

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING

JULY 11, 2011

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: Mrs. Dubose, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Faulk, Ms. Moscovitz and Mr. Doering.

Mayor Zaffiro introduced Megan Donnellon as Solicitor for this meeting.

Mr. John Malott of 2539 Losantiville Avenue addressed Council reference Direction of the Village. He stated that you were elected by the people to serve the people. Ordinances before Council are referred to by number and/or title, no one knows what they are about and that borders on a violation of the Sunshine Laws. He added that it would not matter if we knew what was in the Ordinances, as you do what you want anyway, not representing the people by getting their input, but happy to get our taxes. You should stop with the personal agendas and work for the good of the people and the businesses of Golf Manor. We need to enhance our top notch Police and Fire Departments who are always quick to respond to our needs, but we as a community need more, such as recreation, parade, use of pool area, water park / skate park – we need to build up, which will bring in businesses. Stop attacking business and proposed businesses and help them grow; don't give them reasons to go back to the City of Cincinnati or elsewhere. Lost business is lost revenue and lost revenue means higher taxes to me. Don't tear down (lost revenue), but rather build up.

Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2011 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Mrs. Faulk to the Finance Committee for tonight's meeting, Council had no objection.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Zaffiro reported:

1. Thanks to everyone who helped out in the planning and execution of the parade, Council also applauded their efforts
2. Chief Ballman and Chief Taylor were excused from this meeting to represent the Village at the retirement party for Amberley Village Police Chief Jack Monahan.
3. Re: Veteran Plaque
 - Moving along, now over 90 names.
 - We are looking at granite as a possibility, but it may be cost prohibitive. We may go back to the original idea of aluminum or brass. We will get it done correctly.
4. Spoke with Wendy Van Buren of Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources concerning "natural area" of Stover Avenue. She will guide us through this project.
5. NIC reports will continue once he gets them again, hopefully shortly.
6. Requested an Executive Session later this evening on a matter of property acquisition.

VICE MAYOR: Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. We as a community supported the original clean up plan for Hilton Davis; unfortunately, the EPA approved a different plan, which will probably be appealed in court. Copy is available for review.

2. Working on organizing a businessman's meeting – proposed for August 19 or August 26 about 8:30 AM to get the group off the ground. Light breakfast and guest speaker who would be of interest to the businesses.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager reported:

1. Resolution on nuisance properties tonight.
2. Vera Avenue properties have been posted per legislation of June 27, 2011 Council Meeting.
3. Kellerman project is continuing – water main installation.
4. NSP I – still work in progress.
5. NSP II – still work in progress.
 - 6302 Mayflower nearing completion.
 - First house must be completed before moving on to start next house.
6. We are dragging the field at Losantiville School for use by Cincinnati Hebrew Day School summer program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Taylor excused from meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman excused from meeting.

SOLICITOR:

RESOLUTION 2011-17: Renewal of 2 Mill Levy. Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

RESOLUTION 2011-18: Abatement of Nuisances. Motion to read by title made by Mrs. Faulk, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

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

FINANCE: No report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Faulk reported the committee met tonight:

1. E.G. Website
 - Is Mr. Brown able to do the work or do we need to look elsewhere?
 - Need department heads, Council, etc. to be on board to produce a professional looking product.
 - Need Email addresses for all of Council, Mayor and in house.
 - Need Mayor's contact information ASAP.
 - Need Farmers Market information ASAP.
2. Re: Rusty fence discussion.
 - Back off of postings / citations.
 - Give property owners time for compliance on their own and economic recovery to be financially able to comply.
3. Discussed Ordinance 2011-7.
 - We need more communication with landlords.
 - Suggested (as Norwood does) a property inspection every 2 years (\$50.00). This would help with not only identification of tenants but also property maintenance issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2011-7: Landlord reporting. Executive Committee recommends the maximum penalty to be \$250.00 and review after one year.

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

Motion to pass 1st reading made by Mrs. Faulk, seconded by Mr. Doering.

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| Mrs. Dubose – Yes | Mrs. Faulk – Yes | Mr. Brown – No |
| Mr. Doering – Yes | Ms. Moscovitz – No | |

Motion passes 3-2.

