

VILLAGE OF GLENDALE
80 E. Sharon Road
Glendale, OH 45246

Minutes – Regular Council Meeting May 3, 2021

Attendees:

Don Lofty	Mayor	Present
Mike Besl	Council	Present
Alan Hoeweler	Council	Present
Marilyn Duke	Council	Present
Nancy Macenko	Council	Present
Geoff Base-Smith	Council	Present
Will Kreidler	Council	Present
Mike Beaugrand	Treasurer	Present
Becky Terrell	Clerk	Present
David Lumsden	Village Administrator	Present
Craig Walsh	Police Chief	Present
Danny Reenan	Assistant Fire Chief	Present
Kathy Ryan	Solicitor	Present

I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Approval of Agenda

Call to Order: Mayor Lofty called the Council to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed all in attendance to the virtual Council meeting due to the shelter in place orders. All requirements to hold the meeting via video meet the Ohio Open Meetings act as amended by House Bill 197. Mayor Lofty led all assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Lofty asked that all in attendance mute their speaker unless speaking to minimize background noise.

Quorum: Clerk Terrell conducted roll call attendance. Mayor Lofty declared a Quorum of the Council present and Clerk Terrell confirmed the presence of a Quorum.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Lofty presented the Council Agenda with no changes.

Mayor Lofty noted that Retired Police Chief Dave Warman was in attendance and we will recognize his retirement later in the meeting.

II. Minutes from the Council's 29 March Regular Council Meeting and 14 April Special Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the 29 March Regular Council Meeting was made by Ms. Macenko and seconded by Mr. Kreidler. The motion passed via unanimous Council voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 14 April Special Council Meeting was made by Mr. Besl and seconded by Ms. Macenko. The motion passed via unanimous Council voice vote.

III. Public Presentations / Public Comment:

1. **Mr. Ron Visscher**, resident. He presented concerns about the Park Board and Ordinance 2021-12.
2. **Ms. Leigh Thomas**, resident. She asked where the Village Council has asked GCIC to look at the greenspaces for development opportunities when the 2020 Village Plan states that greenspaces should be added.
3. **Mr. Kevin Parrish**, resident. He asked about the process for Conditional Use applications and how public concerns and comments are captured prior to action. He also stated that he is waiting for information from a public records request.
4. **Ms. Renee Hargrove**, resident. She stated that there was a cash offer made to the owner of the Eckstein School property, with a letter that the building would be maintained as a school.
5. **Chief Dave Warman**, retired Police Chief. The Council, Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk paid tribute to retiring Chief Warman and he expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Village.

6. **Ms. Beverly Rieckhoff and Ms. Cindy Taylor, residents.** They provided an update regarding the Glendale Community Volunteer Day and the efforts completed.

IV. Old Business:

Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-12: An Ordinance Amending, In Part, Chapter 32.01, 32.02, 32.03 and 93.11 of the Village of Glendale Code of Ordinances, Establishing That the Board of Park Trustees May Operate under the Names “The Glendale Park Board” or “The Glendale Urban Forestry Board” and Establishing a Minimum of Six Meetings per Year.

Ms. Macenko moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-12 which was seconded by Mr. Kreidler.

Mayor Lofty stated that this board is truly an urban forestry board and residents attend meetings expecting to talk about equipment (i.e. swing sets) and the committee’s purview is tree related. This also clarifies required action the board must conduct as it has not done previously. Mayor Lofty asked that this be considered a first read.

Ms. Macenko requested that there be clarification regarding the scope of fundraising. Mayor Lofty committed to addressing the fundraising concerns. Ms. Duke asked to clarify section 1(d) regarding the confusion between authorities (Council, Parks & Recreation and the Forestry Boards)

This acts as the first read of this Ordinance.

Ordinance 2021-13: An Ordinance Directing the Glendale Community Improvement Corporation to Sell a Certain Vacant Property Lot, Transferring Said Property to the Glendale Community Improvement Corporation, Reimbursing the Village of Glendale for Past Expenses (2nd reading).

Mayor Lofty stated that this is the verbiage used previously for transferring land for action to the Glendale CIC. Ms. Duke listened to the GCIC meeting and heard former Village Administrator Cordes reference this property be used as Summit Park access and parking. Selling this land would result in losing the property and potential Summit Park access. Mayor Lofty stated he will check with GYS to see if there is a need for the access and parking. Ms. Duke suggested talking to the Summit Ave. residents as well as it may alleviate parking congestion. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that he believed it had been considered previously but the traffic on Rt 4 caused access concerns. Ms. Duke asked about the lot's zoning and the grandfathering for the previously existing a truck stop. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that the lot is currently single-family residential zoning but that was implemented while the truck stop existed so it was grandfathered. Solicitor Ryan stated that there is an abandonment clause in the ordinances which she believed is 6 months and that would mean all grandfathering is not in place.

V. New Business:

Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-15: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds within the General Fund and Declaring and Emergency.

