

Special Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 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 Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7 PM by video conference with Mayor Stefan Densmore presiding. The Mayor previously 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: Present Ms. Chaney: Present Mr. Kneipp: Not Present Mr. Pridonoff: Present Ms. Snyder: Present Mr. Van Harn: Present</p> <p>Motion to excuse Mr. Kneipp by Mr. Pridonoff Second by Mr. Boettcher All voted in favor.</p> <p>Mr. Kneipp joined the meeting at 7:10 PM.</p>
Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion		<p>Motion to adopt the agenda by Ms. Snyder Second by Mr. Pridonoff All voted in favor.</p>

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.	Minutes for review and approval from October 26, 2020 Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Pridonoff Second by Ms. Snyder All voted in favor.
Departments/Committees				
LMFR Fire District Chief Report	Chief Terry Timmers	Report	Report	October Fire District activity report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fire department has added a new paramedic to the roster. However, the fire department is also losing a paramedic in the near future as a current rostered firefighter has accepted a FT position with the City of Reading. • There have been several firefighters who have been diagnosed with covid-19. As a result, staff have thoroughly cleaned and disinfected Station 47. • A pursuit vehicle located at Station 47 was recently involved in an accident when it struck a fire hydrant in the Village. Both the vehicle and the hydrant are being repaired. • Talks continue between LMFR, St. Bernard, and Elmwood Place about run volume into Elmwood. An in-person meeting will be scheduled shortly between the three entities. • Staff at Station 47 are in the process of performing PM work on Village hydrants. This is part of the annual hydrant maintenance plan that occurs twice each year. • Chief Timmers thanked Ms. Haven Van Harn for her work and donation to the staff of Station 47. It was very generous of her, and will go to good use. • For future meetings, Chief Timmers will include monthly breakdowns of runs to outside jurisdictions from Station 47 as well as runs responding to covid-19 in the Village.
Mayor	Mayor Densmore	Report & Announcements	Report	Mayor's Report – see attached document.
Village Administrator	Ron Hirth	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 Announcement: We were advised this afternoon of an employee in the administration testing positive for the COVID virus. As

				<p>a result, we have closed the building for the next several days and will work remotely during this period. I, the Fiscal Officer and Budget/Analyst will be able to provide the same high level of service as if we were in the office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID – 19 Protocols: Infections continue to increase in Hamilton County, as reported by the Mayor, as well as hospitalizations, we have reminded the staff to remain vigilant in using masks while in contact with others and sanitizing the building. In addition, we continue to follow guidelines issued by the Ohio Department of Health. The police and service departments continue to keep our supplies of cleaning supplies and PPE stocked • Election Day Operations: The configuration of directing voters to the rear of the Community Hall worked well, in fact the poll workers would like to continue this practice in the future. An added benefit was enhancing safety for those campaigning as they no longer needed to cross the street to hand our literature. • Review of proposed calendar of Council meetings for calendar year 2021. • Implementation of ORD. 2019 – 10: Mr. Donnellon will speak in more detail about next steps. Mayor Densmore will be asking for an implementation plan from the Administration that will be shared with Council after the first of the year. • Project 47: No report. • Vera Ave Construction: Engineering and design continues. We are anticipating announcement of the bid process right after the Thanksgiving holiday. • Road Projects 5-Year Plan: Applications for funding were submitted on Friday for 2022 Elbrook, Wiehe, Hammel and Canterbury Englewood project(s). The priority is for Elbrook. After we get a sense for what funding is available, we will proceed to lock down our strategy. • Speed humps: Construction is complete. Painting and installation of signage will take place as weather permits this week. • New Security System: Anticipated to be online this week. We will distribute assigned key fobs to all personnel at that time. Some sign adjustments are being made as well as adding 15 PMPH signage. Painting is complete. Ardmore signage is being modified to be consistent with the other marking and signs being used. • Leaf collection in the Village is in full swing. Mr. Lanser reported that the Service Department requests residents not set their leaves on the
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Fiscal Officer	Andy Lanser	Report	Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report • Village Administration will present the appropriation budget for 2021 at the next Council meeting for approval.
Police	Chief Chris Campbell	Report	Report	<p>October Mayor's Court Report \$3,078.00 to the Village \$617.50 to the State \$78.00 to Other Total: \$3,773.50</p> <p>Motion to accept September Mayor's Court report by Ms. Snyder Second by Mr. Van Harn All members voted in favor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K9 team passed its State recertifications on 10/21. This is a strenuous program that the team passed with high marks. • The Village Police Department will continue participating in the Federal 10-33 program. This program allows the Police Department to gain access to federal surplus property at no cost to the Village. • The Village Police Department is currently interviewing candidates to fill several PT police positions. Chief Campbell will keep the Mayor and Council updated on progress in this area.
Second Roll Call for Quorum	Mr. Lanser			<p>Second roll call of Council Members: Mr. Boettcher: Present Ms. Chaney: Present Mr. Kneipp: Present Mr. Pridonoff: Present Ms. Snyder: Present</p>

