

## Council Meeting Minutes

*Monday, March 18, 2024 – 6 PM*

*Council Chambers*

Item	Topic	Report
<b>Pledge of Allegiance &amp; Roll Call for Quorum</b>		<p>The Village Council convened a regular, in-person meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6 PM with Mayor Stefan Densmore presiding.</p> <p><b>Roll call of Council Members:</b>            Ms. Bruewer: Present            Ms. Chaney: Present            Mr. Fischer: Present            Ms. Kreimer: Absent            Ms. Mayle: Present            Ms. Snyder: Present</p> <p>Motion to excuse Ms. Kreimer by Ms. Mayle.            Second by Ms. Bruewer.            All voted in favor.</p>
<b>Set the Agenda &amp; Adopt</b>		<p>Motion to accept as amended (with the proclamation moved first) by Ms. Chaney.            Second by Ms. Snyder.            All voted in favor</p>
<b>Proclamation</b>	<a href="#">Proclamation: 2024 – 1 Honoring Jim Weidus</a>	<p>WHEREAS, the provision of superior service to Village of Golf Manor residents is reliant upon the dedication and devotion of talented individuals who can perform their duties and responsibilities in a professional and capable manner, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Weidus, a lifelong resident of the Village of Golf Manor, served as a firefighter in the Village for over 40 years and retired from Station 47 as a dedicated volunteer and beloved friend of the Golf Manor Fire Department and residents, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Mr. Weidus joined his family in Golf Manor as a Village resident at a young age originally on Yosemite Drive and remained a life-long resident residing with his wife Donna and children Stephanie and Sean on Hammel Avenue, and</p>

		<p>WHEREAS, Mr. Weidus contributed to the spirit and livability of the community through his participation in multiple activities including attending Woodward High School, the cross-country team, the Cincinnati Marlins, and the Golf Manor “Torpedos” swim team, and played semi-pro football, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Mr. Weidus was known to be a long-time season ticket holder of the Cincinnati Bengals, known for his phrase, “I’m a football fan stuck in Cincinnati.”</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, I, Stefan Densmore, Mayor of the Village of Golf Manor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Village Charter, laws of Ohio and the United States, do hereby affirm and proclaim Friday, March 22, 2024 as “Jim Weidus Day” in the Village of Golf Manor, Ohio. I ask the community on that day to join us in thanking the Weidus family for sharing Jim with the community and recognizing him for his contributions and friendship to the Village of Golf Manor.</p>
<b>Persons Registered to Address Council</b>	Recreation Commission	<p>Sandy Foglesong 2408 Vera Avenue</p> <p>Ms. Foglesong is present to correct the record concerning Mayor Densmore’s campaign material and the Recreation Commission’s compliance with local ordinance.</p>
<b>Minutes to be Approved</b>	<p>Minutes from Previous Council Meeting for Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2/20/2024</a></li> </ul>	<p>Motion to correct minutes by Ms. Snyder. Second by Ms. Bruewer. All voted in favor.</p> <p>P5 of 10, first line appointments to rec commission should read community engagement</p> <p>Motion to affirm Proclamation 2024:1 by Ms. Snyder. Second by Ms. Mayle. All voted in favor.</p>
<b>Departments/Committees</b>		
<b>DPS Fire District Report</b> Denny Meador, Chief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPS Fire District Report – <a href="#">February 2024</a></li> <li>• DPS Report to the Board – <a href="#">February 2024</a></li> </ul>	<p>Ambulance committee met to finalize the design on the ambulance ordered in 2022. This will be used for the next ambulance as well. Ford still has not released the chassis to Horton.</p> <p>Spring weather fire hydrant checks are taking place. DPS celebrates 25 years. Celebration will take place in October, tied in with fire-prevention week. As material becomes available, DPS will continue to send information to Golf Manor for publish.</p>

