

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

Minutes – Regular Council Meeting April 3, 2023

Attendees:

Don Lofty	Mayor	Present
Mike Besl	Council	Present
Marilyn Duke	Council	Present
Nancy Macenko	Council	Present
Geoff Base-Smith	Council	Present
Will Kreidler	Council	Present
Amy Baldrige	Council	Present
Mike Beaugrand	Treasurer	Present
Becky Terrell	Clerk	Present
David Lumsden	Village Administrator	Present
Craig Walsh	Police Chief	Present
Scott Lerman	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 7:00 pm and led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum: Mayor Lofty declared a Quorum of the Council present and Clerk Terrell confirmed the presence of a Quorum. Mayor Lofty amended the agenda moving 2013-17 prior to public comment with no objection.

II. Approval of Council Minutes

6 March 2023 Regular Council Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the 6 March Regular Council Meeting was made by Ms. Macenko and seconded by Ms. Baldrige. The motion passed via unanimous Council voice-vote.

16 March 2023 Special Council Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the 16 March Special Council Meeting was made by Mr. Besl and seconded by Mr. Kreidler. The motion passed via 5 – 1 vote with the following results: Mr. Besl – yes, Ms. Duke – no, Ms. Macenko – yes; Mr. Base-Smith – yes; Mr. Kreidler – yes; Ms. Baldrige - yes.

III. Mayoral Proclamation

Honoring the Princeton Girls Basketball Team on the Occasion of Their Winning the 2023 Division I Championship for the State of Ohio.

Mayor Lofty read the proclamation into the record recognizing the Lady Viking's State Championship.

IV. Public Comment

1. **Mr. Bill Parrish**, resident and founder and Executive Director of the Eckstein Cultural Arts Center. He thanked Mr. Base-Smith for attending the Salvation Army camp meeting on 24 March and Ms. Duke for visiting the exhibit. Descendants of P&G founders contacted him requesting a tour of the Underground Railroad sites and Camp Glendale (now Washington Park) which was possible through the support of the Gamble family and the park was closed and moved in 1958 and subsequently demolished. The exhibit is creating a dialog regarding contacting the National Register to have Camp Glendale considered for historic recognition. Ms. Duke thanked ECAC and all who have worked on the exhibit and did not realize that Camp Glendale was there and appreciate learning about it.

IV. Old Business

No Old Business was discussed

V. New Business

Ordinances

Ordinance 2023-17 An Ordinance Appointing a Glendale Volunteer Firefighter, Establishing a One-Year Probationary Period, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-17 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Assistant Chief Lerman introduced Brenn Wright and provided his background.

Mr. Besl motioned to dispense with three reads which was seconded by Mr. Kreidler and approved via unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-17 passed via unanimous Council roll call vote.

Mayor Lofty administered the Oath of Office.

Ordinance 2023-18 An Ordinance Authorizing Amendment of the 2023 Appropriations of the General Fund, and Declaring an Emergency.

Ms. Macenko moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-18 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Baldrige.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated that this covers 2 adjustments to the General Fund: Parks Department \$7,500 increase for the Village participation in the feasibility study with Tri-State Trails for connector between Glenwood Gardens and Sharon Woods and \$46,000 appropriation for strategic planning company Envision and discussed during the levy meetings. The Parks funding would not be paid until all communities involved in the study are committed.

Ms. Duke asked about the \$7,500 and the extent to which residents on Oak Ave participated in the Parks and Recreation committee meeting when the trail was discussed. She further asked if those that live on Oak have been approached to

provide input to the proposal before funds are expended. Ms. Baldrige said some residents have attended the meetings where the topic was discussed. The feasibility study is a big picture talk to get best placement and not to the point for resident feedback.

Mr. Besl asked the purpose of the feasibility study and Ms. Baldrige said that the 41-mile trail's 4th phase under review and the feasibility study is looking at all neighborhoods to see what is the best route. She confirmed our immediate communities have agreed to participate. Mr. Besl followed up asking who maintains control of what would be built/installed along the trail route [the Village controls]

Mr. Besl said he wants to make sure impervious surface is reviewed due to current water issues and the other work pending in the Oak Road greenspace, including storm water control and pedestrian access, and the Village plans and schedule should not be impacted by the feasibility study. which was generally agreed upon. Ms. Baldrige noted that the Village engineers are also part of the trail project and will be participants.

