

. Special Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – 7 PM • Virtual by Zoom

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call for Quorum	Mayor Stefan Densmore			<p>The Village Council convened a Special meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 7 PM by video conference with Mayor Stefan Densmore presiding. The Mayor called this meeting as a special meeting.</p> <p>This remote access meeting was allowed by emergency legislation adopted by the Ohio General Assembly and approved by the Governor. The emergency legislation added language to RC Section 121.22 allowing public meetings by telephone or video conference during the current pandemic and the declared State of Emergency. As required by the statute, notice of the video meeting was publicized more than 24 hours in advance to allow public access. The public was also given back up numbers to call in the event there were difficulties accessing the meeting by Zoom video. This Notice of Meeting was posted on the Village's website and a similar Notice was sent to various media outlets.</p> <p>Roll call of Council Members: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: No present Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes</p> <p>Motion to excuse Mr. Kneipp by Ms. Snyder Second by Mr. Pridonoff All members in favor</p> <p>Mr. Kneipp joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.</p>

Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion		Motion to adopt the Agenda by Mr. Pridonoff Second by Mr. Boettcher All in favor.
Persons Registered to Address Council	Resident/Visitor	3-minute time limit per speaker.	None	
Minutes to be Approved	Andy Lanser	Review & Motion	Previous meeting minutes.	<p>Minutes for Council meetings conducted after COVID – 19 executive orders were withheld for approval in anticipation of action taking place at the next in-person meeting. In consideration that Council continues to meet virtually, minutes from May 11 through June 22, 2020 will be reviewed and considered for approval at this meeting, in addition to minutes from September 14, 2020.</p> <p>Motion to approval Council minutes for the meetings listed below by Ms. Chaney:</p> <p>Group 2 May 11, 2020 - Special Council Meeting May 26, 2020 - Special Council Meeting June 8, 2020 - Special Council Meeting June 22, 2020 - Special Special Council Meeting September 14, 2020 – Special Council Meeting</p> <p>Second by Mr. Boettcher All members voted in favor.</p>
Departments/Committees				
Mayor	Mayor Densmore	Report & Announcements	Report	<p>Mayor's Report is attached.</p> <p>Proclamation 2020 – 1: Honoring Former Council Member Lou Marx Motion to affirm by Ms. Chaney Second by Mr. Boettcher All in favor.</p>
Village Administrator	Ron Hirth	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Excellence awarded to Sgt. Ryland Reed by Administrator Ron Hirth in appreciation for the manner in which he conducts his daily duties and the regard he demonstrates

				<p>toward his fellow employees and the residents of the Village. Sgt. Reed has demonstrated extra effort, particularly during COVID, to sanitize the public areas of the Administration building and awareness of how PD operations affect the rest of the operation. He has saved the Village vehicle expense through managing vehicle maintenance and in sourcing our procurement of those vehicles. He has been a great help to the administration in a number of situations and embodies the spirit of willingly cooperating and having a positive spirit toward what we need to accomplish. For this reason, Mr. Hirth has awarded him the COE with thanks and appreciation for what he does for the Village of Golf Manor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project 47: Nothing new to report at this time. • Vera Ave. agreement documents have been submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) while surveying and engineering continues. <p>We will be sending letters to the residents confirming the project once a bid and contractor has been selected and we have an approximate date of when work will start. The bid process is coordinated by our road engineer, JMA Associates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have reached an agreement with the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) to work cooperatively with them to receive notification on any construction or repair projects they are performing in the Village. The Administration will receive automated email notification for any orders that are “opened” for work. This is a big step in helping us to monitor and maintain the integrity of our inventory of 18 streets. • Speed hump project should start sometime next week. It will take about 30-days to complete the project once started. • Speed monitoring signs have been ordered. • COVID relief funding: County and from the CARES Act. • Ms. Gedeon sent out contact information update forms to the Council members. Please return those ASAP. • RITA sent letters this week to 809 taxpayers of record in the Village who failed to file a 2019 tax return. This is step one in enforcing compliance to file and ultimately collect on any personal income tax funds due the Village. • A Very Positive Appreciation BBQ: On Friday, October 9 at 11:30 AM, we will host a BBQ in the Community Hall for the employees,
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Fiscal Officer/Asst. Admin	Andy Lanser	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Service Department has added another PT employee, Brian Timmers. Mr. Timmers is a FT Firefighter for the Little Miami Fire District. Mr. Timmers brings a wide array of skills and experience to make him a valuable asset to the Department. • Village Administration will be adding an additional PT employee to the Service Department to assist with leaf collection this fall and winter. Village Administration is hoping for a diverse field of candidates to select from. The job posting is available for review and download on the website. Anyone interested in the position is advised to submit a cover letter and detailed resume to Mr. Lanser at a.lanser@golfmanoroh.gov. • The deadline for completing the Census has been extended to October 5th. It is important for every resident of the Village to complete it. The Census is used to determine funding for important benefit programs vital to the residents of the Village, determines elected representation, and even is used to identify public transportation opportunities available to residents. The information provided to the Census is safe, and secure. Any residents of the Village who have not completed your Census yet, please do so as soon as possible. You Count! • Total Village participation in the 2020 Census is 67.9%. This figure is nearly 3% higher than the response rate for the Village in the previous Census cycle. • Village Administration is requesting that Council approve a series of supplemental and re-appropriations. Included are a transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from “personal” to “other” line items for fund #2151. Resources in this fund are direct payments to the Village from the State in order to plug gaps in funding related to economic disruption to Village revenues resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. The adjustment is requested based on forecasted expenses in the fund, and a desire to provide sufficient funding for several other projects and purchases.