		<p>Mayor Densmore recognized DPS and Millenium towing in the incident on Section Rd. between a train and a semi. Thanks for their service.</p>
<p><b>Mayor's Report</b> Mayor Densmore</p>		<p>Mayor Densmore appoints Katie LaFollette to Executive Committee. Also, Phyllis Thomas and Keevan Thomson to Community Engagement.</p> <p>Mayor Densmore recognizes Women's History Month. Reflecting feedback from resident interaction, Mayor Densmore requests feminine hygiene supplies were requested to be placed in bathrooms in the Village.</p> <p>April 16, 11:30-1pm, Mayerson JCC is hosting the annual Interfaith Seder.</p> <p>Ms. Bruewer asked for an update from the First Suburbs Consortium. Mayor Densmore said the membership meeting did not take place in February. The next meeting will include a speaker from the Hamilton County Coroner. Hamilton County Public Health elected two new members to their board.</p> <p>Ms. Bruewer asked about the minutes for FSC.</p>
<p><b>Village Administrator Report</b> Ron Hirth</p>		<p>CDBG – Grant funding for community development is available for the next three-year round period 2024 – 2026. The Village needs to set public hearing dates, then Council must determine the direction of the funds. Mr. Hirth asks the public hearings to take place on Thurs, April 4, before the Community Engagement Meeting. The second public hearing would be the approval of the plan, Monday, April 15, at 5:45 PM. The plan must be submitted by April 30, to the County.</p> <p>Ms. Bruewer asked what these funds were used for previously. Mr. Hirth explained they were used for Code Enforcement, Demolition projects, and home-improvement grants.</p> <p>Motion by Ms. Mayle to declare public hearings, April 4 at 5:45, and April 15 6 PM, and Council at 6:15 PM, or immediately after the commencement of the public hearing.</p> <p>Second by Ms. Bruewer.</p> <p>Mayor Densmore expressed desire to start at 6pm.</p> <p>Ms. Snyder is unable to attend April 4.</p> <p>All voted in favor.</p>

		<p>Ms. Bruewer asked for the details of the public hearing. Mr. Hirth posted the information for the March 18 Council.</p> <p>Demolition on North Wiehe continues. Hammel Ave. construction has started. Resident letters were sent out last week. Mr. Hirth and the Mayor have asked Council to work with the administration for grant applications, to streamline the process.</p> <p>Canterbury and Englewood are being reseeded after the road project.</p>
<p><b>Fiscal Officer Report</b> Eric Pridonoff</p>		<p>General fund reserve was reduced by \$8,199.87.</p> <p>For the month of December FY23, the Village had a combined bank balance of \$2,494,461.72. Of this amount \$270,534.94, can be found in the Village’s primary checking account, and \$610,810.74, can be found in the Village's high interest savings account. The remaining balances reside in other Village dedicated funds. The Village generated \$93,638.08, in General Fund income tax receipts. RITA collections were significantly higher than December of the previous year. For the year, the Village has collected \$1,103,607.50, in GF income tax receipts, which surpasses 2022 collections by 16.12%.</p> <p>The Village received the remainder of all outstanding real estate taxes in October. The Village received \$160,911.77, in General Fund Receipts. This number is \$73,963.81, more than December FY22. The increase is attributed to RITA collections and grant money from Hamilton County for Volunteer Park. The DEA program received \$13,188.33, which brought the annual total to \$128,726.77. This was a below average year for the DEA program. The Star Ohio Fund earned \$7,412.34, totaling \$69,458.67, for 2023. \$610,810.74, of All Funds Reserve cash were placed in a 5/3 Savings account, and earned \$3,274.46, totaling 14,658.69 for 2023.</p> <p>The <b>top five payees</b> for the month were Central Land Title Agency, Payroll, Adleta Construction, DPS, and JMA Consultants, INC.</p> <p>Total Village General Fund Appropriations spend for the month was in the amount of \$349,539.13. This figure is \$128,193.52, more than December FY22, due to purchase of the Car Wash.</p> <p>The Village had 11 outstanding payments that totaled \$40,446.25. Village Administration will continue to monitor appropriation spend and make any adjustments deemed necessary.</p> <p>For the month of January FY24, the Village had a combined bank balance of \$2,572,380.73. Of this amount \$169,292.28, can be found in the Village’s primary</p>

