no longer equipped. Due to this fact, the K9 unit has been taken out of service and the vehicle is being left at the police department as an emergency stand-by car.
2. On 01/23/05 a home invasion robbery occurred at 6020 Stover Avenue. During the incident, two subjects wearing ski masks, entered the apartment, and stole electronics and cash. One suspect was armed with a semi-automatic pistol. The second suspect was armed with a sawed-off shotgun. There were four teen residents home at the time of this offense.

Mayor Zaffiro added that he will meet with Mr. Tilley about Streetscape project, which is far behind schedule.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman reported.

1. Insurance Services of Ohio will be reviewing Golf Manor Fire Department in June. Insurance rates for Home & Property owners are based on this review. We are currently a 4 on a 1-10 scale, with 1 being highest score, and hope to do better.

FINANCE: Mr. Colvin made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$31,125.50 seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Mr. Zaffiro reported Mr. Tilley and Mr. Donnellon will meet with our magistrate, Mr. Williams, reference complaints on the handling of Mayor’s Court and report back to council.

SOLICITOR: No report.

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Brown reported:

1. He met on January 12, 2005 with our engineer, Mr. King along with Mr. Creager, Mr. Tilley, Mayor Zaffiro and Dr. Morton and discussed methods of street repair and/or replacement. Possible alternatives include:

?? Road Levy

?? Borrowing

?? Grant Funding

2. Distributed 2005 Municipal Index Product Information Card to council.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Zaffiro:

1. Distributed copies of letter to Queen City Metro reference billboards.
2. Entertained a motion to endorse the Greater Ohio Action Agenda. Ms. Phillips-Young made a motion to support this, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.
3. Reviewed 2005 Council Agenda. This is a point of reference for our goals for year 2005 and beyond.

Ms. Dubose questioned status of former Bakery Building. Per Chief Ballman, there has been some deception on the part of the tenants, one story to Building Inspector, another to Golf Manor Fire Department, still another to Hamilton County engineer. All work is currently stopped. Council will be kept informed.

Chief Ballman reported that he has requested the solicitor's help with working with the Hamilton County Building Department reference Old Flea Market Building/Property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Len Mitzman addressed council:

1. To ask about old popcorn machines which were property of old Golf Manor Recreation Commission? He knows of organization that would repair them and put to use.
2. Masonic Lodge – Ethel Mitzman scholarship program. Could he put on cable and/or newsletter?
Yes per Mayor Zaffiro.
3. Masonic Lodge has given a donation in Ethel Mitzman's name to the Golf Manor Fire Department.

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

MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING