

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 8, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Kevin Gilmore called the December 8, 2008 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council to order at 7:31 p.m. Roll was taken with Council members Rex Decker, Jim Walter, Robert Reichert, Norma King, Jack Straub and Jeff Gibbs present. Also present were Mayor Kevin Gilmore, Clerk Treasurer Katherine O'Connell, Village Solicitor Sarah McHugh and Village Manager Marc Thompson. David Hart was in the audience.

Mayor Gilmore then called upon David Hart to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hart then led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance, doing so in fine fashion.

Mr. Reichert made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2008 meeting. Mrs. King seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker provided a Finance Committee report stating that income taxes were a little ahead of last year. He briefly reviewed the finance related ordinances on the agenda including the supplemental appropriation making budget adjustments for calendar year 2008. He reminded Council that the appropriation ordinance for 2009 is on the agenda which was the topic of discussion at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting. He called Council's attention to the resolution reestablishing the capital reserve fund which is also on the agenda for consideration.

Nasrin Afjeh entered the meeting at this time.

Mrs. King provided a report of the Human Resources Committee stating that the committee met recently and human resource items were discussed also in the recent Committee of the Whole meeting. Legislation is on the agenda authorizing compensation increase of 2 ½ percent for Village employees. Mrs. King also commented that there would be no increase in health insurance cost in 2009 and that the committee recommends that the financial structure for health insurance remain the same. She also mentioned that workers compensation costs for the coming year would be reduced by about \$50,000. Mrs. King reminded the Council that Ordinance 2008-11 fixes salary limits for Village employees for calendar year 2009 and Resolution 2008-24 authorizes an agreement for the health insurance that she had just described.

Mr. Gibbs reported on progress related to the marketing program reminding Council that the website is now up and running and can be accessed at either ottawahills.com or ottawahills.org. Mr. Gibbs said that he was impressed with both the appearance and the function of the website. He also reported on a revised marketing brochure intended for distribution to the entire community which provides a brief update of the marketing program focusing on the new website.

Mr. Gibbs continued stating that the Land Use Committee met recently with the land use planning consultant David Hartt and reviewed his recommendations. The committee will meet again after the first of the year to review the specific recommendations and proposals in Mr. Hartt's report.

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Mr. Walter provided a report from the Services & Environment Committee stating that a meeting occurred on December 5 which involved a lengthy discussion about deer. He stated that the committee has come to the conclusion that it is important to get an estimate of the deer population and that there is more than one way to do a count. Firm costs are not established yet for the various methods but there is hope that it would be less than \$3000.

The second conclusion related to modifications of the deer fence legislation. The existing deer fence legislation limits the period of time that the deer fence can be erected which seems to inhibit its effectiveness.

Mr. Walter continued stating that many residents expect action on the part of the Village to address the perceived growing deer problem.

In response to a question from Mr. Decker, Mr. Walter stated that 35 to 40 deer per square mile in heavily forested areas is considered over population. The Village has 2½ square miles within the corporate limits.

Mr. Walter pledged to continue to keep the Council informed of the committee's progress and would report back after the first of the year.

Mr. Reichert reviewed the Street Committee meeting which occurred on December 4. Part of the meeting reviewed the close out of the 2008 projects including the Falmouth/Forestview project and the Pembroke/Hawthorne project. Mr. Reichert reported that a substantial amount of the meeting dealt with the bituminous content adjustment which is related to the price of oil and its impact on the cost for asphalt. The state specifications used by the Village include an adjustment clause.

Mr. Reichert informed the Council that the asphalt work done on the Forestview/Falmouth project occurred during the highest possible times so that the adjustment was substantial for the Forestview/Falmouth project. He then made a motion to approve payment for the bituminous content adjustment in an amount of \$42,351. Mr. Walter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Reichert indicated that a second adjustment will occur on the Pembroke/Hawthorne project although the numbers are not finalized. We would expect to have those numbers for our January meeting.

Mr. Reichert described the committee's review of the Orchard Rd. project which is in the 2009 budget. The committee also reviewed other street related items in the 2009 budget such as repairs to Brittany Rd., sidewalk repairs, crack sealing, etc. Mr. Reichert also briefly reviewed the anticipated 2010 capital improvement project related to Brookside Rd. and a portion of Bancroft St. The committee also received and briefly reviewed the pavement inventory as provided by the engineering firm. He stated that the Village had been making very good progress on improving the quality of our streets.

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Mrs. McHugh reported that the Hasty Rd. right-of-way land sale is expected to close in the near future. She reminded Council that the Boice trial is scheduled for February 5 & 6 and that the Comte mediation is scheduled for January 7.

Mr. Thompson reported that the 2008 leaf pickup program is winding down. He also provided a brief update on salt usage to-date due to the limited amount of salt available and the high cost. He reported that so far this year the Village has used 16 tons of salt. Salting has occurred generally on bridges and near intersections so far this year.

Under the heading of old business mention was made of the email from Todd Kime stating that the AGORA art/environmental project approved by the Council for display in the Brookside Rd. meadow was well received.

Mr. Walter reported that the Recreation Task Force has met two times since the last meeting. It appears that the School Board had many of the same concerns and responses that the Council did about creation of another level of government or additional bureaucracy. He stated that the Recreation Task Force was still moving forward but was focusing more on creation of a recreation board as opposed to a recreation district. Additional discussion will occur and the Task Force will report back to the Council and the Recreation Board, hopefully in January. It is still the hope of the Task Force to have a new structure in place which will be operational by August of 2009.

Under the heading of new business Mr. Reichert made a motion to authorize payment of the Solicitor's fees from August through October of 2008. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Attention then turned to legislation.

Ordinance 2008-10	Establishing a fee structure for cable/video service providers that have obtained a video service authorization or renewal pursuant to the authority of the State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Straub moved to dispense with the rule requiring an Ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Straub moved for the passage of the Ordinance. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Straub moved for final passage of the Ordinance as an emergency measure and Mr. Reichert seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2008-11	Fixing the salaries for Village employees and repealing Ordinance 2007-17, and declaring an emergency.
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Ms. King moved to dispense with the rule requiring an Ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Ms. King moved for final passage of the Ordinance as an emergency measure and Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2008-12	Making appropriations and deductions from previous appropriations and amending Ordinance 2007-19, 2008-2 and 2008-6, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Decker moved to dispense with the rule requiring an Ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Mr. Decker moved for final passage of the Ordinance as an emergency measure and Mr. Reichert seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2008-13	Annual appropriation ordinance and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Decker moved for final passage of the Ordinance as an emergency measure and Mr. Reichert seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Resolution 2008-24	Authorizing an agreement on behalf of the Village for health care benefits for Village employees, establishing a maximum contribution by the Village for health care benefits, and declaring an emergency.
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Ms. King moved to dispense with the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Ms. King moved for the passage of the Resolution. Mr. Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. King moved for final passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure and Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Resolution 2008-25	Re-establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to accumulate funds for future capital purchases, and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Decker moved to dispense with the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

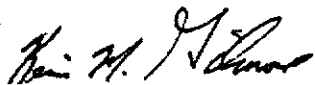
Mr. Decker moved for the passage of the Resolution. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker moved for final passage of the Resolution as an emergency measure and Mr. Reichert seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council would occur on January 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson expressed, on behalf of the entire workforce, thanks for the continued support and generosity of the Village Council. He stated that the workforce understands that the Village has been and continues to be an excellent employer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Kevin Gilmore, Mayor