		<p>checking account, and \$453,611.59, can be found in the Village's high interest savings account. The remaining balances reside in other Village dedicated funds.</p> <p>The Village generated \$83,157.54, in General Fund income tax receipts. RITA collections surpass January of the previous year by over 20%.</p> <p>The Village has not received the first bi-annual disbursement of real estate taxes from the Hamilton County Auditor.</p> <p>The Village received \$134,243.90, in General Fund Receipts. This number is \$23,024.69, more than January FY23. The increase is attributed to RITA collections. The DEA program received \$0 in January 2024. The Star Ohio Fund earned \$7,397.40.</p> <p>\$453,611.59, of All Funds Reserve cash continue to grow in a 5/3 Savings account, and earned \$2300.85.</p> <p>The <b>top five payees</b> for the month were Payroll, DPS, Ohio Police &amp; Fire, Rumpke Container, and Ohio Treasurer of State for OPWC loans.</p> <p>Total Village General Fund Appropriations spend for the month was in the amount of \$348,100.92. This figure is \$122,222.79, more than January FY23, due to advancing \$137,500 to the Fire Levy from the General Fund, until levy funds arrive from the County.</p> <p>The Village had 11 outstanding payments that totaled \$40,446.25. Village Administration will continue to monitor appropriation spend and make any adjustments deemed necessary.</p> <p>Motion to accept by Ms. Bruewer. Second by Ms. Chaney. All voted in favor.</p> <p>Ms. Bruewer asked about the ARPA fund report.</p> <p>Mr. Pridonoff described work on the EMA ARPA grant submission.</p>
<p><b>Police Dept. Report</b> Chris Campbell, Chief</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor's Court Report – <a href="#">February 2024</a></li> <li>• GMPD Activity Report – <a href="#">February 2024</a></li> <li>• GMPD Citations Report – <a href="#">February 2024</a></li> </ul>	<p>Chief Campbell recognized Mr. Pridonoff's work on the EMA ARPA grant original submission and continued submissions.</p> <p>Total to City: \$4639 State \$1095.50 Other \$37.50</p> <p>Total \$5,772</p> <p>Motion to accept by Ms. Chaney. Second by Ms. Snyder.</p>

		All voted in favor
<b>Solicitor Report</b> Rob Butler	<b>ORD. 2024 – 1:</b> An Ordinance to Amend Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Golf Manor for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024	<b>ORD. 2024 – 1: For Approval</b> Motion to read by title only by Ms. Chaney. Second by Mr. Fischer. All voted in favor.  Motion to approve by Ms. Chaney. Second by Ms. Bruewer.  Roll call:  Ms. Bruewer: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Fischer: Yes Ms. Mayle: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes
<b>Executive Committee Report</b> Brittney Kreimer, Chair		Email submitted by Ms. Kreimer and read by Ms. Mayle:  “Executive Committee met on March 4, 2024. We discussed landlord-tenant issues and how we can support code enforcement in the village, while also protecting the most vulnerable of our populations: senior citizens, low-income individuals and families, and explore protecting tenants’ rights for those without a lease, against retaliation. We suggested the administration work with the National League of Cities for resources on working with both landlords and tenants for small municipalities.  We also reviewed all the current legislation in our charter and ordinances relating to landlords, tenants, and code enforcement. Village ordinance 557.08, speaks to monthly reports of progress in abating known nuisance properties. There was an ask from the committee for the solicitor to provide an update and any changes on abatement issues, as stated in the ordinance. As well as for Mr. Puthoff to provide a at least quarterly report on code enforcement in the village.  We also asked the administration to invite Mr. Puthoff to the next executive committee meeting to discuss code enforcement issues and what they are currently able to accomplish. From there we may recommend legislation that mirrors the City of Cincinnati's that provides the village the ability to force landlords to pay for relocation if a tenant is forced to be relocated due to code enforcement or department of health concerns.

