

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2016

MINUTES

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Moreland Hills was called to order by Mayor Renda at 7:01pm, in the Village Council Chambers.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis
ABSENT: Mr. Buczek

Also Present: Aimee Lane, Law Director, Prashant Shah, Treasurer, Jeff Filarski, Village Engineer, Ted DeWater, Service Director, Chief Kevin Wyant, Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 13, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resident Comments

- Up with People

Paty Salazar, Promotions Representative with Up with People, was present at the meeting. She explained that Up with People is a global non-profit and educational program for 17-29 year olds. They travel around the world and stay with host families, do volunteer work and perform a show at the end of their week stay. One of their stops will be Pepper Pike from February 22 through 28 and about 30 members still need host families so Miss Salazar is here to get that word out. Host families are required to provide a place to stay, meals (generally breakfast and dinner), and transportation to and from Orange High school for the week. Miss Salazar stated that the host families are her favorite part because not only do you get to expand your culture, but you get to expand your family as well. She stated that members will also be doing some volunteer work while they are here with the local schools, Beechbrook, and other organizations in the area. At the end of their stay, they will put on a 2 hour music show called *The Journey* on Friday, February 26th at 7:00pm at Orange High School. Miss Salazar provided members with fliers about their show. Mayor Renda informed everyone that the information for the show and becoming a host family is up on the Village website.

Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management

Mr. Jeff Harraman, Program Officer, Mr. Walter Topp, Administrator, and Mr. George Taylor, Director of Public Safety, were present at the meeting. Mr. Topp stated that they are in attendance tonight to make a presentation to the Village of Moreland Hills for their completion of the Ready Certified Emergency Management Program. He explained that it is more than just writing an emergency plan; there are twenty-four separate steps that the village had to complete to qualify to become certified. The County Emergency Management Agency's job is to support municipalities and help plan for natural disasters or large scale emergencies. Mr. Topp stated that they are very happy to present the plaque to the Village of Moreland Hills as the 11th community in Cuyahoga County to become certified.

At this time, Mr. Topp presented the plaque to Dale Canter who was happy to accept it on the Village's behalf. Mr. Canter stated that while he put the plan together, it was a really group effort. Mr. Taylor explained that there are twenty-four standards which required participation from all elements of the municipality. He stated that it is helpful to have the plan just in case of a large emergency or disaster, however, it can be used on a smaller scale as well. It does take time and effort to complete, but it also gives your community and the communities around your, a consistent plan so that everyone can work together.

Mayor Renda stated that the reason Moreland Hills is the 11th community to become certified is because she did not hand this over to Mr. Canter sooner. She stated that the minute she gave it to Mr. Canter, he was on it and it was completed in a really good and timely manner.

Mayor Renda stated to Mr. Canter that in addition to the plaque, the Village is presenting him with a proclamation. She stated that she just wants everyone to understand the deep respect and admiration we hold for this man. He was first appointed Interim Chief in March 2013, was reappointed in August 2013, and finally he was reappointed for the last time as Interim Chief in December 2013. We then appointed him Assistant Safety Director in October 2014 and then again in January 2015. We are having a really hard time letting this man go.

At this time, Mayor Renda read Mr. Canter's proclamation and presented it to him. Mr. Canter thanked Mayor Renda and stated that it has been his pleasure and his honor to serve Moreland Hills. He stated that he has had a fantastic experience here with the employees and residents and stated that this is a great way to end his career.

Mayor Renda stated that Mr. Stanard will now read a resolution for Mr. Canter.

Resolution 2016-09-Introduced by Mr. Stanard

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DALE CANTER HONORARY SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS.

Mr. Stanard stated that to prepare for the introduction of this resolution, he referenced the Random House Dictionary and when he came upon the entry of "honor," which he had been

seeking, he knew he was on the right track. The definition of the word “honor” is as follows; high public esteem, honesty and integrity in one’s beliefs and actions, a source of credit or distinction, high respect as for worth, merit, or rank. The synonyms listed for honor were: distinction, probity, uprightness, honesty, integrity, and sincerity. They all refer to the highest moral principles and the entire absence of deceit or fraud. He stated that the dictionary goes on with trustworthiness, dependability, and soundness. Honor and distinction refer to the regard in which one is held by his fellows, and as I suspected correctly, Mayor Renda elaborated on just that and the opinion held by the entire Village of Moreland Hills. Mr. Stanard stated that these definitions very neatly describe the individual known to us as M. Dale Canter and that his dedicated service to God and Country, to a number of municipalities in Northeast Ohio, to all of those with whom he has served, and to his family, have earned him a position of honor. The Village of Moreland Hills will be well served by continuing our relationship with this most distinguished individual.

