

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

MAY 14, 2007

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 the following members present: Mrs. Beringhaus, Mrs. Dubose, Mr. Bidnick, and Mr. Doering.

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Mr. Brian Doering to the Finance Committee for this meeting, council had no objection.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to excuse Mr. Brown and Mr. Colvin, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting as written, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.

Mrs. Donna Faulk of Elbrook Avenue addressed council to report that she is the new representative from the Golf Manor Women's Club. She requested our help in setting up the hall on the second Tuesday of every month. No problem, per Mayor Zaffiro, Mr. Creager will see that it gets done.

Mrs. Betty Walker of Wiehe Road spoke to council about the use of the message board on cable TV. Per Mr. Doering, any request received before Tuesday will be put on cable. Mrs. Walker stated she will be sure to turn in the request before Tuesday.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Circulated copy of the April 27th Legislative bulletin. Asked solicitor to comment in his report on a proposed law abolishing all Mayor's court within the state.
2. Handed out a copy of The Renovation Newsletter published by the Hamilton County Planning Commission. Selection of Golf Manor for a housing study (at no cost) is announced.
3. Mailed letter to the board of directors of The Ridge Club asking them to address the poor condition of their fence line bordering Golf Manor. Copied Council.
4. Attended the First Suburb's Consortium quarterly meeting on April 25th. Learned that there is a recent state law that requires landlords to provide contact information. Asked solicitor to investigate.
5. Attended Amberley Mayor's meeting. Learned that there is an organization that assists communities in removing unused railroad structures - old crossings, signal wires. Mayor will investigate. Asked Mrs. Beringhaus to report her impressions of the meeting during Housing Committee Report.
6. Attended Hamilton County Planning Commission annual meeting on May 9th.

7. Circulated copy of the letter local Mayor's sent to Congress appealing for changes in current laws that would make it easier for municipalities to trace illegal guns, and to prosecute irresponsible gun dealers.
8. Mayor is very close to completing incentive package for a developer interested in the 2100 Losantiville property. Asked solicitor to expedite tax abatement estimates.
9. Mayor asked Mr. Doering to introduce a compromise idea for opening the basketball court under old business.
10. Distributed Cincinnati Enquirer article titled 'Eyesores No More' appearing in the May 11th issue. The article reports on Cincinnati's effort to eliminate abandoned buildings.
11. Container Corporation is landscaping sign on Losantiville; new sign code is working.

VICE MAYOR: Mrs. Dubose spoke on the subject of yard signs in the right of way and suggested that we (council members) remove them and bring them to council chamber.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. Bid opening will be May 18, 2007 for streetscape.
2. Old city car has a blown engine and is not worth repairing. He will see that it is put in back of our building and then disposed of.
3. RE: Gravel at 2100 Losantiville Avenue - it will be used for weed growth prevention.
4. Asked Solicitor for his legal opinion of picture in front of African Store. No violation per Mr. Butler.
5. Questioned Mr. Butler on actual address of vacant areas of 2100 Losantiville. Mr. Butler replied he will look into this.
6. Met with NIC, he and they will fine tune procedures and will meet on May 16th 2007 and walk entire village.

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

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

SOLICITOR:

RESOLUTION 2007-6: Nuisance 2307 Losantiville.

RESOLUTION 2007-7: Nuisance 2355 Losantiville.

RESOLUTION 2007-8: Nuisance 2651 Hammell.

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

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

ORDINANCE 2007-1: (Amended) Appointing Trigg's Magistrate. Second Reading.

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

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

ORDINANCE 2007-5: Regulating Panhandling. Second Reading.

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

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

FINANCE: Mrs. Dubose:

1. Made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$20,939.49, seconded by Mr. Bidnick, all members approved.
2. Finance Committee will meet again on May 21, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

SAFETY & HEALTH: Mrs. Beringhaus questioned if the speed limit sign on Hammell Avenue is too low. Mr. Creager will look into and adjust if necessary.

Mrs. Dubose questioned the yellow pipes stored on the side of Wiehe Road. Mr. Creager replied they are the property of Duke Energy and being used daily for the gas main replacement on Graceland and Cedarbrook Avenue's.

HOUSING: Mrs. Beringhaus:

1. Reported on the Hamilton County HIP Program. It is open to all our residents and businesses. Mayor Zaffiro added that we can further educate our residents by having NIC hand out fliers and also put the information on cable TV.
2. Questioned the length of time a violator has to fix a "peeling paint" violation? Mr. Creager replied they have 60 days.

COMMUNICATION: Newsletter should reach homes before July 4th. Mayor asked Council for input on Fourth of July parade, and asked for information from the concerned citizen's group and department heads for articles.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: Councilman Doering reported that there could be interest in a Business Association in Golf Manor. He would coordinate contact and communication between businesses. Mayor Zaffiro and Mr. Creager are meeting with businesses - they will mention to them and see if there is interest.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mayor Zaffiro reported East-West Cuisine nearing completion of renovation at east entrance to the Village.

EDUCATION: Mayor Zaffiro reported Jan Musselman will address Council on June 11th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mayor announced that no parking signs will be moved off of the metal poles to nearby telephone poles, or the curbs will be painted yellow. Duke allows signs to be attached to poles. We will work in stages. Ridge Acres, Graceland and Vera will be included in the first stage.
2. Re: Basketball Courts and Park. Mr. Doering stated that if there is no knothole, open the ages now and we will replace the rims one time a year and no more. Mayor proposed moving the court south (toward pool area) and remodeling court.

Mr. Doering and Mr. Creager favor opening the court now where it is. Mayor Zaffiro and Mr. Creager will walk the area and brainstorm ideas.

3. Reference Farmer's Market. Mrs. Dubose reported that Farmer Cliff running a Farmer's Market in the park area is still in the works for this summer.
4. Reference: NIC. Mr. Doering reported that the NIC report (on line) is 20 pages long and has no KEY! He feels the report is terrible, not professional and not acceptable to what we should expect for our money.

Citations sting people in their pocketbook and are more likely to lead to results.

Solicitor Rob Butler added that No NIC citations have ever been in Golf Manor Mayor's Court. Maybe these citations are being paid out before court, but he doesn't know.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

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