				Mr. Van Harn: Present
Solicitor	Terry Donnellon, Solicitor	Legislation & Discussion	<p>RES 2020 – 18: A Resolution Continuing Program for Village and Employee Contributions to Health Savings Accounts</p> <p>Follow Up: ORD 2019 – 10</p>	<p>RES 2020 – 18: For approval Motion to read by title only by Mr. Pridonoff Second by Ms. Chaney All members voted in favor</p> <p>Motion to approve by Mr. Van Harn Second by Ms. Snyder Discussion: None</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 – 18 passes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Village remains in a holding pattern on this initiative until the Board of Elections certifies the referendum results. However once certified the Village will begin the next steps in the process which includes the appointment of a 5-person Commission. As mentioned previously, the Commission must have 3 members from the community. Until a Commission is created the Village is unable to field a complaint.
Executive Committee	Ashley Snyder	Report		<p>Executive Committee met this evening. The full minutes for 11/9/2020 are here.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for State funding for several future road projects in the Village were submitted by the Village Engineer. A decision on next steps will occur once there is clarity regarding funding levels.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the speed hump project in the Village several signs have required adjustments. Painting of the speed humps is also now complete. • Parking in the Village will be a priority of the Committee moving forward. Several possible solutions have been discussed and will be examined further including the marking of dedicated parking spaces as well as the possibility of the Village issuing parking permits. • Village participation in We Thrive will ramp up at the start of the new year. If you or anyone you know is looking for ways to participate with the Village this is tremendous opportunity. Please reach out to any member of Council, Administration, or the Mayor. • Also, the Committee welcomed its newest member, Mr. Wilkinson to the meeting.
Education	Sharon Chaney	Report		LSDMC meets 11/9 at 3 pm. Believes all still in school 2 days week.
Non-Profit	Eric Pridonoff	Report		No report
Fire District Board Member Report	Roger Van Harn Andy Lanser	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMFR Fire Board virtual meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 6 PM.
Planning Commission	Matt Boettcher	Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 @ 6:30 PM pending any business.
Engagement	Danny Kneipp, Chair	Report		No report
Finance Committee	Matt Boettcher, Chair	Report		Finance Committee did not meet this evening.
Old Business				
New Business		Discussion		
Announcements				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020 @ 7 PM • Next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020 @ 6 PM • Future scheduled dates for Council and Committee meetings:

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mon., December 14 - 7 PM (if no pending business, we will cancel this meeting) ○ Mon., January 11, 2021 @ 7 PM ○ Mon., January 25, 2021 @ 7 PM
Executive Session				
Adjourn				Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM EST by Mr. Boettcher Second by Mr. Van Harn All voted in favor.

_____ Date: _____
 Submitted by Andy Lanser, Fiscal Officer

_____ Date: _____
 Stefan Densmore, Mayor

_____ Date: _____
 Anna Gedeon, Asst. Clerk

Mayor's Report

Submitted November 9th, 2020, by Mayor Densmore Village of Golf Manor, OH

I attended Corporal Adam McMillan's visitation at Spring Grove Cemetery, and want to thank any of the Council members who did also. I know members of the administration attended, including Mr. Hirth, and am very proud of that, so thank you all who attended.

Also want to remind everyone that Veteran's day is this Wednesday. I want to encourage everybody to (if not this Wednesday), sometime, head down to our Veterans' Park and read the names in the bricks that have been dedicated to the residents of Golf Manor who have served our country in military service. Our Veterans' park is beautiful. My wife and I head down there a couple times a month with our kids; in the summer months about 2-3 times a week. I've informed the administration that it's a priority of mine to finish the sidewalk in the park, that enables visitors to travel from the front of the park to the back of the park where there is a garden. So get down to the park this week, take a look at the dedications, and join me in making the completion of that sidewalk a goal for completion before next Veterans' day.

COVID Update: [Data numbers included in this portion of the report is provided by the Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency Emergency Operations Center].

- This past Friday (11/6/2020) the State of Ohio reported the highest single day increase of COVID-19 cases, reporting 5,008 new cases. In my previous report I noted the highest single day increase was 2,518 new cases (half our present number).
- Adult medical-surgical bed utilization in Hamilton County has increased to 89% capacity. In Hamilton County adult critical care bed utilization has increased to 90% capacity.
- Grocery and other store chains have announced the return on purchasing limits of some durable goods to prevent stockpiling as demand has increased.
- The Board of Directors of the Ohio Municipal League's Mayor's Association sent a letter urging mayors to make a greater commitment and further action to create a heightened awareness of the importance of taking the steps that health experts have identified as crucial in fighting what has become the rapid spread of the coronavirus.

Dear Mayor:

When, in past years, our country has been threatened by a common enemy, our country has united to defeat the enemy. We simply have to do that again. As the elected leaders of the Mayors Association of Ohio we are writing to urge you and our colleagues from across our great state to join together to impress upon the

citizens of our respective communities the importance of taking the steps that best equip them to succeed in our fight against COVID-19.

