

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

Minutes – Regular Council Meeting June 7, 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
Kevin Hardwick	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 first “hybrid” (in person and video) Council meeting. 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: 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.

II. Minutes from the Council's 3 May Regular Council Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the 3 May Regular Council Meeting was made by Ms. Macenko and seconded by Mr. Kreidler. The motion passed via unanimous Council voice vote.

III. Public Presentations / Public Comment:

1. **Village government practice for virtual & in-person meetings.** Mayor Lofty stated the Zoom option continues through the 28 June meeting. The virtual meeting authority expires 1 July and Mayor Lofty encouraged June committee meetings to be held in a hybrid setting. After 1 July all meetings will be in person with a YouTube option for remote viewing.
2. **Mayor's recognition of contributions of Ms. Arleen Hoeweler to the beautification of the Village.** Mayor Lofty introduced Ms. Hoeweler and her work supporting Village beautification and volunteer work.
3. **Ordinance 2021-16** An Ordinance Appointing Glendale Volunteer Firefighters, Establishing a One Year Probationary Period, and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Hoeweler moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-16 which was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Chief Hardwick introduced the Volunteer Firefighter candidates and their background.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-16 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Mayor Lofty will administer the Oath of Office at a later date.

4. **Ms. Elizabeth Oldiges, resident.** She requested the Village to formally recognize the land referred to as Johnny's Park as an officially designated Village park named Johnny's Park. Mayor Lofty requested that any documentation be submitted to the Village Office and he will begin researching the process.
5. **Ms. Leigh Thomas, resident.** She expressed support making the land referred to as Johnny's Park a usable public space and noted issues with poison ivy and tree hazards.
6. **Mr. Ron Visscher, resident.** He stated concerns regarding the GCIC and if the GCIC was instructed to pursue ideas inconsistent with 2000 Village Plan. Mayor Lofty asked that he submit his concerns in writing to the Village Office and Mr. Visscher said he would do so.
7. **Ms. Renee Hargrove, resident.** She offered an alternative use for 42 Washington, a.k.a. the Eckstein Property, suggesting a private school. She is working with a group to do a market assessment and has made a cash offer for the property.
8. **Mr. Kevin Parrish, resident.** He discussed his concerns regarding the sanitary sewer work on Cole and the public records request process.
9. **Mr. Joe Hubbard, resident.** He discussed the need to rename the Park Board which is part of Ordinance 2021-12.

IV. Old Business:

Resolution 2021-12: Resolution of Support for Efforts by Anthony Brock and the Brock Foundation in Cooperation with the Village of Glendale to Develop and Promote Tennis and Pickleball Courts and Related Programs at Summit Park (Correction).

Ms. Duke moved to adopt Resolution 2021-12 which was seconded by Mr. Base-Smith.

Mayor Lofty stated no emergency language required as the action is an

expression of support which is immediately apparent on the face of the document and Ms. Duke motioned to strike the Emergency language as a friendly scrivener's error.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12 was passed via unanimous Council roll-call vote.

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 Name "The Glendale Urban Forestry Board" and Establishing a Minimum of Six Meetings per year (2nd Reading).

This ordinance has a motion and second in the previous meeting.

Mayor Lofty noted that there have been extensive changes between the original version of Ordinance 2021-12 to the one recently distributed with mark-up notes. Upon the advisement of Solicitor Ryan, Ms. Macenko motioned to accept the revisions between the first read to the second read and Mr. Kreidler seconded. The motion passed via unanimous Council voice vote. It was also noted that this does not contain Emergency language, so this would not go into effect until 30 days after passage, should it pass.

Ms. Macenko moved to dispense with the third read and Mr. Base-Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following results: Mr. Besl – yes; Mr. Hoeweler – yes; Ms. Duke – no; Ms. Macenko – yes; Mr. Base-Smith – yes; Mr. Kreidler – yes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-12 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

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 (3rd reading).

This ordinance has a motion and second from a previous meeting and was tabled at the 3 May meeting.

After discussion regarding the property value, potential hazards and whether the lot would benefit Summit Park access, Ms. Macenko voted to table the Ordinance for further review and Ms. Duke seconded the motion. The motion to table failed with the following results: Mr. Besl – yes; Mr. Hoeweler – no; Ms. Duke – yes; Ms. Macenko – yes; Mr. Base-Smith – no; Mr. Kreidler – no; resulting in a tie with Mayor Lofty voting no as tie-breaker.

The motion for Ordinance 2021-13 passed with the following results: Mr. Besl – no; Mr. Hoeweler – yes; Ms. Duke – No; Ms. Macenko – no; Mr. Base-Smith – yes; Mr. Kreidler – yes; resulting in a tie with Mayor Lofty voting yes as a tie-breaker.

V. New Business:

Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-17: An Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio of Property and Liability Insurance and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-17 which was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated this is the annual Village Property and Liability Insurance renewal. Coverage includes the period June 20, 2021 to June

20, 2022 and the premium is a 7.7% increase vs. prior year. This is a public pool and not subject to public bid. The budgeted increase was 2%, so the new rate is higher than budgeted but no impact is expected as there are other renewal offsets not discussed yet. Ms. Duke asked the aggregate amount paid to the Village and Village Administrator Lumsden stated 6 current period claims with payout in the tens of thousands of dollars. Treasurer Beaugrand asked the budget impact and Village Administrator Lumsden stated that there should be no impact or request for additional funding. Mr. Hoeweler about insurance options and Village Administrator Lumsden stated that Village is required to carry insurance and 2 of the state pools best meet Village requirements. The last review was 2014 when the Village moved to the Public Entities Pool which saved money and better met Village needs.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-17 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2021-18: An Ordinance Authorizing the Administrator to Renew Health Insurance with the Center for Local Government Benefits Pool; Said Program a Public Insurance Pool Not Subject to Public Bid and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Hoeweler moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-18 which was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated this is the annual Health Insurance renewal. The premium realized a 0% increase vs. a budgeted increase of 7%. This covers the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022. This is a public pool and not subject to public bid.

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 2021-18 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2021-19: An Ordinance Authorizing the Administrator to Continue to Implement a Health Savings Account Plan with Fifth Third Bank as the Administrating Agent and Authorizing Funding of \$2,000 of the Family Deductible and \$1,000 of the Single Deductible Toward Eligible Medical Expenses Incurred by Employees Who Have Complied with the Annual Wellness Assessment and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Hoeweler moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-19 which was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Mayor Lofty asked for a friendly amendment updating the bank name to "Fifth Third Bank". Ms. Macenko moved for the friendly amendment and it was seconded by Mr. Kreidler and passed via unanimous voice vote. Village Administrator Lumsden stated this is the annual Health Savings Account Plan renewal. The funding is unchanged from the previous year and there is a penalty for non-compliance to the wellness checks.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-19 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2021-20: An Ordinance Designating the Employee and Employer Contributions Toward Health Insurance Premiums and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-20 which was seconded by Mr. Hoeweler.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated this is the annual setting the percentage of contributions to the Health Care plan for the Village and Employee. The amounts are the same vs. previous year and section 2 allows the amounts to be revisited in January 2022 should the need arise.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-20 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2021-21: An Ordinance Authorizing the Administrator to Renew Dental Care Plus for All Eligible Full-Time and Those Part-Time Employees Provided for by Ordinance and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-21 which was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated this is the annual Dental Insurance renewal with a 0% increase. Last year's increase was 3% with this year planned at a 0% increase

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-21 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2021-22: An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the Name of a Capital Improvement Fund, Fund 402, to "Hamilton County Municipal Road

**Fund” and Increasing Estimated Revenue for 2021 and Declaring an
Emergency.**

Ms. Macenko moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-22 which was seconded by Mr. Besl.

Mayor Lofty stated that the next 3 ordinances concern the Sharon Road paving project. Village Administrator Lumsden stated this ordinance is “housekeeping” and a fund rename is requested to make the fund broader in scope. This also includes the appropriation of funds for the Sharon Road project.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-22 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

**Ordinance 2021-23: An Ordinance Awarding the Contract for the Sharon Avenue Paving Project to the John R. Juergensen Company, Lowest and Best Bidder, and as a Recommendation by the Village Engineer, Authorizing the Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Same, and Declaring an
Emergency.**

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-23 which was seconded by Mr. Kreidler.

Mayor Lofty stated that this is to award the bid and the emergency language is required to move ahead quickly. Ms. Duke asked if Council had limited time to act prior to the bid expiring. Village Administrator Lumsden confirmed that the bid could expire without Council action.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-23 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2021-24: An Ordinance Amending the Appropriations of the General Fund, Hamilton County Municipal Road Fund, and Village Plan and General Improvement Fund.

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-24 which was seconded by Mr. Hoeweler.

Mayor Lofty asked for a friendly amendment to add emergency language to the title. Ms. Macenko moved to amend the ordinance as suggested and Mr. Kreidler seconded the motion. The motion passed via unanimous Council voice-vote. Village administrator Lumsden also requested a friendly amendment to change “posted” in Section III to “increased.” Mr. Besl moved for the verbiage change and Mr. Kreidler seconded. The motion passed via unanimous Council voice-vote.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated that the project will be paid across 4 different funds including funds carried over from the prior year. The appropriation also includes 10% contingency for the Village Engineers should there be an Engineering change request, expediting the process. Kleinger’s has also requested additional funding for on-site consultation, which has also been included. Mr. Hoeweler asked if there was a completion date included and Village Administrator Lumsden stated that it was part of Ordinance 2021-23 stating that the completion date is 31 August 2021 as part of the contract. Solicitor Ryan stated that this is an appropriation action and including the completion date is not appropriate. Mr. Hoeweler asked if the contract includes a penalty clause and Village Administrator Lumsden stated that there is a damages clause should the deadline not be met.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-24 passed by unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2021-25: An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of the “Glendale Family Fund” Department as Part of the Community Fund and Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations for 2021.

Mr. Hoeweler moved to adopt Ordinance 2021-25 which was seconded by Ms. Macenko.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated that this is about an existing Fund that covers the Holiday Toy Drive and Back to School programs run by the Glendale Police department. This effort is to include this fund in the Village Community Fund for auditing and tracking purposes. The purchasing process would be the same as all other Village funds and residents will be able to donate directly and receive tax receipts. Mayor Lofty asked if this is intended NOT to be an emergency and Village Administrator Lumsden stated that it is not required to be an emergency.

Ms. Duke asked if expenditures under this fund would be itemized such that payments to individuals or families would be subject to public disclosure, as the current fund is confidential and nobody knows who receives funding. Village Administrator deferred to Chief Walsh to clarify if funds were disbursed directly to families and Chief Walsh stated he was not aware of any funds awarded directly to a family. Chief Warman took people shopping or purchased gift cards, so there was no direct payout. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that the process would not include the recipient name unless it was a direct cash/check payment to the family. Ms. Duke said that fund recipients are not subject to public release currently but converting the fund to the General Fund results in

recipient identification as part of the Ohio Open Records act. Mr. Hoeweler agreed with Ms. Duke and asked why it needs to be put into a Community Fund after so many years and Treasurer Beaugrand stated that using Village employees to manage this it must adhere to the Village process. Mayor Lofty stated that the topic warrants further research regarding release of the identity of recipients and donors.

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

Motion to table Ordinance 2021-25 was made by Mr. Hoeweler and seconded by Mr. Base-Smith. The motion passed by unanimous Council voice vote.

Mayor Lofty stated that “This is Glendale” was suspended during the pandemic and the request is for funding to restart the program with a professional resource that is also a Village resident. The request is \$1,000 for July and August to test what can be done prior to any additional commitment.

Mr. Hoeweler moved to authorize the spending and Ms. Macenko seconded the motion.

Ms. Duke asked how much has been spent to date on “This is Glendale” and Ms. Macenko stated that it was \$125 for equipment and the resources were all volunteer. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that TiG supports his goal of improving resident communication as it allows for long form communication on complex topics. Ms. Macenko stated that the previous programs were achieving 1,400 views per month vs. 2,200 residents. Mr. Besl asked what would be covered in TiG that would not be included in the newsletter and how do the media messaging guidelines apply and how will it be controlled. Village Administrator Lumsden stated that TiG would enable a Fire Station tour where that would not be possible via the newsletter as an example. Ms. Duke asked

about embedding videos into the newsletter which Village Administrator Lumsden state that it could be done but the Village Office staff does not have capacity to create video content. Mayor Lofty stated that content will be managed similarly to the newsletter and Village Administrator Lumsden concurred.