Ms. Duke reiterated the need to have Oak residents informed, involved and their input gathered. Ms. Baldrige stated her belief that this is too early in the process but expect residents to be engaged in the future and will reach out if possible. Mr. Beaugrand said his understanding is that this is a pledge to participate in the process and not agreeing to the installation of a trail. Mr. Besl noted that the Village should continue pursuing sidewalk/pedestrian access to the Oak Road area east of the tracks noting that it is possible that installation would occur before the final trail location decision.

Mr. Base-Smith asked about the \$46,000 strategic plan funding, stating he believes the appropriation is premature as Council has not provided input or ideas that could be considered by the firm and believes Council's wants/needs

should be ready before engaging the consultant. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that Envision would gather Council input as part of their overall process and not prior to engaging their services. Mr. Kreidler asked if the Village has talked to Madeira as they have used Envision and Village Administrator Lumsden stated that the strategic plan development was inspired by Madeira's work and results. Ms. Duke noted that Envision's response did not include recognition of the utility infrastructure planning or implementation which is critical.

Treasurer Beaugrand questioned Council's belief in the need for a strategic plan given the questions. If a plan is needed and supported but the use of a consultant is in question then he challenged to identify who among Council would lead the process. This outside consulting firm has expertise and a local success story and will work to the best of their ability with Council and residents to develop a holistic plan.

Following the conversation, an option to split the 2 appropriations into different Ordinances (2023-18 and 2023-19) was proposed by Solicitor Ryan.

Mr. Besl moved to remove the \$7,500 Parks Department appropriation from Ordinance 2023-18 retaining the Emergency language. Ms. Macenko seconded the motion. The motion passed via 5-1 roll-call vote with the following results: Mr. Besl – yes, Ms. Duke – no, Ms. Macenko – yes, Mr. Base-Smith – yes, Mr. Kreidler – yes, Ms. Baldrige – yes.

Mr. Besl motioned to dispense with three reads for amended Ordinance 2023-18. The motion was seconded by Ms. Macenko but failed with a 4-2 roll-call vote with the following results: Mr. Besl – yes, Ms. Duke – no, Ms. Macenko – yes, Mr. Base-Smith – no, Mr. Kreidler – yes, Ms. Baldrige – yes.

This acts as the first read of Amended Ordinance 2023-18.

Ms. Baldrige motioned to create Ordinance 2023-19 to Appropriate \$7.500 to the Parks Department for the Trails project. Mr. Kreidler seconded the motion and the motion passed via unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Mr. Besl motioned to dispense with three reads for Ordinance 2023-19. Ms. Baldrige seconded the motion. The motion failed with a 3-3 roll call vote with the following results: Mr. Besl – yes, Ms. Duke – no, Ms. Macenko – yes, Mr. Base-Smith – no, Mr. Kreidler – no, Ms. Baldrige – yes.

This acts as the first read of Ordinance 2023-19.

Resolution 2023-09 A Resolution Urging the Legislative Branches of the Federal Government as well as the State of Ohio to Enact Legislation to Further Protect the Citizens of the Village of Glendale, Ohio from the Inherent Dangers of a Train Derailment on the Tracks Located Within Our Village and the Protect Our Citizens from the Deleterious Effects on Health and Safety Caused by Excessive Idling of Trains in our Village.

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Resolution 2023-09 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Baldrige.

Mayor Lofty stated that this is to provide communication to the State and Federal governments regarding Glendale's concern regarding rail safety given recent events. Ms. Duke asked the definition of 'excessive idling' and posited that 'excessive' invites discussion and debate. Ms. Duke moved a friendly amendment to strike 'excessive' from the verbiage. Mr. Besl seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Kreidler asked if any other municipality done this type of resolution and Mayor Lofty stated that he was not aware of any but this action puts the issue on the table for future possible State action. Ms. Duke stated that while the railroads are powerful, it is the legislative process and

addressing the issue is in the best interest of the Village and residents. Ms. Macenko asked the process following Council action. Mayor Lofty stated the completed resolution will be sent to 2 senators, Representative Davidson, the Village's State legislative representatives and the Ohio Municipal League.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-09 passed via unanimous Council roll call vote.

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

Births: None reported

Deaths: None reported.

Mayor's Report

Friday 31 March officer from Springdale Township was killed in the line of duty and a moment of silence was held.