Police	Chief Chris Campbell	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Campbell thanked Sgt. Reed for his outstanding service to the Department and to the Village. Chief Campbell stated Sgt. Reed is an invaluable member of the Department.
LMFR Fire District Chief Report	Chief Terry Timmers	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Second Roll Call for Quorum	Mr. Lanser			Roll call of Council Members: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes
Solicitor	Terry Donnellon, Solicitor	Legislation & Discussion	ORD 2020 – 10: An Ordinance to Amend Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Golf Manor for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020 to Appropriate Funds to be Received for Coronavirus Relief	ORD 2020 – 10: For approval Motion to read by title only by Mr. Pridonoff Second by Ms. Chaney All members voted in favor Motion to approve by Ms. Chaney Second by Mr. Van Harn Discussion: None Roll call: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes Motion to suspend 2 nd and third readings by Mr. Van Harn Second by Mr. Pridonoff Roll call: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes

			<p>Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes</p> <p>RES 2020 – 13: A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Hamilton County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor</p> <p>RES 2020 – 14: A Resolution Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the Village of Golf Manor on Behalf of the State of Ohio (the Borrower) to Reimburse its Capital Improvement Fund for the Vera, Elbrook, and Vera Service Drive Improvements, CB29X with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio</p>	<p>Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes</p> <p>RES 2020 – 13: For Approval Motion to read by title only by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Van Harn All members in favor</p> <p>Motion to approve by Ms. Chaney Second by Mr. Boettcher Discussion: Mr. Donnellon stated that this is Council’s annual affirmation that the revenue projected by the County Auditor are acknowledged and accepted.</p> <p>Roll call: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes</p> <p>RES 2020 – 14: For Approval Motion to read by title only by Mr. Pridonoff Second by Mr. Van Harn All members in favor</p> <p>Motion to approve by Ms. Chaney Second by Mr. Pridonoff Discussion:</p> <p>Roll call: Mr. Boettcher: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes</p>
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Executive Committee	Ashley Snyder	Report		Executive Committee did not meet this evening.
Education	Sharon Chaney	Report		CPS students are expected to resume in-class learning on October 6 th .
Non-Profit	Eric Pridonoff	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go Golf Manor is planning a safe Halloween Trick or Treating event on 10/31. They will be reviewing guidelines provided by both the Village, and best practices recommended by the Ohio Department of Health. The event will be an outdoor event similar to last year's, and will be held on Ardmore once again. Families are required to wear masks, and to maintain social distancing. For more details check out the Go Golf Manor Facebook page. Event details will be announced shortly. If any residents need assistance getting to the polls on election day, there will be volunteers available to provide assistance. Information about rides to the polls will be available soon on Go Golf Manor's Facebook page. Go Golf Manor is also planning an outdoor Chili cook-off event. All are welcome to participate. More details about the event will follow soon on Go Golf Manor's Facebook Day.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 29th is Haven Van Harn Day in the Village. Ms. Van Harn will be offering cookies for sale again this year and the proceeds will benefit Station 47 in Golf Manor. If you would like to support this effort, you can find a link to order cookies in both Go Golf Manor and Pleasant Ridge Facebook groups. Mayor Densmore also congratulated Mr. Pridonoff on the birth of his newest child.
Fire District Board Member Report	Roger Van Harn Andy Lanser	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMFR Fire Board virtual meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - 6 PM. Fire District added a new FT firefighter Eric Rolls. Mr. Rolls has been a PT firefighter for the District and worked primarily at Station 47. The district is seeing increased vehicle maintenance expenses as the vehicles become older. Possible solutions to this challenge are being evaluated by the Board. The District and the firefighter union are considering extending the union employment agreement for one year. Discussions concerning this are ongoing between the Board and the union representatives. Elmwood Place continues to be a challenge for the District. The number of "mutual" aid runs into Elmwood place have increased once again in recent months. The Board and Chief Timmers will find a solution to this situation.
Planning Commission	Matt Boettcher	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Monday; October 5, 2020 will not be held due to no pending business. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Engagement	Danny Kneipp, Chair	Report		No report.
Finance Committee	Matt Boettcher, Chair	Report		Finance Committee did not meet this evening.
Financial Audit Committee	Matt Boettcher, Chair	Report		<p>The Financial Audit Committee met this evening. The full minutes are posted here.</p> <p>The Administration with the Solicitor will be working toward soliciting bids for banking services within the next 30-days.</p>

