

**WOODMERE VILLAGE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF
APRIL 8, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of April 8, 2015 was called to order by President of Council Benjamin I. Holbert, III at 7:09 PM.

ROLL CALL: The Roll was called by Clerk of Council Sheryl C. Blakemore.

Present: Mayor Charles E. Smith, Council President Benjamin I. Holbert, III, Councilman Tennyson Adams, Councilwoman Lisa Brockwell, Councilwoman Jennifer Mitchell Earley, Councilwoman Glenda Todd Miller, Councilman Azaadjeet Singh, Councilman Craig Wade, Law Director Frank Consolo, Treasurer Thomas M. Cornhoff, Police Chief Sheila Mason, Fire Chief Johnny Brewington. Building Inspector Nino Monaco and Assistant Law Director Lon Stolarsky were in the audience.

Absent: Director of Public Service James A. Fisher.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Sheila Mason.

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made [Singh, Adams] to **TABLE** the Regular Council Minutes of **March 11, 2015**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public at this time. Council President Holbert informed Council and the audience that resident Stuart Lecht had passed away recently. A Resolution of Condolence was sent to the family.

A presentation was made by Douglas Peck, a managing member of Dream City, a Management Consulting Firm. His firm is offering professional services to Woodmere Village for Marketing and Public Relations. His firm would like to develop a strategic plan to brand Woodmere Village and make it known to the public. The strategic plan would be the base for marketing and public relations for Woodmere for the next 5-10 years. Mr. Peck stressed that time is of the essence if Woodmere would like to be prepared for the Republican National Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio in the summer of 2016.

During the March 11, 2015 meeting a presentation was made by Stark Enterprises relevant to Resolution 2015-17. There were some items that had not been vetted by the Architectural Review Board or the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Law Director suggested that Stark Enterprises make the necessary revisions and return to the Architectural Review Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval of those revisions. Tonight Stark Enterprises made themselves (Tom Fitzsimmons, Dan Neff, Sue Frankel and two others) available to answer any questions about their revisions. The revisions have been recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The amendment to the Resolution refers to Parking Space Depth.

LEGISLATION: Pending:

2015-17: (AMENDED), A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO GRANT VARIOUS RELATED PROPERTY OWNERS A VARIANCE TO THE DRIVE AISLE WIDTHS, PARKING SPACE DEPTH, AND LOADING ZONE REQUIRED FOR THE CHAGRIN BRAINARD RESTAURANT PROJECT, THE CHAGRIN BRAINARD RETAIL PROJECT AND THE TRADER JOE'S PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Singh, Earley] to **PASS THIS AMENDED RESOLUTION BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

2015-18: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE GRANT AND CONVEYANCE OF A PERPETUAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT FROM CHAGRIN RETAIL, LLC. FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A WATER MAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING WATER SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Singh] to **PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

2015-19: AN ORDINANCE RE-ZONING THE PROPERTY OWNED BY CHAGRIN RETAIL, LLC., KNOWN AS ETON CHAGRIN BOULEVARD, AND THE PROPERTY OWNED BY BRAINARD OFFICE, LLC., KNOWN AS WEST END-ETON CHAGRIN BOULEVARD, TO U-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed on **SECOND READING**.

New Legislation:

2015-21: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONSORTIUM TO INVITE PROPOSALS FOR RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Earley] to **PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

2015-22: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONSORTIUM TO INVITE BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Adams] to **PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

2015-23: A FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE THE CHAGRIN BOULEVARD SIGNAL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension and for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

2015-24: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LIFESTYLE EAP TO IMPLEMENT AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Adams] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

2015-25: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PROVIDENCE INSURANCE TO PROVIDE ACCIDENT INSURANCE

FOR VILLAGE FIREFIGHTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Miller] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY**.

The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

2015-26: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM, AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH, U. S. SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY (HCC PUBLIC RISK OHIO) TO PROVIDE THE VILLAGE WITH LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2015 THROUGH MAY 1, 2016 WITH AN ANNUAL PREMIUM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$71,658.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Miller] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING INSPECTION SOLUTIONS, LLC. PURSUANT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1329.09 AS SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS FOR THE WEST END-ETON CHAGRIN BOULEVARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, WHICH CONSULTING SERVICES ARE TO BE PAID BY THE DEVELOPER IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1329.09.

After some discussion it was recommended by the Law Director that Council further discuss this issue in Executive Session. Council President Holbert suggested that the Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting so that the audience would not have to wait to hear the rest of the Council Meeting business.

A **MOTION** TO APPROVE THE WOODMERE VILLAGE MARCH, 2015 EXPENDITURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

After some discussion, A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Adams] to **TABLE** this Motion. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS: (Reports are submitted in writing).

