

**COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 10, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Mayfield Village Civic Hall-Mayfield Village Civic Center**  
**6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Monday, July 10, 2023. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Arndt, Mrs. Jurcisek, Mr. Marquardt, Mr. Meyers,  
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schutt and Mr. Williams

Also Present: Mayor Bodnar, Mr. Wynne, Ms. Calta, Mr. Cappello,  
Chief Matias, Mr. Russell, Mr. McAvinew, Mr. Tierney,  
Ms. Wolgamuth and Mrs. Betsa

Absent: Asst. Chief Libens and Mr. Marquart

Council President Schutt stated, let the record show that Assistant Chief Libens and Mr. Marquart are excused from this evening's meeting.

**MAYOR**

Thank you, Council President. Just a couple of comments. I just wanted to mention that tomorrow at about 1:00 we are going to be rolling out our new ADA-friendly website. Jeff is working on it tonight. When everything is up and running, I have invited Jeff Thomas to come back and report to Council and give us a demonstration. I have a couple of other comments, but I am going to reserve those for the discussion on *Kindland* below. Thank you.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor Bodnar.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Schutt stated, I hope everyone enjoyed their Independence Day. I just want to give thanks and appreciation to the Parks and Recreation Department, Service Department, Fire and Police Departments for all of their hard work. It was a challenging day during the day but we had a successful concert at The Grove and the fireworks display was excellent again. Thank you to everyone who contributed for all of your hard work.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

- **Second Reading of Resolution No. 2023-42**, entitled, “An emergency resolution declaring it necessary to improve the Aintree Park, Aintree North and Sandalwood neighborhoods by replacing damaged, cracked and uneven sidewalk blocks where necessary, all together with any necessary appurtenances thereto by the owners of the lots or land abutting thereon.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Administration).

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2023-42 will be on Second Read at our Regular Meeting of Council on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS FOR  
DISCUSSION**

**1) Follow Up Discussion – *Kindland* – Values-in-Action Foundation**

Council President Schutt stated, Mayor Bodnar and Councilman Williams provided us with some information. Councilman Williams, did you want to kick this off?

Mr. Williams stated, thank you, Council President. It was February that the gentleman from Values in Action, Stuart Muszynski, President and CEO was here and made a presentation about his organization with a focus on *Kindland*, the initiative that is starting to enhance across Northeast Ohio. It is a community engagement initiative to foster kindness in respective communities. He provided a detailed presentation. Instead of doing that again, we provided some handouts and some examples of how other cities nearby have embraced *Kindland* in their communities and how it is being used and the impact in those areas. We have the City of Lyndhurst, Maple Heights and Wickliffe who have provided documentation for your perusal. The reason this is on the agenda is to discuss and decide if this is an initiative that Mayfield Village should engage in and adopt and get behind to support and engage with more kindness. The floor is open for discussion.

Mrs. Jurcisek stated, I think it’s a great idea. I think Mayfield Village should adopt it and initiate it. I think it’s a great organization and we are supporting an organization that is right in Mayfield Village as well.

Council President Schutt asked, Mayor Bodnar, did you have more comments to add?

Mayor Bodnar stated, I did. I would like to speak to how we do this relationship-wise and specifically speak to our policy for using our electronic sign that is at the corner. Generally we do not use our electronic billboard or sign to advertise for non-profits unless we have an affiliate relationship with them. In order to use our sign, we would first have to establish an affiliate relationship or some sort of partnership. I think George has covered that in his materials handed out tonight. For example, there are a lot of great non-profits but we have also got a lot of information to disseminate on our sign. We want to get that information out there so we say no to non-profits who want to use it.

There's a lot of worthy causes and worthy non-profits out there and certainly being kind is very worthy. I won't argue against that. But for example we don't advertise for charities like the American Cancer Society, St. Jude, Habitat for Humanity, Nature Conservancy, Doctors Without Borders, United Way, the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. I got these charities from *Forbes* of the top 100 charities. I would just say if you want to do this we need some sort of formal affiliate partnership relationship with the group. In choosing to do this, that's great but by choosing to do this, we are choosing not to do other charities at the same time implicitly. I would look for some sort of measurable metric system.

Also, I was doing a little research today. You have the second piece of literature in front of you. This looks like a very interesting summit. It's at Cleveland State University. They are having a *Kindland* summit on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's almost a full day. It's free, so if you are interested in learning more and participating more this might be something worth your while. That's all I have. Thank you.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you. Any other comments or discussion?

Mr. Williams asked, how do we go about establishing an affiliate relationship?

Ms. Calta replied, the law department can put something together to do that. I don't remember any other affiliate relationships that we have established before that we have done that Council has approved.

Mayor Bodnar stated, I thought *Kindland* had some documents they would give you.

