

**WOODMERE VILLAGE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF
MAY 13, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of May 13, 2015 was called to order by President of Council Benjamin I. Holbert, III at 7:10 PM.

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

Present: Mayor Charles 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, Treasurer Thomas M. Cornhoff, Police Chief Sheila Mason and Fire Chief Johnny Brewington,
Absent: Director of Public Service James A. Fisher and Law Director Frank Consolo (Assistant Director of Law Lon Stolarsky replaced him).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Corney.

MINUTES:

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Adams] to **APPROVE** the Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2015. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **APPROVE** the Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Comments must be limited to items on the Agenda and to a time limit of five minutes).

David Corney asked what Ordinance 2015-29 was for. The Treasurer answered him concerning the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Health Care Fund. Mr. Corney also hoped that Resolution 2015-30 (construction of the service center) would be passed by Council tonight.

David Strichko introduced himself as a representative of Municipal Building Inspection Solutions, LLC. He is here to answer any questions Council may have about the two Motions on the Agenda concerning his Company.

Michelle Paris identified herself as a candidate for Municipal Judge in Bedford Court in the upcoming election.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

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 A U-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Adams] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE ON THIRD READING**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

NEW LEGISLATION:

2015-27: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-89 AND RE-STATING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME NON-BARGAINING UNIT VILLAGE PERSONNEL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance affects the Fire Department, Service Department and the Clerk of Courts.

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

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

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2015-28: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$5, 539.00) WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING TO AMERICAN SECURITY & AV SYSTEMS FOR THE PROVISION OF AN OUTDOOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERA FOR BRAINARD ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

2015-29: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO TRANSFER AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HEALTH CARE FUND (870), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

2015-30: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SERVICE CENTER ON VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY ON MAPLECREST ROAD AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION OF A SITE PLAN TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote. The Roll Call Vote for Passage **PASSED** by a 5/2 vote (Adams, Brockwell, Earley, Miller and Holbert voted **YES**; Singh and Wade voted **NO**).

2015-31: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO GRANT GRAND-CHAGRIN, LLC. A VARIANCE TO THE GROUND SIGN REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1321.03(r)(2) OF THE VILLAGE'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Adams, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS RESOLUTION**. The Motion **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 CHAGRIN BOULEVARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, WHICH CONSULTING SERVICES ARE TO BE PAID BY THE DEVELOPER IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1329.09.

After much discussion by Council and explanations by Mr. Strichko, a **MOTION** was made [Earley, Miller] to **PASS THIS MOTION**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING INSPECTION SOLUTIONS, ,LLC. (MBIS) AS VILLAGE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE CONTRACT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" WITH MBIS FOR THE TERM MAY 15, 2015 TO AUGUST 15, 2015.

Councilwoman Earley wanted it noted that she felt that whoever Council chooses as a Building Inspector should have a vested interest in Woodmere Village. Councilwoman Miller felt that just because there is a 90-day clause in this contract, Council should not lose its sense of urgency in finding a permanent Building Inspector.

After much more discussion by Council and after acknowledging that Village Building Inspector Nino Monaco has resigned as of April 30, 2015, a **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Adams] to **PASS THIS MOTION**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 5/2 vote (Adams, Brockwell, Miller, Wade and Holbert voted **YES**; Earley and Singh voted **NO**).

A **MOTION** [Miller, Adams] TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFF ROBERSON AS FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT was **TABLED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** [Earley, Adams] TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF CALVIN MILLER AS ACTING SERVICE DIRECTOR AT A WAGE RATE OF \$25.00 PER HOUR **PASSED** by a 6/1 vote (Adams, Brockwell, Earley, Holbert, Wade and Singh voted **YES**; Miller **ABSTAINED**).

