

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

September 26, 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.

Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2005 meeting as corrected, seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Newsletter will be out shortly, including an article about leaf pick up, which will begin the third week of October.
2. Received a call from Reverend Gerald Freeman on September 21, 2005. He plans to develop the property at 2237 Losantiville into Dominion Life Community Church and also develop the property at 2290 Losantiville (Old Valvoline Oil) into a florist and parking for both projects. Both proposed developments need to come before the Planning Commission for approval. Also, both planned developments need to be approved by Golf Manor Fire Dept. and all fire codes adhered to.
3. Reference loitering at UDF. Spoke with UDF's Chief of Security and their legal department will develop sign verbiage to be posted against loitering on UDF property.
4. September 22, 2005 met with Mr. McKenzie of National Inspection Corp., who provides services our current building dept. does for our village. This is important to us because Mr. Creager may move into Village Administration position if/when Mr. Tilley goes to full time Police Chief only. They will send us a quote for services.
5. Met with Potterhill Homes reference Stover Avenue area. They have interest in the properties.
6. Contacted Dan Dumas, Community Development Director for Hamilton County, to question Federal Funds for this project. Because of relocation costs, this would not be feasible for Golf Manor. We will apply for Community Development Funds during this cycle. Economic Development money is tied to Urban Renewal Plans. Communities with Urban Renewal Plans would be eligible for these funds.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Tilley reported:

1. Through the efforts of Kristine Wocher we have obtained a \$25,000.00 grant from O.A.C.P. We will acquire 3 computers, 3 printers, 3 years of service, etc.
2. Salt Bids will be opened October 3, 2005 at noon.
3. 1st Block Grant hearing October 10, 2005 at 7:15 PM.
4. 2nd Block Grant hearing October 24, 2005 at 7:15 PM.
5. There have been 2 robberies in the last 2 weeks, both using "Fake" guns. Arrests have been made in 1 robbery and a suspect in the other. Also, graffiti problem in Golf Manor. Officers have made arrests.

Mr. Puthoff questioned our ordinance against trees being planted in area between street and sidewalk, now that we have done that on Losantiville Avenue. Solicitor Butler will look into what can be done, possibly a variance.

Mayor Zaffiro added an article on the new junk car ordinance will be in newsletter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman was excused from this meeting due to illness.

FINANCE: Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$36,825.64, seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.

SOLICITOR: No report.

SAFETY & HEALTH: Mr. Puthoff reported:

1. A large roll of rubber has caved in our fence at park. He believes Thamen Rubber Co. is responsible. Mr. Tilley will look into this.
2. Graffiti at Losantiville & Elbrook needs to be removed.
3. Chief Tilley worked on a reduction of over \$6,000.00 on our liability insurance.
4. The Cable TV Information channel will be installed and will be state of the art in the near future by Time Warner.

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Brown complimented Golf Manor Service Dept. on yellow No Parking lines painted throughout Village, but we need to look into graffiti on both sides of stop signs. Per Officer Taylor, more harm than help trying to remove graffiti from old stop signs.

EDUCATION: Mayor Zaffiro reported that he attended the Design Team Meeting for the new Pleasant Ridge School and distributed a picture of the proposed new building.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

Those registered to address council:

Officer Eddie Taylor stated he would like the Mayor to explain why the open slots of Officer Haverkamp and Lt. Moore have not been filled. We sometimes run solo shifts as much as 16 hours per day. Surrounding communities help (e.g. Amberley Village) when needed, but that can't go on forever. Our neighborhood is changing, we have crack, marijuana, weapons, etc. in the Village now – don't step backwards, we need to move forward. Mayor Zaffiro replied that we can't manufacture money. With Mr. Creager taking over the Village Administrator's job we need to fill the Building Inspector's position, but we will review budgets to see if we can fill the second slot.

Ms. Dubose agreed with the Mayor that we must have a building inspector. We must have both a building inspector and a police department to work hand in hand. Dr. Morton agrees that the second officer is needed – can we look at budget cuts elsewhere to financially accomplish this? Officer Taylor added that

the longer we wait the harder it will be to catch up to the increase in crime. Mr. Colvin stated we need the two officers replaced now.

Officer Taylor added that 10 years ago we did a good job on the smaller incidents (e.g. parking, garage doors open etc.) but now we have no time to do this with current staffing.

Mayor Zaffiro stated that as long as he is Mayor we will have a building inspector.

Arnold Baker of 6079 Yosemite stated that we need police – they are a deterrent to crime – not a building inspector. If you have no Police you have no order. Look into funding; currently the priorities are screwed in his opinion. Currently there are not enough policemen, and this is “known on the street”.

