

**WOODMERE VILLAGE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF  
MAY 11, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2016 was called to order by the President of Council, Benjamin I. Holbert, III at 7:12 PM.

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

**Present:** Council President Benjamin I. Holbert, III, Councilman Tennyson Adams, Councilwoman Lisa Brockwell, Councilwoman Jennifer Mitchell Earley, Councilwoman Alberta W. Fanning, Councilwoman Glenda Todd Miller, Councilman Craig Wade; Law Director Frank Consolo, Treasurer Thomas M. Cornhoff, Police Chief Sheila Mason, Fire Chief Johnny Brewington, Building Inspector Robert McLaughlin and Director of Public Service Calvin Miller.

**Absent:** Mayor Charles Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison led by Officer Bennie Baker.

**MINUTES:**

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Adams] to **APPROVE** the Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2016. 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 13, 2016. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

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

**The following items were addressed prior to Pending Legislation:**

**2016-44:** A RESOLUTION COMMENDING OFFICER BENNIE BAKER UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE WOODMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT was **PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**.

Comments of appreciation were expressed by Council Members, Administrative Staff , Police and Fire Departments and the Public. Plaques recognizing and congratulating Officer Baker were presented by Chief Mason and fellow Officers in the Police Department. The Plaques were read by Lt. Patterson and Sgt. Colon. By Proclamation, the Mayor pronounced April 15, 2016 as Officer Bennie Baker Day in the Village of Woodmere.

**Officers Amy Mengay and Daniel Cintula were introduced by Chief Mason and sworn in as Corporals by Law Director Consolo.**

**Pending Legislation**

**2016-33:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1101.01 AND 1317.40 OF THE VILLAGE'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH AN APARTMENT HOUSE LICENSE PROGRAM AND FEE was placed on **SECOND READING**.

**New Legislation:**

**2016-37:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$32,500.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS NEW VEHICLE FUND (415), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was placed on **FIRST READING**.

**2016-38:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF CONTRACTS, PURCHASING SERVICES, COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE/ROCK SALT FOR THE 2016-2017 WINTER SEASON, 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 the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

**2016-39:** 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, 2016 THROUGH MAY 1, 2017 WITH AN ANNUAL PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$72,500.00), 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 the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

**2016-40:** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2016-22, 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 the Roll Call Vote for Passage both **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

**2016-41:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM ADDING THE POSITION OF CORPORAL TO THE PATROL OFFICER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] 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 7/0 vote.

**2016-42:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, BID SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE EAST BRAINARD ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND TO PROVIDE THE ADVERTISING FOR BIDDING SAID PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, 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 7/0 vote.

**2016-43:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH BRAINARD OFFICE, LLC. FOR THE DEPOSIT OF FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SOUTHBOUND THROUGH LANE ON EAST BRAINARD ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, 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 7/0 vote.

**MOTION** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MARKETING CONSULTANT TO EXPEND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) ON WOODMERE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO APPROXIMATELY 1,500 RNC PARTICIPANTS STAYING IN THE WOODMERE AREA.

**There was a discussion about the type and quality of gift bags to be used, and a discussion about remaining within the agreed upon budget.**

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Fanning] to **PASS THIS MOTION**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

**MOTION** [Miller, Brockwell] TO APPROVE THE WOODMERE VILLAGE APRIL, 2016 EXPENDITURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE **PASSED** by a 7/0 vote.

**REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS** Reports are submitted in writing.

**Mayor Smith:** Absent.

**Law Director Consolo:** No report

**Treasurer Cornhoff:** The Treasurer read from his written report.

**Police Chief Mason:** Her report was submitted in writing. She thanked Council for their continued support of her department.

**Building Inspector McLaughlin:** His written report was submitted.

**Clerk of Council Blakemore:** Minutes for March and April as well as the Quarter 1 Report were prepared. Work continues on 2014 and 2015 records.

**Architectural Review Board:** No meeting

**Fire Chief Brewington:** His written departmental report was submitted. He thanked North Randall for allowing Woodmere Fire Department to participate in live fire training. Chief Brewington has a report to prepare for the County. **The Treasurer** stated that he will get the department heads together to help Chief Brewington complete that report. The Treasurer also stated that the Fire Department needs two more employees.

**Director of Public Service Miller:** His written report was submitted. He stated that the Illuminating Company is through cutting dead branches around power lines. **Councilwoman Earley** asked that the Service Employees exercise caution while separating items for recycling. Sometimes some items roll onto her property. Mr. Miller said he would address the situation.

**Planning and Zoning Representative Adams:** Items concerning signage were discussed at the meeting. A new home is being built on Avondale.

**REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:** Reports are submitted in writing

**Finance/Grants (Brockwell):** The minutes of the meeting were submitted in writing.

**Safety (Miller):** No meeting

**Utilities (Adams):** Nothing new to report.

**Youth/Education (Fanning):** No report. Mrs. Fanning is hoping to organize a gardening project this summer for the youth of the Village. Council President Holbert reminded us that the Mayor is planning a recognition luncheon for the Orange High School 2016 graduates and for any Village college graduates. So far college graduates have been identified as Joseph Holbert, Kenya Jones and a young lady with the surname Snodgrass.

**Legislation (Holbert):** The legislation committee meeting items are included in tonight's Agenda.

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** Mrs. April Malone showed the Woodmere Village commercial that is currently playing on local television stations.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** Time limit of five minutes

**Mr. Art Dilger**, owner of 18/8 Men's Salon asked for Council's support in his procuring a liquor license for his establishment. **The Law Director** will send a letter to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control on Mr. Dilger's behalf.

**Curtis Patrick** commended Woodmere on the traffic light change at Avondale. He questioned whether the no right turn on red at Brainard could be eliminated as it leads to traffic backups north and south of Chagrin Blvd. **Chief Mason** replied that the widening of Brainard should alleviate those backups. Mr. Patrick also asked if anything could be done to widen the entrance to Avondale from Chagrin because those drivers traveling east on Chagrin have to make a sharp turn in order to enter Avondale. Mr. Hren, the engineer, will be contacted to see if anything can be done.

**Chief Mason** stated that a wider area for turns has been provided at the Starbucks/Trader Joe's exit onto Brainard Road.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of May 11, 2016 was adjourned at 8:44 PM by Unanimous Consent.

The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2016 were approved by:

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Benjamin I. Holbert, III, President of Council

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Sheryl C. Blakemore, Clerk of Council

The Minutes were approved on \_\_\_\_\_