

Special Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 29, 2021 – 6:30 PM – Council Chambers

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Call to Order & Roll Call	Mayor Stefan Densmore			The Village Council convened a special meeting on Monday, July 29, 2021 at 6:35 PM with Mayor Densmore presiding. This meeting was called by Council to continue discussion on analysis that has been conducted regarding fire/emergency medical/paramedic services provided in the Village. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Village's website with a similar notice sent to various media outlets. Roll call of Council Members: Mr. Boettcher: Absent Ms. Chaney: Present Mr. Kneipp: Present Mr. Pridonoff: Absent Ms. Snyder: Present Mr. Van Harn: Present Mr. Van Harn: Present Mr. Van Harn: Present Motion to excuse Mr. Boettcher and Mr. Pridonoff by Ms. Chaney. Second by Mr. Kneipp. All voted in favor. Mr. Pridonoff arrived at 6:41 PM.
Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion		Motion to adopt the agenda by Ms. Snyder. Second by Ms. Chaney. All voted in favor.
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Discussion	Solicitor Terry Donnellon	Report	Discussion	 Mr. Donnellon stated an overview of the events taking place from January 2020 to present causing the Village to evaluate fire/EMS delivery services in the Village. Key points: In January 2020, the Village was asked to leave the fire district by leadership of the fire district, Columbia Township, and Fairfax. This

		notification came from the legal counsel for the fire district and Fairfax to the Golf Manor's legal counsel. Our Legal counsel was told at that time that if Golf Manor did not withdraw, the other communities in the district would withdraw to end the district for all communities. The Village invoked the mediation clause in the signed membership agreement. Due to the pandemic, mediation started with a representative of the Ohio Supreme Court Resolution Service. Mediation began in March 2020. Rumors have continued to spread that Golf Manor had decided to leave the district which has not happened. No vote to leave the district has been made by Golf Manor's Council. The Village hired a consultant to evaluate different service models sourced by the Administration. These alternatives included possibly restarting our own fire department. Mr. Donnellon requested Council move into and Executive Session for further discussion to review some of these issues. View Mr. Donnellon's full comments here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8C7FFg4KI4
Executive Session	For matters of Personnel and Compensation of a public employee and/or official.	Motion to move to executive session for matters of personnel and compensation of a public official or employee at 6:45 PM by Mr. Kneipp. Second by Mr. Pridonoff. Roll call: Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Pridonoff: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes All members voted in favor. Motion to return to regular session at 8:25 PM by: Ms. Chaney Second by: Ms. Snyder All voted in favor.

Action Items	 Mayor Densmore stated that Village Council will not move forward with a replacement levy for fire services for the ballot in 2021. Council has instructed the Administration to proceed with working out details with an alternate service provider to replace current fire services. Council will not make a decision regarding the Village's membership in the Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District until alternate service and funding has been secured. Any replacement levy would not start until January 2023.
Announcements	
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM by Ms. Snyder Second by Mr. Van Harn All voted in favor.

Approved by:		
	Date:	
Submitted by Ron Hirth, Village Administrator		
	Date:	
Stefan Densmore, Mayor		
	Date:	
Paula Burgin, Asst. Clerk		