The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic is devastating. The closure of businesses, some of which will never reopen, the strain on critical infrastructure, and the adjustments that have impacted business and education have been dramatic. Not only has the pandemic been devastating to our health, but the economic impact on jobs, businesses and local revenues has been unprecedented in modern times.

As the leaders of our cities and villages, we must work hard to advance the important message that wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and avoiding large groups are the best tools we have to prevent the continued spread of the coronavirus. The only way to revitalize our communities is to bring the number of coronavirus cases down and allow our communities to begin the healing process-- physically, emotionally, and financially.

We must do what we can to prevent the continued devastation and the resulting long-term consequences of COVID-19. The time is now to make the sacrifices necessary so that we build the future.

As mayors, we are in a critical position to urge the residents of our communities to work together to slow the spread of this virus. Ohio cannot heal and recover unless we come together against this common enemy and do what we can to protect one another. We urge you to do your part to help Ohioans work together to ensure a strong, bright future for our state. Wearing masks, maintaining social distance and avoiding large gatherings seems a small sacrifice to ask our residents to make.

Sincerely, Jeff Hazel, President; Mark Cegelka, 1st Vice President; Mike Barhorst, 2nd Vice President; John Thebout, Secretary; Ben Stahler, Treasurer.

- Most Ohioans are aware that we have a color coded system for designating the level of emergency due to COVID-19 in each county. If you would like to have a deeper understanding of how a county gets the color they are designated, I have a pdf that goes into quite a bit of detail on that: [Summary of Alert Indicators, available as a .pdf](#)
- Deer Park Superintendent announced last week that the Deer Park Jr. and Sr. High Schools will remain in remote learning mode through at least the end of Thanksgiving Break. They had previously hoped to return to face-to-face by Friday of last week, but they still have 13 students quarantined in their Jr. High and 3 in their Sr. High School.
- In my previous report I said that Cincinnati Waldorf grade school was planning to return after their quarantine to face to face classes on 11/2-- that was an error, their plan, if

quarantining was successful, was to return on 11/5-- which they did (Thursday of last week).

- PRM remains in Blended-Learning Model which is a mix of in-person instruction and at-home learning. So for instance— Preschool students and students in specialized classrooms are in distance learning on Mondays and in person Tuesdays through Fridays. In addition, enrollment remains open at Cincinnati Digital Academy for CPS families who want children to stay in full online distance learning.
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital is seeking 500 individuals to participate in a phase 3 trial for the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine. The hospital is particularly interested in recruiting African-Americans, Latinos, individuals that are 65+, as well as first responders. More information can be found at <https://redcap.research.cchmc.org/surveys/index.php?s=FTW4CTWRRCR>
- Reminder that applications are open for the latest CARES Act relief funding package from the State. Applications opened on November 2 at www.businesshelp.ohio.gov

Halloween Recap: Great job to everyone involved in making Halloween a success in the village this year! I heard from several people that they witnessed more children and families out and about than in previous years, which is a great testimony to the revitalization of our neighborhood. I want to especially acknowledge all the hard work that went into making it a safe Halloween -- I want to thank our police department, and all the folks following the mask and social distance recommendations. I loved seeing all the creativity that was deployed, to maintain social distance while distributing candy-- the candy shoots were a big hit with the kids. Our kids had a blast, and it was by far one of the best Halloween events to date for us! So thank you to all involved!

Election News:

- **Historic Turnout:** Whether you voted early in person, or by mail, or on Election Day, thank you for doing your civic duty--according to several national newspapers, the turnout is on track to be the highest in the history of the country. Election day went very smoothly here in the village.
- **Cincinnati Public Schools** say thank you for the passage of the school levy.
- **Issue 10:** passed by a 70/30 margin in favor. In my previous report I said that if Issue 10 passed it would then be Council's responsibility to appoint the commission -- that is the next step in the process and is an opportunity to reinforce inclusivity and reinforce that our Village is a welcoming community. One of the ways to do this is to make sure that we have residents on the Commission who may have had reservations about, or even opposed the Ordinance. This will be at the discretion of council, but something I will be advocating for. I am recommending that the administration and our legal counsel prepare

a proposal on how to move forward with the creation of the commission, and have that proposal prepared to discuss with council when we reconvene in the new year. In the meantime I am going to make myself available to hear concerns any residents or business owners here in the village may have about the implementation of the ordinance-- I'll answer any questions I can, and bring whatever remaining concerns there are to council, so that folks feel they are being heard at the highest level and treated with respect as we move forward.

- **The Unity of the Village:** I've never seen this as an US vs THEM thing, but rather as an opportunity to make a more inclusive community. I was surprised but proud to learn I am the first nonJewish Mayor to attend synagogue here in Golf Manor. As Mayor, I'm not going to support anything that I think will hurt our orthodox community. I want to encourage all our Council members to send folks my way if you encounter anyone that has concerns about how we're moving forward. It is important that we as elected officials serve as a force for village unity. The voters have spoken, but there is still a lot of work to do-- and I'm confident that we'll be able to do that work in a unifying way that respects all of our residents.