

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2022
MINUTES

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Moreland Hills was called to order by Mayor Fritz at 7:00pm, in the Village Council Chambers.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

Also Present: William Hanna, Law Director; Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council; Kinga Turoczi, Chagrin Falls High School Student (Senior Project with the Village); Tony Furino, Orange Library Branch Manager

Mr. Fish made a motion seconded by Mr. Janke to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 13, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resident Comments

There were no residents present wishing to speak.

Reports from the Mayor and Other Municipal Officials

Mayor

Mayor Fritz welcomed and introduced Kinga Turoczi who is a senior at Chagrin Falls High School. She is doing her Senior Project with the Village. Kinga has already spent some time with Department Heads and Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart in her capacity as Chair of the Planning Commission. She has also seen some of our infrastructure and opened the cabin for the season. He stated that he has known Kinga since she was a baby and that she is great friends with his daughter. She has been learning about the legislative process and how administration essentially acts as the executive branch and Council acts as the judicial branch and how ordinances and resolutions are passed. So tonight, she will get to see that process in action.

Mayor Fritz thanked everyone for their help with the pavilion dedication. Mr. DeWater and the Service Department deserve accolades for all they did and for making everything look great. He stated that they got 95% of the punch list done before the event; the fence and deck did not get stained, but it will get done soon. He thanked Council for coming and helping out.

For our "More in the Hills" events, he is hoping to get members of Council and administration, as well as himself, in attendance whenever possible. Our event tomorrow night is the Coyote Presentation with ODNR Officer Scott Denamen at 6:30. The following are the upcoming "More in the Hills" events: May 19 - Master Gardener Class and Demonstration; May 26 - Fight Like a Girl; June 9 - Gas vs.

Battery Powered Lawn Equipment Presentation; June 23 – Music in the Park with Ben Gage; June 30 – CVFD Truck Night. The Green and Parks Commissions and Police Department are working on more ideas for events. Council can reach out to Mrs. Arrietta with any ideas they may have as well. Keep in mind, free is good but if they can discuss it if there is a cost because we have a little budget for it. There will also be “Yoga at the Pavilion” on the first and third Saturdays at 9:00am; the first session will be June 4.

Mayor Fritz stated that he sent Council a copy of the letter that was presented on behalf of the Cuyahoga County Mayor’s and Managers Association regarding House Bill 563. He feels that they did a good job of reeling in the global concern that mayor’s share on this issue. As more Home Rule issues come up down the road, they will have more discussions about passing resolutions in support of Home Rule.

Mayor Fritz stated that they are finalizing the plan for a/v upgrades in Council Chambers. He received multiple bids, which Mr. Shah is reviewing. This was a budgeted item for \$16,000 and the lowest bid is below that. The Service Department will fix the wall and do some touch ups in Council Chambers and make this room look nicer when they do the upgrades. He is hoping to get the a/v upgrades started soon.

Mayor Fritz gave an update on body cams for the Police Department. The grant paperwork is being filled out at this time. We did receive a grant that pays for 8 units; Chief Wyant was adamant about buying all of them now, as they were budgeted for. Therefore, we will buy the 8 that are covered under the grant plus 5 more, where there will not be a need for sharing, except with the Chief, Detective and Lieutenant and there will be one for back up. The plan is to reapply in July to get 7 more and if we do not get that grant, we will buy them and our overall cost will be less than the budget line item (\$30,000). Chief Wyant will bring this to the Roads and Safety Committee. Mayor Fritz stated that he along with the Chief and Mr. Hanna will have a zoom meeting regarding policy, which will be based on a well-vetted policy through the state but they will have Mr. Hanna look at it before it is finalized.

Reports of Committees

Roads and Safety Committee

The Roads and Safety Committee met on May 3, 2022. Mr. Fish gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 31, 2022, at 8:00am.

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met on May 3, 2022. Mr. Emerman gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 31, 2022, at 8:30am.

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman to allow the Service Director to develop specs and advertise for bids for roof, door, and column repair on the Heathermore storage building.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

BZA

The Board of Zoning of Appeals met on May 2, 2022. Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next meeting is June 6, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on May 2, 2022, immediately following the BZA meeting. Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next meeting is June 6, 2022 at 6:00pm, following the BZA Meeting.

Parks Commission

The Parks Commission met on April 18 2022. Mr. Janke gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next meeting is May 16, 2022 @ 6:00pm.

Green Commission

The Green Commission met earlier this evening at 5:30pm. Mr. Spencer gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next meeting is August 3, 2022 @ 5:30pm.

Charter Review Commission

The Charter Review Commission had its first meeting on April 20, 2022, via Zoom. Mr. Hanna gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next meeting is May 17, 2022 @ 7:00pm via Zoom.

Approval of Bonds, Contracts, Plats, Etc.

Martin Residence

3 Pebblebrook Lane
Conditional Use Certificate -
Solar Panel Installation

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart stated that the public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting did not have any residents in attendance but an email was received with questions and concerns from one neighbor, which was included in the packet. Mr. Kowalczyk responded to those questions and a representative from Yellowlite, the company installing the panels, came to the meeting to provide specific information about the product. The applicant plans to install the panels on the front of the home (south facing house), which would provide a 74% utility savings, while placing them on the rear (preferred location) would provide a 46% utility savings. Over 30 years the savings would be \$18,000 less if the panels were to be placed on the rear. The Planning Commission approved this Conditional Use Certificate by a 5-1 vote.

