Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 9, 2023 – 7 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, October 9, 2023, at 7 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 Jim Weidus, long-time GM resident who served on the FD for many years recently passed. Mr. Marx spoke about Mr. Weidus's life and his contributions to the Village. Thanks to the Chiefs of St. Bernard and Deer Park-Silverton for honoring Mr. Weidus at his funeral. 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		Mr. Densmore added legislation of the strategic plan draft and a resolution accepting the amounts and rates ad determined by the Hamilton County budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Marx.

				All voted in favor.
Persons Registered to Address Council	Resident/Visitor	3-minute time limit per speaker.	Haven Van Harn	Ms. Van Harn donated the proceeds of a cookie sale for the benefit of completing Volunteer Park's walking path.
Minutes to be Approved	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion	Minutes from Previous Council Meeting for Approval: 9/11/2023	Motion to approve the minutes for 9/11/2023 by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor
Department Reports				
Fire District	Chief Denny Meador	Report	DPS Fire District Report – September 2023	Board meeting Oct 17 at 4:30. Asking the Board to adopt proposal for next medic unit. However, the current chassis on order from Ford is still not built. The next medic unit will likely not arrive until 2025. Mr. Van Harn asked about Wires Down/Arcing/Fire dispatches on the report. Chief Meador mentioned this is often not unsafe, but can result from interference from trees growing around power lines. When necessary, DPS DPS will be available for Oct 29 safety event.
Mayor	Mayor Densmore	Report & Announcements		Mr. Densmore expressed solidarity with those currently suffering in Israel. A community solidarity gathering will take place at Adath Israel Congregation on Galbraith Rd. Free CPR/AED Babysitting classes available at the Hirsch Recreation Center. Please register online. Haverkamp Foundation supports K9 Handlers in the Cincinnati area. The 100th K9 Handler is being celebrated by the Foundation. Mr. Densmore charged council with the reestablishment of the Recreation Commission. He is happy to announce that seven names will be announced at the next council meeting. Next Community Engagement Meeting will take place Oct 17.

				Mr. Densmore expounded on the history and context of Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day. Mr. Densmore introduced a proclamation recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day. Motion to affirm by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Kneipp. All voted in favor. Mr. Marx mentioned that the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks have been declared as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Mr. Densmore met with Mr. Marx, Chief Campbell, and Mr. Puthoff, concerning security and code enforcement in the community. Mr. Densmore met with home owners from the Ridge Acres HOA. Residents expressed some of the hardships they are experiencing with their current situation, and legal council was consulted to explore solutions to their predicament. Mr. Densmore introduced an agglomeration of Council Members' contributions to the strategic plan. Mr. Densmore asked Council to start thinking about priorities of the strategic plan for implementation. Mr. Marx asked for the definition of a resolution and questioned the necessity of passing the strategic plan as such. Mr. Butler answered a Resolution is appropriate and can be amended with future councils. Mr. Van Harn asked if this Resolution is adequate for moving forward with Stover Ave. Mr. Hirth responded that the County wants to see movement in a direction that indicates a plan. Mr. Hirth explained the plan must be broken down with a time frame.

				Mr. Fischer indicated Police through Friendship should be included. Mr. Densmore asked for a clearer definition of this. Mr. Fischer responded that Mr. Marx's safety presentation should also be part of the strategic plan. Motion by Ms. Snyder to table the discussion of passage of the strategic plan until Council Oct. 23. Motion is rescinded.
Village Administrator	Ron Hirth	Report		• **Wiehe**: Final acceptance walk-through will take place soon. Crosswalk project has been completed. • **Elbrook**: Concrete work is in progress. Final asphalt scheduled for October 16. • **Ridegeacres**: Confirmation of Round 3 SORTA funding. Municipal Road Funds (MRF) application submitted. • **Municipal Building Drainage Improvements Project** is in engineering and estimating. • **Engineering** for design of the Wiehe and Elbrook @ Losantiville intersections has begun. • **Lighting Study**: JMA/TEC engineer are developing a proposal. • **Tree trimmings** are being conducted by Duke Energy throughout the Village. • **Restrooms** will be scheduled for winterizing soon. • Bids will be accepted for the **demolition of the North Wiehe Properties** on Wednesday, October 11, at 10 am. 11 contractors have indicated interest. • The Village conducted a Records Commission meeting early today, Oct. 9, 2023. The Village is in compliance, as confirmed by the Audit.
Fiscal Officer	Eric Pridonoff	Report		Received second half of real estate taxes and state roll-back apportionment, bank fees have been fixed and interest is much higher than anticipated.

