Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 31, 2023 – 7:30 PM • Council Chambers

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call for Quorum	Mayor Stefan Densmore			The Village Council convened a regular, in-person meeting on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Stefan Densmore presiding. Roll call of Council Members: Ms. Chaney: Absent Mr. Fischer: Present Mr. Kneipp: Present Mr. Marx: Present Ms. Snyder: Present Mr. Van Harn: Present Motion to excuse Ms. Chaney by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Van Harn All voted in favor.
Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion		Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor.
Persons Registered to Address Council	Resident/Visitor	3-minute time limit per speaker.	Maxine Robinson -2441 Ardmore Ave	Curb appeal – Losantiville. The store near the overpass until the traffic light has grass, which is very tall. Ms. Robinson has complained in the online system, and is reporting that results are not being followed through. She also mentioned mattresses up against residents' homes on Ardmore for over 30 days. The mattresses can be found at 2437 Ardmore. Ms. Robinson expressed concerned about the follow up on code enforcement.

Minutes to be Approved	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion	Minutes from Previous Council Meeting for Approval: 6/26/23 6/26/23 Public Hearing	Motion to approve the minutes from 6/26/2023 by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Van Harn. Motion to approve the minutes from public hearing on 6/26/2023 by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Marx. All voted in favor.
Department Reports				
Fire District	Chief Denny Meador	Report	DPS Fire District Report – June 2023	Chief Meador will report on June and July at the next Council Meeting.
Mayor	Mayor Densmore	Report & Announcements		Paul Plotsker reached out to the Mayor for the annual blood drive at Golf Manor Synagogue. They are low on staff and looking for higher profile donation drives. Dec 17, Hoxworth scheduled to have the blood drive at GMS. Hoxworth will also hold their 9th annual golf outing at Losantiville Country Club, Thurs. Sept 14. Hoxworth is local to Cincinnati and partners will the local hospitals. The first round of Mayor's Tree Program applications has been received, and awarded to thirteen people. A second round will be announced. Special Election on Aug. 8. The Mayor attended a training with the police department. Findlay Market Marketing Communications Coordinator reached out to the mayor and invited village residents to free delivery for those eligible for SNAP and EBT. Community Engagement Report
Village Administrator	Ron Hirth	Report		**Golf Manor App:** On the app stores, the Golf Manor Connect app can be found. It is in testing phase. Council members are encouraged to download the app, and give constructive feedback to the administration. Roll out will take place in the Fall as scheduled.

				Road Summary: • **Wiehe:** Road construction continues. New ADA compliant crosswalk is under construction. New drain line has been completed. Infrastructure improvement will continue at the Municipal Building. • **Elbrook:** The base surface has been milled and the first course of asphalt installed. Removal and replacement of curb, driveway aprons and sidewalk areas selected for replacement will begin shortly. • **Losantiville Traffic Study** – A draft of the study has been received and the administrator and public works manager will be reviewing it with the engineer. • **Ridgeacres:** Round 3 SORTA funding application for 2024 submitted. • **Volunteer Park:** Shade sail and amphitheater improvements have been completed. Playground sail was vandalized within 48 hours of installation. It has been removed for repair. Council needs to reinforce with the community the importance of self-responsibility for those who continue to create mischief in our park, most importantly by following our minor curfew Ordinance which has been in effect for many years. Installing more fences and more cameras are not going to curb the problem. The Administration has approached Duke Energy to include lighting in the park with the Village LED upgrade program. The Village Engineer is exploring possibilities to install concrete seating in the amphitheater. • **Aggregation:** The Golf Manor rate for electricity was locked in at $0.0691 per kWh for regular and $0.0734 per kWh for renewable sources, resident choice, through May 2025. The Provider is Energy Harbor. To compare, the Duke Energy rate was $0.101712 /kWh for June 2023 and $0.0994/kWh for July 2023, a significant savings on the Village aggregation rate. Natural gas is locked in at $0.839 per ccf through October 2024 with AEG Energy. Duke Energy winter rates are expected to climb past that rate in Fall 2023. To ensure residents are enrolled in the Village aggregation program, they need to check their Duke Energy bill to make sure the supplier is listed as Energy Harbor for electric and AEG Energy for natural gas.

				• **Election: Tues Aug 8:** The election will take place in Community Hall. Polls open at 630am and close at 730pm. The south parking lot will be designated handicapped parking. See the sample ballots on the website for both districts A and B.
Fiscal Officer	Eric Pridonoff	Report	Financial Packet June 2023	For the month of June FY23, the Village had a combined bank balance of $3,469,564.23. Of this amount $1,745,822.85, can be found in the Village's primary checking account, while the balance resides in several Village dedicated funds. The Village generated $85,401.60, in General Fund income tax receipts. RITA collections were significantly lower than June of the previous year, and a payment in June 2022 was received for delinquent taxes of over $10,000. For the year, the Village has collected $523,558.65, in GF income tax receipts. This is approximately 3.5% higher than June FY22. There was no change to property tax in June. The Village has received the first bi-annual disbursement of real estate taxes from the Hamilton County Auditor, in March. The second bi-annual disbursement is expected in August. The Village received the first homestead rollback in June this year, which was received in April 2022. The Village received $133,926.22, in General Fund Receipts. This number is $147,163.57, less than June FY22. The loss of revenue is due to the passthrough tax levy from LMFR in June 2022. The Village received $3,562.39, in reimbursable overtime from DEA Program. As mentioned last month, historically, both June and July are slower months for this program, but the Village continues to project receipts of more than $200,000 for the year for that program. The Star Ohio Fund earned $6,587.83, for the month of June, totaling $26,538.18, for 2023. The **top five payees** for the month were Adleta, Payroll, DPS, Andrew Fetter (Shade Sail) and Rumpke. Total Village General Fund Appropriations spend for the month was in the amount of $179,202.09. This figure is $34,216.70, less than June FY22. The Village had 33 outstanding payments that totaled $576,813.42, the bulk of which is payment to Adleta. Village Administration will continue to monitor appropriation spend and make any adjustments deemed necessary.

				Motion to accept the financial report by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Van Harn. All voted in favor.
Police	Capt. Ryland Reed	Report	Mayor's Court Report – June 2023	Total to **Village:** $2,857.00 **State:** $936.50 **Other:** $31.50 **Total:** $3,825.00 Motion to accept Mayor's Court Report by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor.
Solicitor Report	Mr. Butler		**ORD. 2023-8:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with a Natural Gas Supplier as Recommended by Energy Alliances, Inc., Provide That the Accepted Aggregation Rate is Below the Current Contracted Rate at the Tie of Execution, For a Period Not to Exceed 36 Months **ORD. 2023-9:** An Ordinance Revoking Golf Manor Section 351.05, Adopting A	**ORD. 2023-8: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Fischer. All voted in favor Motion to suspend rules of three readings to one reading by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Marx. Motion to approve by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder Discussion: Roll call vote: Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes **ORD. 2023-8: PASSES** **ORD. 2023-9: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor

			Replacement, and Declaring An Emergency	Motion to declare an emergency by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Marx. All voted in favor. Motion to approve by Mr. Marx Second by Mr. Fischer All voted in favor. Discussion: Roll call vote: Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes **ORD. 2023-9: PASSES**
			ORD. 2023-10: An Ordinance to Amend Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Golf Manor for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023	**ORD. 2023-10: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor Motion to declare an emergency by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Fischer. All voted in favor. Motion to approve by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Fischer. Discussion: Roll call vote: Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes

				ORD. 2023-10: PASSES
			ORD. 2023-11: An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village of Golf Manor and the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Relative to the Improvement of Wiehe Road	**ORD. 2023-11: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Marx. All voted in favor Motion to waive rule for three readings by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Van Harn. All voted in favor. Motion to approve by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. Discussion: This agreement is the final step in accepting funding from the Municipal Road Fund which will be applied to the Wiehe Road Improvement project. Roll call vote: Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes **ORD. 2023-11: PASSES**
			RES. 2023-21: A Resolution Authorizing A Purchase and Sale Agreement with PDP1, LLC to Acquire Property at 6512 Wiehe Road, and Declared An Emergency	**RES. 2023-21: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Van Harn. All voted in favor Motion to approve as an emergency and adopt by Mr. Marx Second by Mr. Van Harn. Discussion: Roll call vote: Mr. Fischer: Yes

				Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes **RES. 2023-21: PASSES**
Executive Committee	Roger Van Harn, Chair	Report		The Executive Committee met this evening. See the full report here. Motion to schedule a special session of the Executive Committee Meeting by Mr. Van Harn to Aug. 8, 2023 at 8pm. Second by Mr. Kneipp. Roll call vote: Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes Mr. Densmore indicated Mr. Fischer requested ideas for moving forward on the strategic plan, and asked for an update. Mr. Fischer indicated he will give any relevant updates after summer schedule is finished.
Planning Commission	Lou Marx	Report		• The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM. There will be a hearing on a fence variance request.
Community Engagement Committee		Report		• Committee minutes from 7/11/2023. 2nd parks newsletters, suggestion box placement, and senior resident engagement was also discussed. Parks improvement survey, fall concert, and fall leaf schedule are on the docket for discussion for the next newsletter. • The Community Engagement Committee will meet Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

				Parks committee will meet on Aug 24 at 6pm.
Education	Sharon Chaney			No report.
Communication				No report.
Non-Profit	David Fischer			No report.
Finance Committee	David Fischer	Report		The Finance Committee met this evening. See the full report here. Financial packet was discussed. All future fraudulent transactions were blocked.
Old Business		Discussion		
New Business		Discussion		Council did not object to including Mr. Simiele and Mr. Michelson to executive session. Motion to enter Executive Session for matters of purchase of real estate and matters of compensation of a public employee by Ms. Snyder. Second by Mr. Marx. Roll call: Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes Motion to leave executive session at 9:36 PM by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Kneipp. All in favor
Announcements				Next Council Meetings are scheduled for: • **Monday, August 14, 2023** ○ Executive Committee @5:30 PM ○ Finance Committee@6:30 PM ○ Council @ 7:30 PM or immediately after conclusion of Finance Committee meeting

				• **Monday, September 11, 2023** o Executive Committee @5:30 PM o Finance Committee@6:30 PM o Council @ 7:30 PM or immediately after conclusion of Finance Committee meeting
Adjourn				Motion to adjourn at 9:38 PM by Mr. Fischer. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor.

Approvals:

_____ Date: _____

Submitted by Eric Pridonoff, Fiscal Officer

_____ Date: _____

Stefan Densmore, Mayor

_____ Date: _____

Paula Burgin, Asst. Clerk of Council