Old Business				
New Business		Discussion		
Announcements				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020. • Remaining dates for Council and Committee meetings for 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mon. October 26 - 7 PM ○ Mon. November 9 - 7 PM ○ Mon. November 23 - 7 PM (Appropriations for 2021) ○ Mon. December 14 - 7 PM (if no pending business, we will cancel this meeting)
Executive Session				
Adjourn				<p>Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM DST by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Pridonoff All in favor.</p>

_____ Date: _____

Submitted by Andy Lanser, Fiscal Officer

_____ Date: _____

Stefan Densmore, Mayor

_____ Date: _____

Anna Gedeon, Asst. Clerk

Mayor's Report
Submitted September 29th, 2020, by Mayor Densmore
Village of Golf Manor, OH

COVID Update:

- Governor Dewine reached out about our mask enforcement policy, thanking us for the support. Back in July I ordered an enforcement policy focusing on places like our bus stops to insure that our residents can safely use them (<https://www.golfmanoroh.gov/enforcement-of-mask-mandate-in-the-village-of-golf-manor/>). The enforcement policy allowed for \$25 fine, if a warning doesn't work, in situations such as folks congregating at bus stops without masks on. The policy intended to provide protection for immune compromised or elderly individuals having to use our bus stops. Masks are required on all of the metro buses in the county, but enforcement at bus stops is outside the capabilities of the Health Department. I had hoped our policy would serve as an additional model, other than the "nonenforcement model", available to local leadership, and appreciate the Governor's acknowledgement.
- Our COVID Update page on the website is being updated with 3 links:
 - Map of COVID-19 Testing Sites
<http://cagisportal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8a2a1ff673af49f88a25ff88a261553c>
 - File a COVID-19 Public Health Complaint
<https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/services/for-businesses/file-a-public-health-complaint/>
 - Most Recent COVID-19 Statistics for Hamilton County (and by zip)
<https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/>
- Closest testing sites for our residents are:
 - WinMed Health Services, 1740 Langdon Farm Rd, 45237 (513-569-1840)
 - WinMed Health Services, 7005 Reading Rd, 45237 (513-363-9300)
- Governor Dewine continues to offer us the opportunity to have free testing here in Golf Manor. There are some who have expressed opposition to doing this, but I believe we can address all the challenges involved -- but don't want to pursue it without the support of council, so if you have interest in bringing testing to Golf Manor, let your council members know.
- Concerns about an "eviction crisis" given the state of COVID-19 related unemployment and the expiration of the moratorium on evictions -- have been raised by several local officials, prompting a focus on resources available to renters. The Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati has a "Tenant's Guide to Eviction Court", which serves as an educational tool to help renters better navigate the system and best exercise their rights <https://cincyhelpcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Tenants-Guide-to-Eviction-Court.pdf> In addition to this, President Trump ordered an extension of the moratorium on evictions through the end of the year. There is a web page devoted to helping renters navigate the special COVID-19 Renter Protections that follow from this executive order <https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/topic/covid-19-renter-protections>

