

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

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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. Bidnick made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2007 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reported that:

1. Councilwoman Elect Donna Faulk has been asked to be Treasurer of the Concerned Citizens Organization. Would this be a conflict of interest? Solicitor will research and report back to Mayor.
2. Reference poles with climbers. Both Mayor and Service Director have contacted Cincinnati Bell with no return calls. He will continue to follow up.
3. Number 1 priority for 2008 is Economic Development.

Vice Mayor Dubose reported:

1. Farmer Cliff's market is closed for 2007. Her thanks to Farmer Cliff for his work and to the citizens who supported his market. She added that he hopes to be back for 2008.
2. Swearing in of new council will be on December 10, 2007 to be done by Judge Berry.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Mr. Creager reported:

1. Audit is complete. Copies were distributed for review.
2. Bureau of Workers Comp bill has been reduced to \$13,000.00. Will be paid off in 2008.
3. Graceland Avenue work is progressing.
  - a) We hope to prohibit work on Saturday AM in future contracts.
  - b) Weather will dictate if final paving will be done by December 31, 2007 or in the spring (after settling).

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ballman reported:

Contract with Columbia Township has been finalized for \$315,000.00 per year up from \$248,000.00 per year. This includes a provision for a 6 month notice to cancel and a provision to bill insurance company's for auto accidents, technical rescues and hazmat expenses. We are waiting for Columbia Township to sign and requested a resolution for Mayor Zaffiro to sign contract.

**SOLICITOR:**

RESOLUTION 2007-32: Columbia Township Contract. 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.

RESOLUTION 2007-25: Records Manager. Motion to read by title made by Mr. Bidnick, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

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

Solicitor Butler complimented Mr. Creager's remarkable work to reduce the Bureau of Workers Comp bill to \$13,000.00. This is a tremendous savings to the Village.

**FINANCE:** Mrs. Dubose reported that:

1. Committee met today November 26, 2007; the December meeting has been cancelled and will meet again January 14, 2008 at 6:15 PM.
2. We received over \$176,000.00 in Ohio Estate Taxes. This source of income was not expected and not budgeted.
3. In January, we will, as a committee, explore the possibility of raises for our employees. She requested that the Mayor keep the finance committee members the same for 2008. Mayor Zaffiro replied he would do that.

Mrs. Dubose made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$38,855.81, seconded by Mr. Colvin, all members approved.

Mrs. Beringhaus stated that she fears that any extra income (i.e. estate tax) should go towards savings rather than spent right away for raises.

Mrs. Dubose replies that 2008 would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for No Raises for our employees. The Finance Committee has stated that we would revisit the idea of raises in January 2008.

Mrs. Beringhaus added that all our employees deserve raises, but a "Safety Net" would be a better use of these funds in case of an unexpected expense which would lead us to going back to the people for additional taxes.

Finance will take these comments under advisement.

**POLICE CHIEF:** Chief Tilley:

1. Responded to the question last council meeting on Mayor's Court funds. We actually have \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 more than collected. We deposited \$25,850.00 today, and as of September 30, 2007 we have collected \$51,820.00. He also distributed a handout showing total Mayors Court Fines 1997-2006, ranging for \$36,000.00 to \$96,000.00, an average of \$65,000.00 per year (attached).
2. Distributed third quarter statistics to council, and he hopes to have yearly report by end of January. He hopes to have a more detailed report produced in 2008.

**SAFETY AND HEALTH:** Mrs. Dubose reported:

1. Storm drain has dropped at Rosedale & Wiehe.
2. Concrete steps in front of our building are in need of work. Mr. Creager will look into both.
3. Golf Manor Building sign needs attention!

**EDUCATION:** No report.

**HOUSING:** Mr. Brown reported on the sub-prime mortgage crisis and his concern on how it might affect Golf Manor.

Clerk-Treasurer Doering stated that he hopes that we keep after violators and not give in to the “Big Banks” who do not comply with the housing codes.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Colvin questioned the status of 6243 Graceland Avenue reference railing in disrepair, garbage and trash. Per Mr. Creager, complaint on October 7, 2007, with NIC, property was inspected November 26, 2007.

Previous complaints were in July of 2006 for junk car; resolved September 12, 2006. September of 2006 for junk car, resolved October 21, 2006. October 2006 for high grass, resolved. Mr. Colvin questioned if we can cite for trash in front of property but not at street for pick up. After lengthy discussion, solicitor will research and council will revisit this matter in 2008.

Reference Ridge Club, Mr. Creager reported that it seems that they have complied.

Councilman Doering questioned why it takes 7 weeks for NIC to respond to a complaint. This is way to long for NIC to respond to our citizens’ complaints. If it was a neighbor of anyone of us here tonight, and it was not looked into in a timely matter, NIC would surly be called into council.

Mr. Butler reminded Mr. Creager that we can post the property rather than mail the violations. Does NIC know this and if not, please inform them. Also, we can prepare legislation for maintenance code violations to be posted vs. mailed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reference swimming pool area, Mr. Doering reported that the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers could do the proposed project, however it won’t be a quick or quiet operation, along with the possibility of a hazmat clean up due to the chlorine. Are we volunteering training ground to the U.S. Army for training U.S. Army personnel? He and/or Mrs. Dubose will follow up.

Clerk-Treasurer Doering reminded all that no decision has ever been made as far as if council wants to scrap the pool area. Mayor Zaffiro referred this to the finance committee.

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