

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 9, 2009**

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The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor Alan Zaffiro; Clerk-Treasurer Greg Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-of-Allegiance, the roll was taken with the following members present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Doering, Mrs. Dubose and Mrs. Faulk.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to excuse Mr. Colvin, who called in sick, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Mr. Brown and Mr. Doering to finance committee for this meeting, council had no objection.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

Cindy Beringhaus addressed council reference Recreation Committee.

1. Membership is complete.
2. Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in Golf Manor Park.
3. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade is approaching and word of mouth advertizing and/or help would be appreciated.

Rosa Jason of 2429 Kellerman addressed council reference complaint on Golf Manor Police Department and how they handled an issue on her street. On February 17, 2009 she called the Golf Manor Police Department about menacing situation at her house by a Mr. Brugeman of AMS Co. When Officer Rump arrived Mr. Brugeman spoke to him first and when she tried to interject, was shouted at and told to step back. She tried to explain that she was the complainant, but was not given the opportunity. She requested a supervisor be called and when he arrived she was able to explain the situation. Ms. Jason felt that if she was male or white that the situation would have been handled differently as her complaint was never addressed. She is greatly disturbed by this. She is a tax paying citizen, member of the Concerned Citizens and has volunteered her time to the Village and hopes that our officers become more sensitive to a resident's call for help.

Mr. Zaffiro replied that her complaint is now entered onto the record and that Chief Taylor was contacted and is addressing the situation. He asked her patience and the Chief will get back to her.

Mr. John Malott of 2539 Losantiville Avenue addressed Council reference complaint, denied to speak last time and ordinances. He felt he was denied his right to speak last meeting due to the clerk's error who took the call. His matter was different from his wife's complaint. Secondly, he feels that the 3 minute limit to address Council is not uniformly enforced. Some people get to speak forever. When he does get to speak, he has never gotten a response back from Council about his complaint. He feels the 3 minute limit is wrong and the Council should follow up on complaints.

Mayor Zaffiro answered that he has a right to be heard and comments be put on the record, but has no right to a response, especially when he is discussing an ongoing action and/or court case. He added some things Mr. Malott brings to Council do not deserve a response. In his opinion, he has not been a good citizen, you challenge the letter of the law and break the spirit of the law. You have destroyed public property by driving over the berm and your backyard junk is not respectful of your neighbors. You are not an asset to the Village of Golf Manor.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Supports the efforts of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee and all their hard work.
2. Working on changes to zoning code, outdoor vending and other updates.
3. NSP program being worked on.
4. Home Improvement Grant has been approved by the county. Flier will be distributed in the near future.

**VICE MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mrs. Dubose reported:

1. Requested a "Snapshot" of 2008 and goals for 2009 from department heads.

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

1. Re: Bremont Road Project. We have received a \$32,000.00 grant from Hamilton County towards this.
2. Re: Recycling. Distributed paper from Community Outreach congratulating Golf Manor for recycling 126 tons of recyclables.
3. January and February budget sheets were distributed to Finance Committee members.
4. Met with Solid Waste – working on problems and will meet again to finalize changes.
5. Streetscape Program – when street is rehabbed, new fire hydrants, new signage and poles are also completed.
6. New items include a new 2008 mower (at '08 price), office equipment, replace doors in back and replace roof top units.
7. HVAC Co. on Bremont. Letter has gone out, some work (to comply) has been done, much more work needs to be done – he will keep Council informed.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Taylor reported:

1. BUSY Month – meetings, classes scheduled, along with regular activities.
2. Clerk – in school (training) and learning responsibilities in house.
3. Ongoing training for officers.
4. Re: Grants. Working and meeting on applications.
5. JAG Program – new program we will talk with. Dollars could be available.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ballman reported:

1. Distributed February 2009 Fire & EMS Response report to Council.
2. Re: Purchase of new squad and 1st response vehicle at a rate not to exceed 4.681% by 3/31/09.

Motion to proceed made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

3. Re: Grants. We have applied for grant money from the seat belt violation fund.

**SOLICITOR:**

ORDINANCE 2009-3: Charter for Golf Manor Recreation Commission. Second reading. Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Motion to pass made by Mr. Doering, seconded by Mrs. Dubose.

During discussion, Mrs. Faulk questioned the redundancy of constitution and by-laws. These could be amended later. She also questioned the money distribution process. This is a “must be” per Mr. Butler. He also suggested clean up and changes be suggested and brought back to council.

All members approved the motion.

ORDINANCE 2009-5: Compensation. First reading. Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

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

Motion to adjust fee for a solicitor permit from \$25.00 to \$50.00 made by Mrs. Faulk, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Doering made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Faulk to approve the bills totaling \$87,703.78. All members approved.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Has forwarded NSP information to Mr. Creager.
2. Re: Economic Development. Will meet March 27, 2009 at 3:00 PM with Mr. Slater-Harrington.
3. Park grant application was sent out, due back in mid summer.
4. Flier on Home Improvement Program & Easter Egg Hunt will be hand delivered to houses.
5. Planning a meeting with NIC, Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Chief Taylor and Mr. Creager to review what was discussed at the council meeting on February 23, 2009.
6. Suggested an “Amnesty Day” for around Earth Day for trash to be disposed of in dumpster in the area of the park. Recycle funds may be available to help with this project.
7. Councilman Doering questioned the posting of property. We currently do it for grass, weeds and trash, could we do it for other violations (such as junk cars). Per Mr. Butler, the state code directs what we can and can’t do. He will research it and report back on this great idea.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Butler reference camper at 2222 Losantiville Avenue. If not resided in and not hooked up to utilities it seems to be O.K.

Mrs. Dubose questioned the Port-O-Let next to the camper. Mr. Creager replied that it is there for the roofing company who is still working (over 2 months) on the apartment building.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chief Taylor thanked Council for the 2 new chairs in council chambers which replaced the broken ones.
2. Mrs. Faulk reported that the stove in the municipal hall kitchen has been replaced with a new heavy duty model.

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.