

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

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. Brown apologized for his absence on September 14, 2006 due to an extension of his vacation.

Ms. Wihmer of Peck & Shaffer:

1. Explained the borrowing of money against the street levy previously approved by the voters.
2. Explained Ordinance 2006-9.

ORDINANCE 2006-9: Issuance of Street Improvement Tax Anticipation Notes.

Motion to suspend rules made by Councilman Doering, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

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

Motion to pass as emergency made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2006-22: Abatement at 2416 Losantiville. Motion made by Mr. Colvin seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2006-23: Abatement at 6343 Mayflower. Motion made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Councilman Doering, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2006-24: Expenditure of Tax Anticipation Note. Motion made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro requested the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to ban outdoor vending machines.

Mr. Doering questioned if it is for pop machines only, or are we directing it at only one business?

Solicitor will research and advise council.

Mr. Puthoff made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Attended County Budget Hearing on September 12, and thanked Jamie Porada for her attending. Also, he explained that we are addressing the deficit by:
 - A. Replacement Levy.
 - B. Police & Street Levy.
 - C. Economic Development Plans – be patient.

2. Re: Newsletter – he has articles for the next publication which he distributed to council.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. Park fence has been repaired and new sign put up.
2. Railroad property has been seeded and straw put down by the Golf Manor Maintenance Department.
3. Re: Bureau of Workers Comp Audit – Premium is down \$50,000.00 for 2004 and 2005.
4. Review for 2006 is forth coming, 2002 and 2003 could still be adjusted. The total outstanding bill has been reduced by \$75,000.00.

Councilman Doering questioned the sink holes on Canterbury and St. Albans. Being worked on per, Mr. Creager. Hope to do all jobs together to save on expenses.

POLICE CHIEF: Chief Tilley was on vacation and excused from this meeting.

Mr. Puthoff stated:

1. We hope to start a Golf Manor Police Dept. “Back to Basics” program. There are way to many cars in violations on our streets – junked, parked at yellow curb, blocking sidewalks, blocking driveways, expired plates, no front plates, etc. Word on the street is Golf Manor Police Dept. won’t do anything. Mr. Puthoff continued that we need to get the officers and cars on patrol writing tickets, not being in the building. This will have a ripple effect. Violators will go elsewhere if we enforce laws. Also, a full courtroom equals revenue. Bottom line is we need to send the message that we will cite violators. Also, trash left out on wrong day = citation.
2. Broken pole at Losantiville and Hammel is still not switched over and replaced. The cable is still on the broken pole. Mayor Zaffiro stated he will contact rep of Time Warner (Pam McDonald) to get this done.

Mr. Doering added that NIC should not take months to get grass violators cut. We need to do a better job next spring on this highly visible problem.

Mayor Zaffiro stated that he will meet with Chief Tilley on this subject when he returns from vacation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman reported that as a follow up on the finance meeting, if anyone is not clear on the budget expenses to please see him. Grant’s and EMS supplies are major highlights.

FINANCE: Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$35,210.73 seconded by Mr. Puthoff, all members approved.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Mr. Puthoff reported:

1. He is working on a project, potential numerous employees in a new structure. Two congress people are helping. He will keep working on it and keep council informed. He has asked the Mayor to write a letter to our congressman tomorrow and gave him the address.

2. Still working on rebate of Federal Tax Money on gasoline purchased by Golf Manor Police Dept., Golf Manor Fire Dept. and Golf Manor Maintenance Dept.

STREETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Brown questioned if the gas main on Graceland will be before street reconstruction? Per Mr. Creager, the Duke people do the gas main replacement before our resurfacing project.

EDUCATION: Mayor Zaffiro spoke to Carl Everett of Cincinnati Public Schools; Pleasant Ridge Montessori School is an 18 month project, completion date of 2008.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Councilman Doering reported on the status of the swimming pool. Cincinnati Recreation Commission has same problems in some neighborhoods. That is, no dollars to remove it, also, no dollars to run it. He will continue to research and keep council informed.

SOLICITOR: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Doering questioned the status of the Thaman Rubber Property. It is getting worse and we need to do something about this tonight. We really need to cite these people ASAP – they not only have not removed any of the large rubber rolls from the street front of the property, but have actually added to the number of rolls, getting closer and closer to the street. They have had enough time (over 6 months) and warnings. We need to cite them NOW.

Mayor Zaffiro directed Mr. Creager to post and cite them on a daily basis tomorrow.

Council discussed the status of NIC. The current program is not working. We need to contact them and tell them to do what they have been hired to do. Mr. Creager stated he will work with them on some of the older problems.

Councilman Doering questioned the status of the Valvoline Property. Can't we cite the property owner of record (county records) tomorrow.

Councilman Doering questioned the status of the proposed Tax Credit? Finance Committee met tonight, any conclusions or answers. Mr. Colvin responded that the committee is undecided, needs more information, no decision has been reached.

Councilman Doering feels we need to act now! Mrs. Dubose added that we, as a committee, have not made a decision, still working on a solution.

This is a hard decision to make. Focus on replacement levy passage. If Levy fails, we need to have plan in place, Councilman Doering added.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Puthoff suggested that the Solicitor draft an Ordinance for no show, no pay for elected officials. In previous years elected officials have been paid without showing up for meetings (unexcused absences).

Solicitor Butler will research and report back to council.

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

MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING