

## **MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 23, 2012**

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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 all members present.

Councilman Doering made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

George Stroplos owner of 2663 Vera Avenue addressed council reference demo of 2657 Vera. He stated this open lot will now become a magnet for teens, and he is concerned they will make it their playground. There is a retaining wall on the lot which could lead to kids jumping/falling off resulting in kids getting hurt. After demo, the lot is graded towards his property, which in 60+ years has had no water problem, and now (as of January 18, 2012) there is water in his building. Can we work with Evans and create a barrier. Per Mr. Creager, we are under contract with Evans and it is also in their best interest to fix the problem. Mr. Stroplos added that this must be fixed NOW – he can't afford flooding and possibly a cracked foundation. The drains were taken out – where is the water to go?

Mr. Creager replied that Evans is insured, they are a good company, and we will work with them ASAP.

Mayor Zaffiro added:

- Blight is gone, should be happy.
- Maybe some bumps in projects.
- Not our (Golf Manor's) property to post signs or construct fences.
- The current owner is a non-profit located in Georgia; we could become owners in the near future.

Mr. Stroplos raised the question of the possibility of graffiti and/or broken glass.

Mayor Zaffiro stated that the condemned building formally on the property was the nuisance. We have removed that. Now it is up to the property owners to be responsible and see the potential of the area.

Mr. Creager added that we have taken out (5) properties on Stover, opening up acres of open land, and have had no problems. Owner of property on other side possibly could be working on landscaping.

Mr. Brian Starner, owner of 2664 Vera addressed council and:

- Thanked Golf Manor for demo of 2663 Vera.
- No more smoky smell.
- No more broken glass.
- The dead end of Vera looks better than it has ever been in his (6) years.
- He has security cameras on his lot.
- Hopes the Village can acquire the property and do landscaping/community gardens.
- Knows these extensive projects take time.

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

1. Re: Cincinnati Communications: \$300.00 fee will be waived, will proceed with assessment.
2. Re: Park Grant
  - Legislation tonight
  - Applied for \$75,000.00 community development grant, we got it! For demo and prepare for redevelopment
  - Another \$25,000.00 still left from previous funding cycle which could be used – Not Sure Yet – Hamilton County must approve.
3. Re: Fliers
  - Red Plum: they have been contacted by Ms. Moscovitz; some areas get them on porches, others on street, sidewalks or even truck bed.
  - Their policy is anywhere until the resident complains.
  - Mayor Zaffiro suggested citation to court.
  - Per Clerk-Treasurer Doering, Avon Products is doing the same thing on Graceland Avenue.

Question of Cell Tower status was raised by Councilman Doering.

- Being worked on per Mr. Butler and Mayor Zaffiro – being investigated.

**VICE MAYOR:** Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Park Committee Meeting on January 24, 2012, at 6:30 PM to review revamped plan for Volunteer Park.
2. Received E-mail re: Security. Sender requested an increase in monitoring between 8:00 – 9:00 AM while students are walking to school.
3. Re: Recreation Meeting of January 18, 2012.
  - a) Question of number of members present at an event?
  - b) At hall rental, which they would be on board with once settled, number of members needed to be present? Mr. Butler suggested 2 or more.

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

1. Closed out Home Improvement Grant program, \$24,000.00 left over, all done and paid out, County will reimburse Golf Manor.
2. Demo of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vera property is being held up by Board of Health – about 10 days till start.
3. NSP Programs.
  - 4 houses currently.
  - 1 house finished & potential buyer, paperwork looks good.
4. Re: Bids for trucks.
  - State bid released January 20, 2012.
  - Will research and continue process.
5. Re: Energy grant.
  - Taking 2<sup>nd</sup> step, will report back.

Councilman Doering complimented Mr. Creagers service department for their efforts during the ice storm of January 20/21. Golf Manor was the safest of all the small communities he commuted through that AM.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Taylor reported:

1. Another gun off the streets.
  - Incident occurred in Cincinnati.

- Arrest occurred in Golf Manor.
- 2. Recently, someone released from jail has resulted in fliers being put in people's boxes identifying juveniles being transported to adult jails. They appear to be initiated by someone with a bad attitude. They continue to look for them.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Ballman reported:

1. Met with Cincinnati Public School representative, working on plans for use of old Losantiville School building for training for Golf Manor Fire Department and possibly regional Fire Dept. training site. Has permit, use is temporary.

**SOLICITOR:**

RESOLUTION 2012-4: Natureworks application. 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.

RESOLUTION 2012-5: Agreement with Glaserworks. 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 Ms. Chaney, all members approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-6: Agreement with Caring Place. 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 Ms. Chaney, all members approved.

**FINANCE:**

Ms. Chaney made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$30,641.53 (1/23/12), seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Mrs. Dubose reported:

1. Finance Committee met January 23, 2012, speakers included:
  - a) Jason Faulk – presentation on meeting recording equipment for minutes at a cost of \$85.14. He left information on numerous systems for the committee to review.
  - b) Mayor Zaffiro spoke to the committee reference \$75,000.00 grant and that matching funds are needed. We have applied for monies to cover these funds, but also considering labor in kind, a loan, or use of the “stagnant” account which we could use if approved. Solicitor is working on that option.
2. Re: Budget report for 2011.
  - Reviewed and addressed certain items.
  - Approved \$200 First Suburbs Bill this is a worthwhile organization.

Councilman Doering asked of Finance that if the “stagnant” accounts can be used for other purposes if approved, to use those funds for compensation to our employees. Per Mrs. Dubose, that will be looked at mid-year.

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

1. A tutoring class was held here January 19, 2012 for the purpose of volunteer tutors at the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School, doing at different location.
2. Recreation met January 19, 2012.
  - a) Community Dinner February 11, 2012, 5PM-8PM.
  - b) Easter Egg Hunt March 31, 2012, 11:00 AM. Newsletter may not go out before then; Mayor has given O.K. to purchase banners.
  - c) Member Viola Harrison is up for renewal on the Commission; Mrs. Faulk made this motion, seconded by Ms. Chaney, all members approved.
3. Web site is being cleaned up; work still needs to be done.
4. Re: Next Newsletter.
  - Articles due in by February 13, 2012 deadline.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Zaffiro spoke on the continuing problem of committee meeting minutes not being published for public review nor being publicized on the Web.

- This must be done by our Charter.
- Use current technology until a decision is made to change method.
- We must have a record of attendance, motions, etc.

Mr. Butler added that this must be done by Ohio State Revised Code, and can be short and simple.

- Mayor Zaffiro stated "Just Do It".

Mrs. Faulk made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session on a matter of property acquisition, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

Mayor Zaffiro reopened the open meeting.

Being no further business, motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Faulk, seconded by Mrs. Dubose, all members approved.