Ms. Billie Simpson of United Dairy Farmers stated that calls for pan handlers at United Dairy Farmers are not always responded to by Golf Manor Police Dept. due to lack of officers on duty. There are merits to a building inspector, but we need police officers first. Even the visual effect of officers is helpful.

Andrea Bussell of 6246 Hammell stated that she moved here 5 years ago. She now sees gangs in Golf Manor but not enough of a police dept. presence and does not feel safe.

Ronald Wackenthaler of 6227 Canterbury stated that he is experienced in law enforcement and feels we need more police officers. Twelve hour shifts are long and stressful and can affect the attitude of officer on duty. All he sees now from 9:30 PM to 6:00 AM is white and black T-shirts. Suggested the police department could do some of the duties of the Building Inspector (They can't per Chief Tilley). He added that the money for the police officer is there – it hasn't disappeared.

Cleve Loveless of 6019 Yosemite stated that he has lived here for 20 years and does not feel as safe now as then, and won't let his grandkids out back alone – he does not feel they are safe. He added that he doesn't see Golf Manor Police Dept. Officers as often as before. He will protect his home any way he can if need be, but prefers the Police Department to handle that. A call for tall grass is not urgent like a call for a trespasser would be.

Mr. Ed Haake of 2435 Ardmore stated that he has been a resident for 50 years. The problem with the streets is county wide – move on! Police Dept. is the most important issue in the Village. The current change in the Village is not good. If something happened to an officer on duty you would see a lot of people cry. We must get behind and support the Levy and get it passed.

Mayor Zaffiro added there are 2 crime fighting methods:

1. Maintain community.
2. Police Dept. enforcement.

Acting Service Director: Mr. Wayne Creager reported that:

1. We have done street repairs on Graceland Avenue to solve a sink-hole problem. Cost was about \$12,000.00, seems to have solved problem.
2. Suggested concrete bus pads when repairing/replacing asphalt at bus stops.
3. Reference Sign Code. 26 letters are ready to go out including copy of code and picture of violation.
4. Property violations (weeds, grass etc.). We use nuisance abatement resolutions as a last resort. We have about 15 houses which are violators, could be abated 3 times a year at a cost of \$1,000.00. This would tie up about \$45,000.00 of village funds until property was sold (tax dup.). Some people just don't seem to care, and some property owners wait for his call to cut their grass.

Mr. Puthoff questioned a void in a slab at 2435 Ardmore.

Ms. Dubose questioned signs at vacated Mini Mart on Losantiville and a car (abandoned) behind Dry Cleaners. Mr. Creager will look into these and report back to council.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2005-13: FEMA Assistance. Motion to pass made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-14: Emergency Management Assistance. Motion to pass made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-15: 6402 Mayflower Nuisance. Motion made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2005-16: 2636 St. Albans Nuisance. Motion made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Dr. Morton, all members approved.

Mr. Butler requested a motion to authorize Mr. Tilley to sign a release releasing plaintiff in the Owensby matter from any liability to the Village of Golf Manor. Motion to do this made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Colvin and after review of a draft of the agreement, all members approved.

Ms. Phillips Young stated that she is concerned that the residents feel that it is a building inspector or a police officer. She appreciates their concerns, but there is a major breakdown in communications. We are moving forward with a levy, we are proceeding cautiously trying to find money, and hopes, the need to communicate with the citizens will be solved with by the newsletter or other means.

Mayor Zaffiro added that this is a problem with communication and/or public relations. An internal matter such as this should never have been told to these

people. Someone went out and led these people to believe we aren't going to replace Lt. Moore, which hasn't been decided. We are studying that position and we will maintain the building department. It was never stated that we were not going to replace Lt. Moore. Chief Tilley was told to put a hold on it until we worked out the finances and if we could hire both a building inspector and a policeman we would do it. He added that he is upset that someone went out and did this; it isn't fair to council or to him. Also, nothing could have been said to the folks to make them understand. We are working on both fronts in the best interest of the community. Mayor stated it was a poor job of public relations for the public to hear such a one-sided account of the internal working of our village. The officers did a poor job representing the village and he will address this to the officer in a memo.

Dr. Morton announced that a PAC in favor of the Levy has been formed and will have signs, handouts, etc.

Ms. Dubose added that the fight should not be amongst us, but we need to work together to pass the Levy.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Morton, seconded by Ms. Dubose, all members approved.

Mayor, Alan Zaffiro

Clerk-Treas. Greg Doering