The motion failed with the following Council roll-call vote: Mr. Besl - no; Mr. Hoeweler – no; Ms. Duke – no; Ms. Macenko – yes; Mr. Base-Smith - yes; Mr. Kreidler - no.

VI. Reports from the Mayor, Administrator, Standing & Special Committees

Mayor's Report:

Births: None reported
Deaths: None reported

Mayor Lofty announced the upcoming Glendale Restaurant week which supports the Police Department Back to School drive. HWB Concerts Series which are the June/July Saturdays from 6-9 have started. Fill the Truck is scheduled for Saturday 12 June from 8am – 2pm and they will take non-perishable food, household and cleaning items. The Quiet Zone celebration will be planned and scheduled.

Administrator's Report:

Village administrator Lumsden provided his report including: Village's Consumer Confidence Report required by the EPA that includes the results from the Village water testing results.

Improvements to Cleveland Park Playground will be starting soon. Equipment has been ordered and the deadline is 15 July with the hope that the original 30 June deadline can be met.

ODOT has changed the Route 4 closure plans and updated timing will be published when it is known.

There are efforts going on with Village Engineering to look at Summit Park parking and other improvements in support of Tony Brock's effort to install new tennis and pickle ball courts.

Alert Hamilton County training completed for Department Heads from Hamilton County Emergency Management. He asked residents to Village the website and register for the alerts.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Committee Chair Mr. Besl reported the committee met in May discussing the Sharon Rd. repaving project. Project comes in at very good price and will be done by end of August. The next meeting will be in July to review half year performance and forward capital projections.

Fire Committee – Committee Chair Ms. Macenko reported the committee did not meet in May. Chief Hardwick provided his update 3100 volunteer hours and 41 emergencies during May. COVID cases remain low and encourages vaccination. Basic firefighting class on 21 June and 10 October is grand opening of Fire Station.

Laws and Claims Committee – Committee Chair Ms. Duke reported that the committee will meet 10 June at 4pm and an agenda will be circulated.

Police Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Hoeweler reported no meeting in May. Chief Walsh reported a new fraud/scam involving people posing as Amazon fraud investigators where they ask for bank information. New police clerk started 1 June and is in training and spent 24 years in North College Hill in the same role. On 23 June the Police Dept is going to the Hamilton County Range and invite all to attend range with them.

Public Buildings and Historic Preservation Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Kreidler reported no meeting in May.

Recreation and Playgrounds Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Base-Smith reported no May meeting but noted the Cleveland Park Playground improvement work and Summit Park tennis court/pickle ball court work is in flight.

Streets, Public Improvements & Lights Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Besl reported the committee did not meet but a meeting will be scheduled off line.

Utilities Committee – Committee Chair Mr. Base-Smith reported one meeting held 6 May and the discussion included reducing lost water rates and billing rates which will also be discussed further at the next meeting (not yet scheduled).

IX. Miscellaneous Business and Reports

- a. Reports from the Clerk and Treasurer

Treasurer – Treasurer Beaugrand provided his reports via email and said that the Village is on track for the year.

Clerk – no report.

X. Review of Expenditures

- a. 2021-06 General Fund
- b. 2021-06 Enterprise Fund

Mayor Lofty introduced the following financial reports: General Checking Certification through May and Enterprise Checking Certification through May. Mr. Hoeweler moved to acknowledge receipt of said reports. Mr. Kreidler seconded the motion which passed via unanimous Council voice vote. Mr. Kreidler ask for clarification regarding which facility required heating/ cooling replacement occurring 20 May and Village Administrator Lumsden said he would follow up and confirm it was the Police Station.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hoeweler. The motion was seconded by Ms. Macenko and unanimously passed by Council voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Next regular meeting June 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm

ATTESTED BY:

Mayor Donald A. Lofty

Rebecca M. Terrell
Clerk