Mr. Stanard made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis for passage of Resolution 2016-09.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Canter thanked everyone and stated that Moreland Hills is a fantastic place and it was his privilege to serve here.

Mayor Renda thanked the members of the Police Department and Mr. Canter’s family for coming out to honor him. She stated that it has been our privilege to work with him and it has been a wonderful experience.

Reports from the Mayor and Other Municipal Officials

Service

Mr. DeWater did not have a report.

Finance

Mr. Shah did not have a report.

Engineer

Mr. Filarski did not have a report.

Law

Mrs. Lane did not have a report.

Police

Chief Wyant reported that the OPOTC has mandated 11 hours of training and continued education throughout the year, and they will be offering classes that will cover 8 of those 11 hours required during the months of April, June and July, and August. He stated that our new part time officer began his field training as of January 24. Chief Wyant also reported that in the last 24 hours, because of current weather conditions, there have been 6 accidents; however the hills are now clear of any disabled vehicles.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Facilities Committee

The January Facilities Committee Meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2016.

Roads & Safety Committee

The January Roads & Safety Committee Meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2016.

BZA

Mr. Stanard reported that the BZA met on January 25, 2016. Mrs. Cooper was welcomed back as resident member for 6 years. Theresa Dean, our new Assistant Clerk/Administrative Assistant to the Building Department was welcomed, and he believes that she is proficient and the Village will be well served to have her. There was an application for a flag lot that seemed exceptional because it was 736 ft. long. It was for one parcel on Chagrin Blvd. (Chagrin Bluffs) that was approved years ago by the Planning Commission to divide into 7 parcels as a subplot but currently the road is not there. Therefore the lot needed to be split in order to build a house on it and because there is no road, the flag lot needed to be approved. Once the road is built, it essentially will not be a flag lot anymore. BZA approved the request.

Planning Commission

Mr. Stanard reported that the Planning Commission met on January 25, 2016, immediately after the BZA meeting. The lot split to divide that parcel on Chagrin Blvd., into 3 individual parcels was granted. The same applicant also presented an application for a new dwelling on that parcel. It is a very modern house which caused a robust discussion as to whether the other homes in that area will be modern style homes as well. The Chagrin Valley Country Club submitted an application for the addition of a detached pergola which was approved. There were also two different applications for porches (one front porch on West Juniper and one rear porch on Old SOM Lane) submitted by the same developer. Both porches were approved. The next meeting will be on February 22, 2016.

Master Plan Review Committee

Mr. Fritz stated that last week at the Committee of the Whole meeting, he gave a detailed description of where the committee was in the process at this point. He stated that they are

looking at several options, and getting opinions from Mr. Filarski and Mrs. Lane. He stated that they are starting to put together what will be their recommendation. The next meeting will be on February 16, where they will discuss and debate those options. After that meeting, if all goes well, the committee will make a presentation to the Planning Commission while the final master plan is being drafted by McKenna. Mr. Fritz informed Council that he and the Mayor had phone conference with McKenna to let them know where we were in the process and they also spoke with Mr. Filarski and Mrs. Lane to talk about options that are desired and are desirable. He stated that he will be able to update them further after the meeting on the 16th.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2016-10 – Introduced by Ms. Sturgis

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE FOR THE USE OF THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS' FIRING RANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Sturgis stated that Bentleyville approached MHPD to use their firing range for mandatory training and requalification for their officers.

