

**WOODMERE VILLAGE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF
JANUARY 13, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of January 13, 2016 was called to order by President of Council Benjamin I. Holbert, III at 7:14 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 Glenda Todd Miller, Councilwoman Alberta Fanning, Councilman Craig Wade, Law Director Frank Consolo, Treasurer Thomas M. Cornhoff, Police Chief Sheila Mason, Fire Chief Johnny Brewington, Building Inspector Robert McLaughlin, and Acting Director of Public Service Calvin Miller.

Absent: Councilwoman Jennifer Mitchell Earley (excused).

MOTION TO EXCUSE ANY ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Fanning] to **EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILWOMAN EARLEY**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison, led by Ms. Dansby.

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to **APPROVE THE WOODMERE VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2015**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Adams] to **APPROVE THE WOODMERE VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2016**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

Ms. Vickie Dansby spoke about the swearing in ceremony that took place on January 3, 2016.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public at this time.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

2015-71: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING LON STOLARSKY AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW/PROSECUTOR OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODMERE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Adams] to **REMOVE THIS ORDINANCE FROM THE TABLE**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call for Passage both **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

NEW LEGISLATION:

2016-01: A RESOLUTION OBSERVING THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND HONORING HIS LIFE was **PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**.

2016-02: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODMERE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AN ANNUAL

APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed on **FIRST READING**.

2016-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1303.01 AND ADDING SECTION 1303.99 TO CHAPTER 1303 OF THE VILLAGE'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING CODES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed on **FIRST READING**.

2016-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1305.01 AND 1305.99 TO CHAPTER 1305 OF THE VILLAGE'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed on **FIRST READING**.

2016-05: AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 1307.99 TO CHAPTER 1307 OF THE VILLAGE'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed on **FIRST READING**.

2016-06: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PART OF EACH OF MAPLECREST ROAD, IRVING PARK AVENUE, AVONDALE ROAD AND ROSELAWN AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Wade] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2016-07: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF, AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH, DEVERA T. CARTER-WOODS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO VILLAGE OWNED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3819 ROSELAWN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Wade] to **TABLE** this Ordinance. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2016-08: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO GRANT BRAINARD OFFICE, LLC. VARIANCES 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 BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2016-09: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO TRANSFER AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE HEALTH CARE (870) FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Miller] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

New Legislation Continued:

2016-10: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO PREPARE AND FILE AN AMENDED 2016 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed on **FIRST READING**.

2016-11: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT AND EXPEND NON-MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FROM, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S 2016 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Adams] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY**. The Roll Call Vote for Suspension of the Rules and the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

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

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Wade] to **PASS THIS MOTION**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS:

Mayor Smith: The Mayor thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Service Department, Council, the Treasurer, Law Director and other employees for their hard work during 2015. He wished Mr. Consolo a Happy Birthday on January 19.

Law Director Consolo: No report.

Treasurer Cornhoff: He read from his written report. The Finance Reports that were passed out at the Finance Meeting were updated.

Police Chief Mason: She submitted her written report. She wished everyone a Happy New Year. Beginning in the Spring, Woodmere will participate in an amnesty program. The Woodmere Village Police Department Facebook page is so good that the Cleveland Police Department wants to use it as a guideline for their own. Starbucks and Trader Joe's will open on February 5. The A T & T store will open on February 12. The Police Department is gearing up for the increased traffic.

Building Inspector McLaughlin: His report was submitted in writing. There was a discussion between Mr. McLaughlin and Members of Council concerning the violations at 3778 Irving Park.

Clerk of Council Blakemore: No report.

Architectural Review Board: No meeting.

Fire Chief Brewington: He highlighted some items on his written report. He is working to set up a Junior Fire Academy with students ages 7-11 from Orange, Chagrin Falls and Woodmere. He referenced the new markers on fire hydrants in the Village.

Acting Director of Public Service Miller: Road salt usage is down. We must use the salt or get charged a storage fee. The Mayor mentioned that we are down one person in the Service Department. Clerk Blakemore thanked the Service Department for its prompt removal of snow from residents' driveways.

Planning and Zoning Representative Adams: The Planning and Zoning Commission discussed Resolution 2016-08 regarding a sign variance.

A **MOTION** was made [Adams, Miller] to **RETURN ROAD BOND #784** to David L. Braverman, Inc. in the amount of \$680.00 for work done on the Hoffman Building. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

Planning and Zoning continued:

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to **RETURN BUILDING BOND # 642** to David L. Braverman, Inc. in the amount of \$1,360.00 for work done on the Hoffman Building. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

Marketing Report by April Malone: Some highlights: The Marketing budget is on First Reading. She wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Republican National Convention is 186 days away. Barnes and Noble may host a town hall meeting that could hold 150 people. That might include a political author's book signing. Barnes and Noble would contribute items to be placed in gift bags. We will get permission from hotels to place items in gift bags for their guests. We are working on shuttle service from nearby hotels to our shopping destinations. A dedicated person should be assigned to update Village information in the app provided by Citizen Sync. Councilwoman Miller stated that there are three auto rental facilities within Woodmere Village.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES: Submitted in writing

Finance (Brockwell): Report was submitted in writing.

Safety (Miller): No meeting.

Utilities (Adams): The Roselawn property was discussed at the meeting.

Youth/Education (Fanning): No report. Mayor Smith said that he is looking forward to working with Councilwoman Fanning on this committee. Council President Holbert's son, Joseph, an Orange High School graduate, has created a rap video while at Denison University. An article was written about his video. Orange High asked that Joseph come and present his performance to the High School students.

Legislation (Holbert): Meeting items are reflected in tonight's Agenda.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Council President Holbert will send out another Meeting Wizard to schedule a Council Planning Session. He encouraged all to read the closing statement present on all Agendas concerning conduct during Council meetings. Treasurer Cornhoff asked if Council wants to continue membership in NOACA. The cost is \$400.00 for the entire Village and anyone who wishes to may attend the meetings. Council President Holbert asked if Woodmere belongs to the Warrensville Heights Chamber of Commerce. We do not, however we do belong to the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No comments from the public at this time.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to **ADJOURN** the Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of January 13, 2016 at 8:39 PM. The Motion **PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**.

The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2016 were approved by:

Benjamin I. Holbert, III, President of Council

Sheryl C. Blakemore, Clerk of Council

Minutes were approved by Council on _____