Mayor Smith: Council President Holbert expressed Council's condolences to the Mayor for the loss of his father-in-law. Woodmere Village is featured in the April, 2015 issue of the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce's publication. The Chagrin Boulevard signal project is progressing. The Village hopes to break ground on the new Service Center in the next month or so. The Mayor congratulated the Police Chief for her efforts to keeping our Police Force up to date with equipment and training.

Law Director Consolo: No report.

Treasurer Cornhoff: There are no minutes yet for the Finance Committee meeting held on April 1, 2015. Attached to the Treasurer's Report is a Summary of Revenue and Expenditures of all funds of the Village through March, 2015 as well as the First Quarter Report of all revenues and expenditures in the General Fund. RITA taxes are due by April 15, 2015.

Police Chief Mason: A written report was submitted. Chief Mason publicly acknowledged two officers who handled a sensitive situation well (March 20, 2015). Officers Mengay and Gabriel used their training to de-escalate the situation. Three officers from Orange Village also helped. Councilman Singh asked what safeguards are in place to make sure that a sensitive situation does not get out of control.

Chief Mason replied that all officers are required to wear body cameras and to have radios in case back-up is needed. Our Police Officers go through rigorous training that includes: hand-to-hand ground defense; pepper spray training; TASER training; weapons training and de-escalation training.

Clerk of Council Blakemore: No report.

Assistant Building Inspector Sonenstein: A written report was submitted. Councilman Singh questioned whether the Village was being overrun by spas and health centers.

Fire Chief Brewington: He submitted his written report. Fire hydrant testing is in progress. Hydrants have signs on them to alert the public. There was a gas incident on March 18, 2015. The Chief will place items of concern or needed notifications for residents on the Village's website.

Director of Public Service Fisher: Mr. Fisher was absent but had submitted his written report.

Planning and Zoning Commission Representative Adams: The Commission approved a signage change for Charter One Bank which is now known as Citizen's Bank. A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Adams] to **RETURN ROAD BOND #738** in the amount of **\$300.00** to Brainard Development LLC. for work done on the interior of the Hoffman Building. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **RETURN BUILDING BOND #608** in the amount of **\$700.00** to Brainard Development, LLC. for work done on the interior of the Hoffman Building. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Earley] to **RETURN ROAD BOND #763** in the amount of **\$1,500.00** to Brainard Development, LLC. for work done on the exterior of the Hoffman Building. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Miller] to **RETURN BUILDING BOND #626** in the amount of **\$3,000.00** to Brainard Development, LLC. for work done on the exterior of the Hoffman Building.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES: (Reports are submitted in writing).

Finance/Grants (Brockwell): A written report was submitted.

Safety (Miller): No report.

Utilities (Adams): Items discussed at the Utilities Committee Meeting are reflected in the Agenda (2015-18, 2015-23). **Clerk Blakemore** asked about the absence of street signs and was informed that they are being refurbished.

Youth/Education (Mayor): No report. **Council President Holbert** reminded us that it is graduation season and we must prepare to acknowledge Village High School and College graduates. **Clerk Blakemore** will obtain the list of Orange High School 2015 graduates.

Legislation (Holbert): The Legislation Committee report is reflected in the Agenda.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: **Fire Chief Brewington** stated that a Health Initiative Open House is being hosted by Ahuja Hospital on April 23, 2015 from 11AM to 2 PM.

Council President Holbert announced that Whole Foods will host a workshop on how to make a rain barrel on April 25, 2015 from 10 AM to 11AM.

Councilwoman Earley read a thank you note from her mother, Jan Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell received a Resolution of Appreciation and Congratulations from Council at the March 11, 2015 Council Meeting (2015-15).

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Comments are limited to a time limit of five minutes).

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Assistant Law Director Lon Stolarsky announced that he is a candidate for judge in Bedford Municipal Court.

Former Mayor Yolanda Broadie asked if there was any reason that a business would not be required to pay taxes. **Treasurer Cornhoff** stated that all businesses must pay withholding taxes. A business would only pay net profit taxes if they make a profit. Ms. Broadie also wanted to know the current population of the Village. According to the 2010 Census there were 844

residents. Due to the loss of several apartment buildings, current population is estimated at 607.

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A MOTION was made [Earley, Wade] to **ADJOURN TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE REFERENCED MOTION.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A MOTION was made [Miller, Singh] to **RECONVENE THE COUNCIL MEETING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A MOTION was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **TABLE** this Motion. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of April 8, 2015 was **ADJOURNED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT** at 9:38 PM.

The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015 were approved by:

Benjamin I. Holbert, III, Council President

Sheryl C. Blakemore, Clerk of Council

The minutes were approved by Council on _____