		<p>I would like to note that during the 2.5.2024 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee Chair asked for a copy of all studies, reports, and projects for the last 12 months and the standard operating procedures for the village admin and police department. The request was reiterated at the 2.20.2024 full council meeting as a request from the full committee. As of 3.18.2024, the village administrator's agenda template is the only item to be received.</p> <p>Next month, we have been tasked with completing the annual review for the Village Administrator. In preparation, I have asked for copies of the employment agreement, past reviews, and any performance-related materials in the Village Administrator's personnel file to be shared with the executive committee members before our next meeting on April 1, 2024.</p> <p>I have also made a recommendation to the Mayor to add a community member, Katie LaFollette, to the executive committee.”</p>
<b>Planning Commission</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is TBD. Currently, two previous members reapplied for their positions. Mr. Hirth will meet with Ms. Bruewer to discuss volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Engagement Committee Report</b> Charlotte Bruewer, Chair		<p>Met March 7. Line-dancing as a community event has been proposed. Recommended Phyllis Thomas and Keevan Thompson to the Committee. Strategic Plan next steps will include an additional survey. Committee email address is pending. Discussion included a table at local events, including the Soapbox Derby, to solicit more feedback.</p> <p>WeThrive met with new POC for programming. Tai Chi class was successful.</p> <p>Other resources requested included information for aging residents.</p> <p>Yoga indoors has been proposed.</p> <p>Planning Committee for Juneteenth took place. Please reach out to Ms. Bruewer or Ms. Mayle for more information.</p> <p>Strategic Plan Town Hall focused on beautification of parks. Ms. Chaney is requested to attend the next Community Engagement to present on those previous efforts.</p> <p>A Ridgeacres resident requested a youth council.</p>
Education	Ms. Chaney	<p>School construction for PRM is scheduled to finish this fall. CPS is running a \$100,000,000 deficit. Pandemic funds ended. CPS used those funds for nurses in each school, and resource coordinators. Budgets are still not approved. November ballot includes a renewal for pre-K, at 5-mills.</p>

		Enrollment for PRM continues to rise, past capacity. April, Ohio Tests begin. Children in CPS should ensure to attend that day. Every kid who is tested adds points for the school.
<b>Finance Committee Report</b> David Fischer, Chair		Finance met and approved a fund advance transfer to the DEA, for the purchase of Sundance Database software.
<b>Old Business</b>		Ms. Bruewer asked for an update on the reports Ms. Kreimer requested.  Mr. Hirth asked for clarification on the request. Chief Campbell asked for specific policies in question to be reported.
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>		Next Council Meetings are scheduled for:  <b>Monday, April 1, 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee – 6 PM</li> <li>• Finance Committee – 7 PM</li> </ul> <b>Tuesday, April 2, 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Rights Commission</li> </ul> <b>Thursday, April 4, 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Hearing – 5:45 PM</li> <li>• Community Engagement – 6 PM</li> </ul> <b>Tuesday, April 15, 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Hearing – 6 PM</li> <li>• Council – 6:15 PM</li> </ul>
<b>Executive Session</b>	For personnel matters of a public official or employee	Motion to enter executive session to discuss matters of a public official or employee by Mr. Fischer. Second by Ms. Bruewer.  Roll call: Ms. Bruewer: Yes Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Fischer: Yes Ms. Mayle: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes  Motion to leave Executive Session at 7:48 PM by Ms. Snyder.



		Second by Ms. Bruewer All voted in favor.
<b>Adjourn</b>		Motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM by Mr. Fischer Second by Ms. Mayle All voted in favor.

Approvals:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted by Eric Pridonoff, Fiscal Officer

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stefan Densmore, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolynne Johnson, Asst. Clerk