Mr. Hoeweler moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 which was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Mayor Lofty introduced this topic and stated that this is an emergency because repairs need to happen to Village Fire Equipment. The cost is \$22,500 to bring the oldest pumper truck back up to service and once funds are approved the equipment should be back in service in 2-3 weeks. Mr. Hoeweler asked clarification for who had responsibility for emptying the pump and whose insurance is responsible. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that the Village

insurance company is pursuing reimbursement for the damage incurred. Mayor Lofty stated that the insurance company has a fiduciary duty to attempt to make the Village whole.

Motion to dispense with three reads was made by Mr. Hoeweler and seconded by Mr. Besl and was approved by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-15 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

VI. Reports from the Mayor, Standing Committees and Special Committees

Births: None reported

Deaths: None reported

Mayor Lofty stated that paperwork regarding the 25-year Tree City Designation and Growth Award designation will be posted to the website.

Mr. Tony Brock has started the Brock Foundation to refurbish tennis courts and install 2 or more new pickle ball courts in Summit Park. They are proposing to raise all funding privately.

A new member of the Village Office Staff, Spencer Hawkins, started 3 May. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that he is being trained on Utility billing and he is showing high motivation and wishes to pursue a career in local government.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Committee Chair Mr. Besl reported the committee met twice in April to review year to date progress and to project to year end and into 2022. Small budget surplus is expected in 2021 due to retirements and personnel changes and 2022 is project to be in budget for the same reason. The next meeting will be scheduled offline.

Fire Committee – Committee Chair Ms. Macenko reported the committee met and the minutes are posted online. Ambulance service was discussed but will be reviewed at the end of 2022 after experience with Sharonville. Renovation is nearly completed with kitchen cabinets being the final step. Assistant Chief Reenan provided the fire report including 20 runs in April including much fewer basements pumped out. 15 EMS runs and 3,515 volunteer hours for April and Covid numbers are 5 positive cases in the Village. Continue to wash hands, social distance and mask during daily activities.

Laws and Claims Committee – Committee Chair Ms. Duke reported that the committee did not meet in April. There will be a joint Laws/Police meeting on 10 June 4-5:30 to discuss the abandoned vehicle discussion.

Police Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Hoeweler reported no meeting was held in the prior month but it has been a busy meeting due to Chief Warman's retirement. The next meeting will be the joint meeting with the Laws Committee on 10 June as previously stated. Chief Walsh stated that the report had been sent out this afternoon via email. There were 2 theft reports, one being an unlocked car and there was a PayPal scam where a resident was contacted. Both items remain under investigation.

Public Buildings and Historic Preservation Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Kreidler reported no meeting in April and thanked Mr. Besl for covering during his absence during the last Council meeting.

Recreation and Playgrounds Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Base-Smith reported the Cleveland Park Playground improvement work and Summit Park tennis court/pickle ball court work is in flight. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that the target completion date for Cleveland Park improvement is 30 June.

Streets, Public Improvements & Lights Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Besl reported the committee discussed the repaving of Sharon and interior streets. Also discussed was the storm water work on Albion and Hedgerow. He thanked Mr. Alderfer and his crew for all of their work.

Utilities Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Base-Smith reported no meeting held in April and there is a meeting this Thursday at 4pm to discuss I and I (Inflow and Infiltration) requirements from the Ohio EPA, water system rates and the progress against meeting 2024 goal for reducing unbilled water losses. There has also been a list of Water/Utilities obligations which has been posted to the Utility Department section of the Glendale website.

IX. Miscellaneous Business and Reports

a. Reports from the Clerk and Treasurer

Treasurer – Treasurer Beaugrand provided his reports via email. In the 2021 budget, 90% of contingency has been used.

Clerk – Clerk Terrell reported that posting minutes to the Glendale website for Council, Planning Commission and CIC have been transitioned to her and all approved minutes that she has in hand have been posted.

X. Review of Expenditures

- a. 2021-05 General Fund
- b. 2021-05 Enterprise Fund

Mayor Lofty introduced the following financial reports: General Checking Certification through April, Enterprise Checking Certification through April, Revenue Report through March 31 and Expenditure Report through March 31 and Cash Transactions Report

through March 31. Mr. Besl moved to acknowledge receipt of the reports Ms. Macenko seconded the motion and it passed unanimously via Council voice vote. Ms. Duke asked about the charge for email hosting back up maintenance given that there have been recent email problems. Village Administrator Lumsden said that CSM is one of the most dependable vendors and are available 24/7 and they manage the Villages Outlook email accounts.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Lofty is proposing a hybrid meeting in person/zoom meeting for the June meeting. Ms. Macenko asked if it was still possible to meet via Zoom through the end of 2021 and Mayor Lofty confirmed that it is legally allowed.

Motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Besl. The motion was seconded by Ms. Duke and unanimously passed by Council voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Next regular meeting June 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm

ATTESTED BY:

Mayor Donald A. Lofty

Rebecca M. Terrell
Clerk