Mrs. Faulk and Ms. Moscovitz led a discussion on a replacement for the seat vacated by Mr. Gilbert’s resignation. They have narrowed the list of candidates down to two finalists, but can not agree on one candidate. Ms. Moscovitz introduced Billie Simpson to Council.

Short bio: Billie Simpson – Billie lives on Vera Avenue and has lived here since 1965. She works for the Mercy Hospital Group doing bookkeeping. Billie sees our main need is to increase our tax base (more businesses). She feels we are close knit community but that there is a need for a better connection with the young people in the Village. Not sure if she is willing to run for the office in November and added:

- She has a financial background
- Sense of morality.
- Independent thinker.
- Independent views.
- Walks the neighborhood daily, talks with residents all along her routes.

Billie spoke to Council and stated.

- Village resident for 40 years,
- Worked at UDF for 23 years.
- Enjoys working with financials, both her full time job and at her church.
- Willing to meet and work with the citizens of Golf Manor.
- Is present at almost all council meetings.

Mrs. Faulk introduces Sharon Chaney.

Short bio: Sharon Chaney – Sharon lives on Vera Avenue and has been a resident for over 30 years. Sharon served on council for about 8 years in the 1990’s resigned due to her mother’s health issues. She works for Kroger in an Administrative position at their downtown offices. Sharon said that she misses council and cares for the community. She now has more time to devote. Sharon served on the finance committee and did the news letter during her time on council. She sees money, low property values and blighted property as some of our problems. Sharon is running for the vacant seat in November and added:

- Resident for 30 years.
- Council member 1992-2000.
- Resigned due to her mother’s health issues.
- Member of Finance Committee.

- Helped with newsletter.
- Helped and chaired parade (July 4th).
- Will run for election in November.

Sharon spoke to council and stated.

- 30+ year resident.
- On council 1992-2000.
- On Finance Committee.
- Members of Finance Committee.
- On Communications Committee.
- Worked hard to get us out of the fiscal emergency we were in when she came to council.
- Employed at Kroger Co.
- On Recreation for 20+ years.
- Knowledge of Ladies Auxiliary / GMFD.
- Works well with people.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session on a matter of personnel, seconded by Mrs. Dubose. Roll call vote as follows:

Mrs. Faulk – Yes Mr. Brown – No Mrs. Dubose – Yes
Ms. Moscovitz – No

Councilman Doering requested a brief recess for the clarification of the need for this to be done in Executive Session. Mayor Zaffiro granted this request and recessed the meeting.

After the brief recess, Mayor Zaffiro reconvened the meeting.

Mr. Doering then voted – No.

Motion fails 3-2.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to appoint / approve Mrs. Chaney to Council, seconded by Mrs. Dubose.

Council had an opportunity to discuss and question Mrs. Chaney.

Mr. Doering questioned her lack of attendance at council meetings. She replied that due to her years of being the primary care giver for her ill mother and the recovery process after her passing, she is now finally ready to return. She has been kept up to date on the Village current situation by the Mayor speaking to her, newsletter and the minutes on our Web Site.

Councilman Doering questioned each candidate about financial items for cost savings. Ms. Simpson replied she would scrutinize each departments spending line by line to see where we could save.

Ms. Chaney responded that as she did in the past, constant review of departments budgets.

Mr. Brown made a motion to table this decision, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

Councilman Doering made a motion to hold off the vote of council for the replacement until August 8, 2011, seconded by Ms. Moscovitz. Mayor Zaffiro referred to this as a superfluous motion and would not call for a vote of council.

Mayor Zaffiro appointed Mrs. Faulk to the Finance Committee to replace Mr. Gilbert. Council had no objection.

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to adjourn to executive committee on a matter of property acquisition, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, roll call vote follows.

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| Mrs. Dubose – Yes | Mr. Brown – Yes | Mrs. Dubose – Yes |
| Mr. Doering – No | Ms. Moscovitz – No | |

Motion passes 3-2.

Mayor Zaffiro reconvened the open meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion of council’s endorsement to apply for a ULAP Grant in the amount of \$18,300.00, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$89,542.71, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

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