Police	Capt. Ryland Reed	Report	Mayor's Court Report – September 2023	Totals to: Village $4,496 State $1,024 Other $36 Total $5,556 Motion to accept by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor. Chief Campbell indicated support for Policing through Friendship, as mentioned by Mr. Fischer. Police2Peace agency certification is received. Council is asked to participate in the "stakeholder" portion. AEDs have arrived. Training is forthcoming, expect an email from Lt. Forrest for training. The AEDs will be deployed in the building. Each police cruiser will be equipped with an AED. Mr. Hirth asked for a timeframe for AED deployment. Capt. Reed answered the devices should be installed by the end of the month. Mr. Hirth asked Mr. Butler about properly communicating the AED deployment to the community. Mr. Butler will have an answer by the next council meeting on this. Capt. Reed discussed the GM Public Safety Open House, Oct 29, 2023. This will be a chance for residents to meet their public safety first responders. Activities include inflatables, face paint, Mr. Red Legs, the Cincinnati Bearcat, Xavier Musketeers mascot, and the Bengals game on screen. There will be a charity event tomorrow in the Village. Be on the lookout in local media for more information. If Council wants to participate, please reach out to Capt. Reed asap.

Solicitor Report	Mr. Butler		**RES. 2023 – 23:** A Resolution Authorizing an Assessment for the Cutting of Noxious Weeds and Removal of Debris/Trash	**RES. 2023-23: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. Motion to adopt by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. Roll call: Ms. Chaney: Absent Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes
			RES. 2023 – 24: A Resolution Establishing Compensation for the Village Administrator and Declaring an Emergency	**RES. 2023-24: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Van Harn. Motion to adopt by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Marx. Roll call: Ms. Chaney: Absent Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes
			RES. 2023 – 25: A Resolution Addressing the Removal of the Structures Located at 6065 Stover and 6066 Stover Avenue, Golf Manor, Ohio Auditor's Parcel Number 528-0002-0369-00 & 528-0002-0236-00, Respectively	**RES. 2023-25: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Mr. Van Harn. Second by Mr. Marx. Motion to adopt by Mr. Marx. Second by Mr. Fischer. Roll call:

				Ms. Chaney: Absent Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes
			RES. 2023 – 26: A resolution to pass the strategic plan drafted by council and affirmed earlier in this meeting.	**RES. 2023-26:** Legal council read this resolution in full. Motion by Mr. Fischer to pass the strategic plan. Second by Mr. Van Harn. Roll call: Ms. Chaney: Absent Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes
			RES. 2023 – 27: 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.	**RES. 2023 – 27:** Legal council read this resolution in full. Motion by Mr. Marx to pass. Second by Mr. Kneipp. Roll call: Ms. Chaney: Absent Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes

Executive Committee	Roger Van Harn, Chair	Report		• The Executive Committee met this evening. The full report is here. • Mr. Marx reported on safety concerns and suggestions of property maintenance in the Village. • All agenda items moved to council were already covered. • A brief discussion ensued on the tax budget and appropriations.
Planning Commission	Lou Marx	Report		• No pending business. • The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM, pending any business.
Community Engagement Committee		Report		Mr. Bussa was unable to attend. The Community Engagement Committee will meet Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023 at 9:30 AM. Minutes from previous meeting are here.
Education	Sharon Chaney			No report.
Communication				No report.
Non-Profit	David Fischer			No report.
Finance Committee	David Fischer	Report		The Finance Committee did not meet this evening.
Old Business		Discussion		
New Business		Discussion		

Announcements				Next Council Meetings are scheduled for:
				
				• **Monday, October 23, 2023**
				  ○ Financial Audit Committee @ 6 PM
				  ○ Finance Committee @ 6:15 PM
				  ○ Council @ 7 PM or immediately after conclusion of Finance Committee meeting

				• **Monday, November 13, 2023** o Executive Committee @ 6 PM o Council @ 7 PM or immediately after conclusion of Executive Committee meeting
Adjourn				Motion to adjourn by Mr. Marx at 9:08 PM Second by Mr. Fischer. All voted in favor.

Approvals:

_____ Date: _____

Submitted by Eric Pridonoff, Fiscal Officer

_____ Date: _____

Stefan Densmore, Mayor

_____ Date: _____

Paula Burgin, Asst. Clerk of Council