Mayor Lofty announced he has appointed Glendale resident Dr. Sabrina Leach as Medical Director of Glendale. This is a mayor's appointment and the funding was appropriated as part of fire department budget.

Mayor Lofty stated that after 8 years serving as Mayor, he will not be running for re-election in November. He believes the Village will benefit from a new person with new ideas and he has personal travel plans. He is announcing this now in the spirit of transparency and for fairness to anyone contemplating running for Mayor.

Village Administrator's Report

Village Administrator Lumsden reported that he hopes to have Envision present at or before the 1 May Council meeting to clarify any questions regarding the process to develop the strategic plan. A utility billing open house will be held 15 April (Saturday) 11am to 3pm to help people sign up for new billing system, the new credit card system and other utility questions. Residents should bring their own devices. National Inspection Corporation (NIC) code enforcement has been in the Village

since 20 March to review the current code and assess what is happening in the Village. Code changes will be worked through the Police Committee with any changes coming before Council in the near future. Progress on the banking transition continues. The Ahren's Fox antique fire engine has been posted for sale and the link will be circulated. Hamilton County Auction will also be circulating the link to collectors and the sale will be available through July. Ms. Baldrige asked the newsletter reflect the various work being done in the Village so residents are aware.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Committee Chair Mr. Besl reported the committee did not meet in March. The April meeting will be scheduled offline and will focus on the review of the first quarter results review.

Fire Committee – Committee Chair Ms. Macenko reported the committee did not meet in March and the next meeting will be scheduled off-line. Assistant Fire Chief Lerman noted the fire report was published and a grant was awarded for additional CPR training equipment.

Laws and Claims Committee – Committee Chair Ms. Duke reported that the committee did not meet in March. Next meeting will be scheduled off-line.

Police Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Kreidler reported the committee did not meet in March and the next meeting will be scheduled off-line. Chief Walsh's report was distributed via email. A burglary occurred this morning at a house on West Sharon. Following police response, the burglar was arrested walking down Church Street. The recent death of the Springfield Township officer and the Police Honor Guard was discussed. Prayers were offered to the officer, the other victim and their families.

Public Buildings and Historic Preservation Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Kreidler reported the committee did not meet in March. A future meeting will be scheduled offline.

Recreation and Playgrounds Committee – Committee Chair Ms. Baldrige reported the committee met 21 March to discuss plans and the Ordinance discussed this evening.

Streets, Public Improvements & Lights Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Besl reported the committee did not meet in March. The next meeting will be scheduled with the Sisters of Transfiguration and Bethany Schools for their update and the Hedgerow/Albion project. Discussion regarding the greenbelt will be included.

Utilities Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Base-Smith reported the committee did not meet in March and an April meeting will be scheduled off-line.

IX. Miscellaneous Business and Reports

a. Reports from the Clerk and Treasurer

Treasurer – Treasurer Beaugrand provided the March investment results via email.

Clerk – Clerk Terrell provided no report.

X. Review of Expenditures

Mayor Lofty reported the receipt of General Checking and Enterprise Checking for February 2023. Motion to acknowledge receipt of report was made by Mr. Besl and seconded by Ms. Baldrige

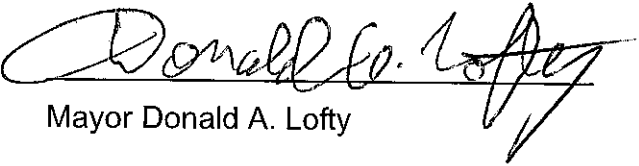
XI. Adjournment

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

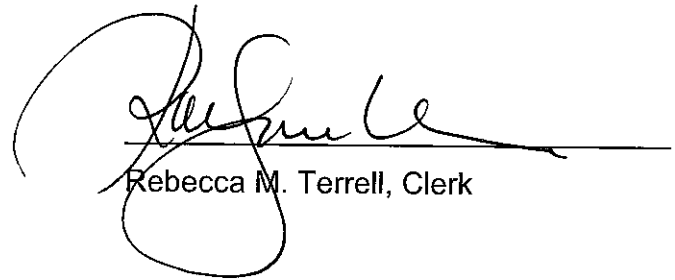
The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Next regular meeting May 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm

ATTESTED BY:



Mayor Donald A. Lofty



Rebecca M. Terrell, Clerk