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman to approve the Conditional Use Certificate for solar panel installation at 3 Pebblebrook Lane.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2022-14 (Third Reading) Introduced by Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1519.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION, OR EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS ON CERTAIN DAYS EACH YEAR.

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart provided background on this ordinance. Mr. Hanna stated that they had had a discussion of removing the ban of the possession of 1.4g fireworks at the last meeting. The idea behind that is that 1.3g fireworks, which were previously banned, would remain. The language in the statute that was changed to allow the discharge of 1.4g fireworks, does not allow municipalities to ban the possession of them. The thought was to remove the last few words in Section 1519.04e (“or 1.4g fireworks”).

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart made a motion seconded by Mr. Spencer to place Ordinance 2022-14 on third reading.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart made a motion seconded by Mr. Janke for passage of Ordinance 2022-14.

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart made a motion seconded by Mr. Spencer to amend Ordinance 2022-14 to remove the words “or 1.4 g” in Section 1519.04e.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart made a motion seconded by Mr. Janke for passage of Ordinance 2022-14, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Spencer asked if they had heard any pushback from residents about this ordinance. Mayor Fritz stated that he has not. Mr. Janke stated he initially heard some rumblings and informed those residents that they would have plenty of time to make their voices heard so if they say something to him again, he will tell them that they had their opportunity to voice their concerns.

Resolution 2022-8- Introduced by Mr. Richman

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS TO BECOME A POWER A CLEAN FUTURE OHIO COMMUNITY AND TO ADOPT A GOAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richman stated that there is always new information on how our collective fossil fuel use is causing climate change and the consequences if no action is taken to reduce greenhouse gases. We want to take action as part of a global effort to stave off these potential catastrophic events. We are looking into the reduction of our carbon footprint by looking into hybrid vehicles, alternative energy sources, and joining organizations to help us accomplish these goals, such as Power A Clean Future Ohio. Joining does not cost anything except our commitment to reduction and developing a plan, and providing feedback to them.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart to suspend the rules for Resolution 2022-28.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Spencer for passage of Resolution 2022-28.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart to amend Resolution 2022-28, by removing the portion of the sentence in Section 1 that reads “by 50% below 2010 levels by 2030.”

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Janke for passage of Resolution 2022-28, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2022-29- Introduced by Mr. Fish

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE VALLEJO COMPANY FOR THE 2022 ASPHALT PAVEMENT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fish stated that this is for the asphalt paving program (excluding Chagrin Blvd, which will be a separate project). Four bids were received ranging from \$992,725.10 to \$1,126,408.00. The lowest bidder

was The Vallejo Company.

Mr. Fish made a motion seconded by Mr. Spencer to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2022-29.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Fish made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman for passage of Ordinance 2022-29.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2022-30- Introduced by Mr. Janke

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILMORE SECURITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Janke stated that the Village was looking to upgrade surveillance on the Village Campus; three bids were received and they went with the best option provided; Mr. Shah agreed with that decision. This will include the purchase of 29 cameras in total and a DVR system. Audio will also be added to the entranceway of the Police and Service Departments. The plan is to upgrade the existing and add additional cameras to have full coverage of the campus. This will consolidate the three separate systems that the Village currently has, with the ability for the Police Department to monitor it all. One of the cameras will be a license plate reader that will face the main entrance, which will help in the case of an incident.

Mr. Janke made a motion seconded by Mr. Fish to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2022-30.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Janke made a motion seconded by Mr. Fish for passage of Ordinance 2022-30.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2022-31- Introduced by Mr. Emerman

AN ORDINANCE TO CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (ODOT) PROJECT TO REMOVE THE EXISTING STRUCTURE OVER A CULVERT (SFN 1807536) AND REPLACE WITH FILL ON SR-87 (SO. WOODLAND ROAD) EAST OF SR-91 IN THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Emerman stated that this project is near the Woodland Glen Pump Station. It will give ODOT access through the right-of-way and our property to facilitate this project. The state is assuming the entire cost of this project. The Village is required to maintain the project after it is constructed.

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Janke to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2022-31.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Spencer for passage of Ordinance 2022-31.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Miscellaneous

Mayor Fritz reported that there was an officer-involved accident, which caused damaged to a Police cruiser. There were no injuries and the officer was cited.

Mayor Fritz introduced Mr. Tony Furino, Orange Branch Library Manager. Mr. Furino gave Council an update on all the services and happenings at the Cuyahoga County Library, which include:

- A new library website with a live chat feature
- The celebration of the 100th year anniversary of the Cuyahoga County Public Library
- The summer reading program this year is focused more on the kids and they have partnered with Mitchells Ice Cream and Chipotle for prizes
- The Real Abilities Film Festival which started in New York, is the biggest film festival for people with different abilities. The Orange Library will host this event in October where short films for kids will be shown and they will have activities and awareness on disabilities (autism and downed syndrome)
- Digital Navigators program which consists of former librarians with whom you can make a 3 hour appointment with to help set up a device, computer, etc.
- Passports
- In person story times (one still held virtually); three in person throughout the week
- Meeting and Study Rooms
- Lending of Zoom licenses
- For Homebound people, they will ship out any materials to them

Mayor Fritz stated that the library continues to adapt and stay ahead and they are all big fans and are happy to message their services. Mr. Richman stated that their programing, staff, and offerings have always been top notch. It has been and always will be a pleasure to utilize their library. Mayor Fritz thanked Mr. Furino for coming.

Adjournment

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Fish to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:27pm

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fish, Mr. Janke, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Attest:

Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

Ethan Spencer, Council President