- COVID-19 Halloween recommendations from the county health department have been provided:
 - Social distance between family groups
 - Wear masks under costume masks
 - Respect homes not participating (don't knock on doors where the lights are out)
 - Parents should sanitize wrappers of candy received using clorox-type wipes, for at least the first 72 hours after Halloween.
- Updates from the most recent Health Department update to elected officials (earlier today):
 - the 18-24 age group appears to have normalized after an initial back-to-school spike in COVID-19 cases.
 - Hamilton county is still at level 2 (Orange), and our statistics appear stable there, no current indication that the State would increase our level to red later this week.
 - This past week 10 students and 6 staff have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in Hamilton County schools; over the past month the total numbers have been 31 students and 7 staff (so a significant increase in cases of school staff in the past week).
 - Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security continues to offer free PPE to community based organizations and nonprofits, including disinfectant wipes and spray, hand sanitizer, thermometers, gloves, etc. Just need to ask them. If you know of a community based organization that could use PPE contact 513-263-8200. They anticipate continued PPE distribution into next year.
 - The county is finalizing the terms of community agreements for additional aid, having received guidance from the Ohio Auditor's office -- the terms allow for a broader use of the funding for first responders, including payroll.
 - "Hero's Act" negotiations between the parties have started in Congress concerning additional financial assistance for individuals and municipalities-- which could mean additional relief.

Pipeline Update

- I met with the government affairs specialist and vice-president of gas operations at Duke Energy. I had previously asked them for a list of the 5 most recent accidents involving pipeline explosions and fatalities, the causes of these explosions and fatalities, and the follow-up safety measures that have been put in place. We finally met last week where they presented their findings, and I had the opportunity to ask the many questions I have about the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Project.
 - I had a lot of safety questions because of my concerns over the proximity of the pipeline and the potential blast radius of a pipeline this size.
 - One concern was the protection of what I'm told is Ohio's oldest synagogue, which falls within the blast zone, during a period of time that nationally has recorded the highest number of anti-semitic based attacks. Another concern was for the safety of our police and fire station, which falls within the blast zone -- I was worried about a situation in which our first responders can't respond to an attack because they themselves are a casualty of it.

- The Vice President of Gas Operations at Duke Energy, Gary Hebbeler, patiently heard and responded to each of my questions over the course of about 2 hours, and I can say I am much more confident in the safety of our residents and first responders as a result. Those of you who know me know that I am a critic of big monopolies, particularly of how their safety precautions for citizens measure up. You also know that I oppose fracking in Northern Ohio (where some of this gas comes from) due to the damage it does contaminating our water table up there. So knowing all that about me, you should be pretty amazed Mr. Hebbeler was able to successfully address all my concerns.
- If anyone has any questions about the safety of the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Project, here locally in Golf Manor, please contact me -- I'm happy to talk through my knowledge of the safety measures in place, and follow-up with Duke officials if there are any remaining concerns that I am unable to address.

Increase in Minimum Wage for Golf Manor Employees

- I want to thank the administration, particularly village administrators Ron Hirth and Andy Lanser for figuring out how to do it, and the Council for approving it. I stated this goal at the beginning of the year, and since then received lots of details on the difficulties involved in raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour. I'm grateful we were able to find a fiscally responsible/safe way to accomplish it. And frankly I had all but given up on it, so thank you. I'm grateful that we are able to honor and better support our employees through this measure.

Volunteering for Service on Council Committees

- Last month we had someone express interest in a vacant position for a resident on our village executive committee. The chair of that committee has had an opportunity to discuss the position with this individual, as has the village administrator, and finally, it's my turn -- I left a message to schedule with him this past week and am looking forward to getting to know him and potentially making an appointment of a new member to that committee.
- I want to take this opportunity to encourage anyone who is interested in getting more involved in the community to contact any of our council members or myself. There are lots of ways you can be involved, there are community groups and government committees, and anyone of us would be happy to help you find a place to get more involved.

Proclamation to Honor the Community Service of Former Council Member Lou Marx

- I've had the honor to work with Lou for a number of years on Council, and can say that he has helped me to be a better Council Member and a better Mayor. That's not to say I don't still have a lot of room for improvement :) Lou's insight, executive people skills, warmth and humor have been greatly appreciated, and I consider myself fortunate to be able to call him a friend. [See Proclamation no. 2020-1]