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2016-10.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman for passage of Ordinance 2016-10. Mr. Stanard asked about the agreement and if it is similar to the agreement we had previously with Orange. Chief Wyant stated the agreements are pretty much the same. Mr. Stanard asked about Orange and the status of their agreement with us. Chief Wyant stated that Orange is utilizing a private company but he anticipates they will be coming back because utilizing that company requires travel time for their officers. Mr. Stanard asked if there were ever any difficulties or problems with the agreement with Orange. Chief Wyant stated that they did not have any issues with them and that scheduling worked out well.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2016-11– Introduced by Mr. Richman

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE AN AMOUNT CORRESPONDING WITH THE CURRENT STATE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PERCENTAGES OF SALT TONNAGE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VILLAGE FOR EACH YEAR THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S CONTRACT FOR SODIUM CHLORIDE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richman stated that this ordinance authorizes the village to participate in the cooperative purchasing program with ODOT for road salt. This year we were charged \$52.00/ton, but we will not know the actual cost until the contract is set (this is the only way for the State to make the deal ahead of time). We are confident that the price set will be cheaper than we could get on our own.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Fritz to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2016-11.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard for passage of Ordinance 2016-11. Mr. Richman further explained that our allotment for this year is expected to be the same for next year. This year we have an obligation to purchase between 90%-110% of 3,000 tons, of which we have used 1,000 already. He stated that Mr. DeWater is ordering an additional 500 tons. It is hit or miss if we will have a good or bad winter, but the potential problem of not following this program, is that we could end up being charged \$100.00 or more a ton, if we run out.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 2016-12– Introduced by Mr. Fritz

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WICHERT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF GENERAL LIABILITY, POLICE PROFESSIONAL, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AUTOMOBILE, AND PROPERTY INSURANCE TO THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS, AT A TOTAL AGGREGATE COST OF \$65,522.00 SUBJECT TO ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS DURING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT AS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Fritz stated that the amount has changed to \$63,583.00, as Mr. Shah was able to save us about \$2,000.00. He stated that he has asked Mr. Shah to give a breakdown of the costs as compared to last year. Mr. Shah stated last year the amount was about \$60,600.00 which has gone up this year to a little over \$63,000.00, but since last year we have added the Community Building, the mechanics bay, both of which were not completed last year. We have also added \$4,000 in equipment. The insurance company has increased some of our coverage so it is better than in previous years; building's and contents went up by \$7,000 from last year and they added personal property for those additional buildings for an amount of \$1,000,000; it was \$500,000 last year. Mr. Shah stated that our loss history has been very good. In 2015-2016, our losses were \$1300 and the previous year they were \$17,000; \$15,000 of that was from the former Chief Flauto situation. If we continue with the low loss history, we should see the pricing drop.

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2016-12.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis for passage of Ordinance 2016-12. Mr. Richman asked about the increase in the coverage. He stated that in Mr. Shah's slide presentations, the property assets were valued as 9.7 million, and the insurance coverage on the policy for building and contents is for \$10.125. Mr. Richman asked if they charged us any more for having the extra coverage above and beyond what it was valued at. Mr. Shah explained that they increased it because an appraiser was sent around this year. He stated that they usually take the property contents and add a 2-3% increase, but this year they actually visited the property. If we added something and did not tell them, it would still be covered. Our policy calls for the replacement value, not the actual cost.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Fritz to donate \$500.00 to the Orange After Prom Committee, and \$500.00 to the Chagrin Falls After Prom Committee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Fritz to advertise for bids for 2016 Asphalt Program. Ms. Sturgis stated that there was no committee meeting, but per Mr. Filarski, the estimated cost of the program is \$433,000.00, which is less than what was spent in 2015. Most of the work is maintenance for crack and seal rejuvenation. Mr. Richman stated that the average cost for this program between 2012 and 2015 was \$619,000.00, so this price is below the average. He stated that Mr. Filarski notified them that there will be a number of roads that will need to be resurfaced next year, that are not included in this year's program.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Miscellaneous

Mr. Fritz stated that his neighbor is Cuyahoga County Councilman Jack Schron. His father recently passed away and in going through his things, Mr. Shron found a picture of the Moreland Hills Mayor and Council Members in the Council Chambers from 1958. Mr. Fritz passed the picture around to everyone. Mr. Richman suggested having a picture of Mayor Renda and Council members taken for posterity. Mayor Renda stated that Mr. Fritz also suggested that and stated that they did do that in her first term, but have not since. She stated that she thinks it is a great idea to do so and will have Mrs. Arrietta look into finding a photographer.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Fritz to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:50pm.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Sherck, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Attest:

Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

Steve Richman, Council President