

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA
HILLS, OHIO HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Kevin Gilmore called the October 2, 2006 meeting of the Ottawa Hills Village Council to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was taken with Council members Jack Straub, Mark Stegeman, Rex Decker, Julia Trickey, and Robert Reichert present. Also present were Mayor Kevin Gilmore, Clerk Treasurer Norma King, Village Solicitor Sarah McHugh and Village Manager Marc Thompson. Mr. Gibbs was absent from the meeting but expected momentarily.

In the audience were Nasrin Afjeh, Cynthia Niggemyer, Tony Bassett, and Jim Walter.

Mayor Gilmore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gilmore then called on Cindy Niggemyer of 4136 Brookside Rd. who had requested the opportunity to address the Council.

Mrs. Niggemyer stated that she was representing the Sculpture Committee which was responsible for the sculptures on the Village owned property at Indian Rd. and Bancroft St. The Sculpture Committee requests authorization from the Council to extend until May of 2007 the current exhibits. She stated that the extensive road construction on Indian Rd. made visiting the sculptures more difficult than in previous years. Particularly impacted were children from the elementary school who are just now getting the opportunity to visit and view the sculptures.

She also stated that the fundraising has been successful and the Sculpture Committee no longer seeks permission to sell benches or paving stones on the site as a way to raise funds.

Mrs. Niggemyer also solicited support by the Council for next year's sculptures in an amount of \$3000.

Mr. Decker asked about cold weather and snow damaging the sculptures. Mrs. Niggemyer stated that was not a concern.

Mr. Stegeman asked what the \$3000 contribution from the Village would be used for. Mrs. Niggemyer stated that the total expenses amounted to about \$8000 which involved putting up and taking down the sculptures, printing brochures and information regarding the sculptures and a \$100 stipend for each artist.

Mr. Gibbs entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Reichert stated that he had no problem with the sculptures staying up through the winter and made a motion to authorize their continued presence through the spring of 2007. Mr. Stegeman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker commented that the \$3000 request should be considered in the upcoming budget discussions for calendar year 2007.

Mr. Decker then made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of September 5, 2006. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Finance Committee Chair Stegeman reminded everyone that there was an October 30 meeting of the entire Council at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the elementary school. The purpose of this meeting was to begin developing a new long-term plan for the Village.

Mr. Stegeman also stated that income tax collections through September amounted to approximately \$2.4 million which is about 12% over our forecast.

He called to Council's attention the legislation on the agenda making a supplemental appropriation for the 2006 budget.

Mr. Decker stated that there was a Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled for October 8. He also informed the Council of his desire to delay until the November meeting consideration of Resolution 2006-16. This resolution authorizes a consumer driven health plan and a health savings account program for the Village. Mr. Decker had some questions regarding the proposal and wished to discuss them at the upcoming Human Resources Committee meeting.

Mr. Straub provided a brief report on progress related to Secor Rd. and the continuing concerns about Exmoor. Mr. Thompson reported that the estimates received for repairs of Exmoor were in excess of \$25,000. Discussion followed regarding temporary patching of the street in order to accommodate the upcoming winter and about the possibility of including funds in a 2007 budget for a complete reconstruction of Exmoor.

Mr. Gibbs reported on the pending dam removal. He indicated that coordination issues with the Ohio Department of Transportation will likely result in the dam not being removed this year. He reported that there continues to be interest on the part of the Village and the Department of Transportation for removing the dam but it will likely occur in 2007.

Mr. Gibbs also reminded the Council that legislation was on the agenda formally naming the tennis courts in honor of Robert O'Connell.

Mrs. McHugh reported that there was a mediation session related to the Geresy Field construction scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8.

Mr. Thompson reported that leaf pickup would begin next week. Regarding the Exmoor wall, he noted that there were 51 people in opposition to being assessed for the wall and 22 people in favor of such a project.

Brief discussion followed regarding correspondence from Toledo Law Director John Madigan. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet to discuss the financial implications of the Toledo proposal as related to the possibility of the Village being in the district of the Sylvania Municipal Court.

A brief report was provided regarding the flooding problems on Riva Ridge Rd. which most directly affected Robert Kripke. Brief discussion followed regarding the recent resignation of Assistant Tax Commissioner Lee Wesselman.

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Attention then turned to legislation.

Ordinance No. 2006-07	Making appropriations and deductions from previous appropriations and amending Ordinance 2005-17 and 2006-3 and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Stegeman moved that the rule requiring an Ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with. Mr. Decker seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

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

Resolution No. 2006-16 was deferred until the November meeting.

Resolution No. 2006-20	Naming the Ottawa Hills tennis courts in honor of Bob O'Connell and declaring an emergency.
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Mr. Gibbs moved that the rule requiring a Resolution be fully and distinctly read on three different days be dispensed with. Mr. Reichert seconded, the roll being called the vote thereon was as follows: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

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

The motion was then made by Mrs. Trickey to move into executive session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation. Mr. Reichert seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Council moved into executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Council returned to regular session at 8:43 p.m. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of the Village Council would occur on November 6 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Kevin M. Gilmore