A **MOTION** [Earley, Brockwell] TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP HOPE AS A SERVICE WORKER 1 GRADE A **PASSED** by a 7/1 vote. (Pending drug testing)

A **MOTION** [Brockwell, Adams] TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF SALVATORE KENNETH GRANO AS A FIRE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER-EMT-FIRE INSPECTOR **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** [Brockwell, Earley] TO CONFIRM THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TATIANA PASCOL AS A PART-TIME POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL OFFICER **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A **MOTION** [Miller, Wade] TO APPROVE THE WOODMERE VILLAGE APRIL, 2015 EXPENDITURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS: Reports are submitted in writing
Mayor Smith: Prayers for victims of the train derailment in Philadelphia were offered. He commended the Police Department for their proactive readiness with regards to the pending decision in Cleveland Police Officer Michael Brelo's case. Congratulations for the pending relocation of the Service Center (2015-30); cameras will increase our safety (2015-28); thanks to Council for approving the pay raises (2015-27). Our Village still needs to work on Marketing itself for the upcoming Republican National Convention and into the future. The ISO rating of the Fire Department placed our Village not in good standing, and we will work diligently to improve our rating. The Ohio Department of Transportation is ready to assist the Village with various projects.

Assistant Director of Law Stolarsky: No report.

Treasurer Cornhoff: His written report plus an attachment was submitted in writing.

Police Chief Mason: She submitted her written report. The Police Department continues to fine-tune its contingency plan for possible public reaction to the Brelo verdict.

Clerk of Council Blakemore: Thanked Jeff Roberson for his past and present assistance. Acknowledged the constant visibility of the Police and Fire Chiefs in the Village. Expressed her objection to Woodmere being considered a speed trap.

Building Department: There was no one available to report.

Architectural Review Board: No meeting was held.

Fire Chief Brewington: The Chief submitted his written report. All hydrants have been tested. The Village should utilize the Future Connections Program (a derivative of the Upward Bound Program) to provide youth interns to work in the Village.

Director of Public Service Fisher: Absent, but his written report was provided. Mr. Miller will represent the Department at the next Council Meeting.

Planning and Zoning Representative Adams:

A MOTION was made [Earley, Adams] to **RETURN ROAD BOND #772** in the amount of \$1,000.00 to David L. Braverman, Inc. for work done at Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A MOTION was made [Earley, Adams] to **RETURN BUILDING BOND # 632** in the amount of \$2,000.00 to David L. Braverman, Inc. for work done at Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A MOTION was made [Earley, Adams] to **RETURN ROAD BOND #775** in the amount of \$300.00 to Homes on Demand for work done at 3714 Maplecrest Road. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

A MOTION was made [Earley, Adams] to **RETURN BUILDING BOND # 635** in the amount of \$700.00 to Homes on Demand for work done at 3714 Maplecrest Road. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES: Reports are to be submitted in writing.

Finance/Grants (Brockwell): Councilwoman Brockwell was absent for the meeting. Councilman Wade was the Acting Chair. The minutes of the meeting were submitted in writing.

Safety (Miller): No report.

Utilities (Adams): No meeting. It was noted, however, that the Roselawn property has been demolished.

Youth/Education (Mayor): There will be a recognition program for all the Woodmere Village graduates from High School and College. **David Holbert** will sing the National Anthem at the Orange High School graduation. He will attend the Conservatory at Baldwin Wallace College. **Jordan Wade** will attend Ohio State University as an economics major.

Legislation (Holbert): The Legislation Committee minutes are reflected in the Agenda.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Comments must adhere to a time limit of three minutes.

Alberta Fanning offered congratulations to the Fire Chief as he is an asset to Woodmere. She also admonished Council not to wait too long to confirm Mr. Roberson.

David Corney asked why Councilmen Singh and Wade voted No on Resolution 2015-30. Council President Holbert advised him that the two Council members had voted their conscience. Mr. Corney also asked Planning and Zoning to keep an eye on the Pinecrest project. He asked the Fire Chief what the Fire Department plans to do to overcome the problems cited on the ISO report. The Fire Chief highlighted plans for improvement.

Clerk Blakemore asked for clarification of exactly what the buffer mound planned by the Pinecrest project will look like as it relates to her property and that of her mother. The Mayor replied that the mound will begin on Harvard and extend to separate the planned project from the residents of Waterford Court. She also joined Council in wishing Birthday greetings to Mrs.

Fanning.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Wade] to **ADJOURN** the Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of May 13, 2015. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2015 were approved by:

Benjamin I. Holbert, III, President of Council

Sheryl C. Blakemore, Clerk of Council

The minutes were approved by Council on _____