Ms. Calta replied, I can look back. Maybe they did distribute those to us. But that's where you would start. We would draft something and provide it to the Mayor and Council to take a look at. I don't know how fast we want to move it, but typically that's something we would look at at a Caucus for discussion.

Mayor Bodnar stated, it might be tied into this pledge that's referred to.

Mr. Williams stated, I will have to double check.

Council President Schutt asked, any other comments or discussion?

Mr. Murphy asked, Mayor, when you said pledge, is that monetary pledge?

Mayor Bodnar replied, no. I am just glancing at the handout from George. The third paragraph indicates that Mayor Ward from Lyndhurst and City Council pledge to be leaders in kindness.

Mr. Murphy stated, my follow-up question, is *Kindland* looking for contribution or a monetary donation to be an affiliate or a member or part of the group?

Mr. Williams replied, no. Not at all.

Mrs. Jurcisek stated, I do remember that from when he presented. A question like that came up at the time. There was concern about monetary.

Mr. Murphy stated, I think it's a great group. Why not in the world we live in today? I think a differentiation between a group like this versus the American Cancer Society, they live on contributions. They are always trying to get money. This is just kind of spreading the good word. Why not? I am all for it.

Mrs. Jurcisek stated, so the Village does things with the Cuyahoga County Library branch, so we are affiliated with some of the events that happen there. How is that different than something like this would be?

Mayor Bodnar replied, we jointly sponsor some of their programs. Shane could probably speak to that.

Mrs. Jurcisek stated, I am just saying as far as an affiliated relationship if we are looking for something like that.

Mr. McAviney stated, each entity acts together but separately has responsibilities on their own. We do that with Governor's Village. We have an official agreement with the Community Partnership on Aging.

Mayor Bodnar stated, I don't know if we would need a high degree of formality. With the Community Partnership on Aging we are a member of a COG. That's very specific and more complicated than this.

Ms. Calta stated, I agree. The distinction is we are not looking at programming, we are looking at what Mr. Murphy just said, really getting the word out and announcing that we are embracing this and pledging to be part of this.

Mr. Williams stated, on the back page of the handout, there's a participation guide for individuals and residents with suggestions on how to be kind. This is how individuals get involved. There will be others in the future, but there is a summer of kindness initiative going on as we speak.

Mr. Murphy stated, if we do move forward and are part of this, make sure everyone here has an understanding of what it is because you are going to start getting questions about it. We want to make sure we know what it is all about.

Mr. Meyers stated, it says right here that the funding came from the license plate charity fund. Is *Kindland* funded by the State?

Mr. Williams replied, I don't know. But organizations do fund this program.

Mayor Bodnar stated, the State has special license plates. I think if you purchase those license plates, you pay a premium for that license plate and then they get the premium. People are paying for it.

Mr. Meyers stated, I don't know how you would say that would be a charity when you are paying for it. It says the money is awarded to *Kindland*. That's what I mean, how do they get funded?

Mayor Bodnar stated, I think there are donations. They are a 501(c)(3). They are required to file annual reports. You can actually look them up on-line and find out their income and Board of Directors and other information. That all should be available on-line.

Mr. Williams stated, 501(c)(3) organizations are set up to seek grants from foundations and other organizations.

Mr. Meyers stated, they can't run for free. That's what I'm saying.

Mr. Williams stated, they are funded by grants.

Mayor Bodnar stated, if you look them up, you will see their income I am sure that the more communities that participate, the better chances they have of getting funding.

Mr. Meyers asked, but the communities fund them also, or no?

Mayor Bodnar replied, I don't think directly.

Mr. Meyers asked, do we contribute?

Ms. Calta replied, I don't remember him asking us for a dollar amount or anything like that. It's just a pledge to support the organization and their mission and their message.

Mayor Bodnar stated, I will look up on-line for whatever information I can find and then I can give it to Mary Beth and she can forward it to everyone.

Mr. Meyers asked, on the handout, how do people know what you did?

Ms. Calta replied, that's sort of part of it.

Mr. Meyers asked, is it an honor system?

Mr. Williams stated, it's an honor system/you go on-line and you can document what you did. That's a big part of this.

Mr. Meyers stated, I'm just asking.

Mr. Williams stated, no, that's what I am trying to answer. Individuals report their act of kindness. Like the lady in front of me at Dunkin' Donuts the other day paid for my coffee.

Mayor Bodnar stated, it's like the book club at the Library. You say you read this book and you get credit for it.

Mrs. Jurgisek stated, they have an app that goes along with this as well that people can record their acts of kindness on.

Council President Schutt asked, any other comments or discussion?

Mr. Williams stated, I will look into paperwork for establishing an affiliation with them.

Mayor Bodnar stated, we can do that too. Is there any requirement for doing particular things? Do we have to do a particular activity? Is there a minimum of what we need to do?

Mr. Williams replied, I have not seen a requirement.

Mayor Bodnar stated, so we basically pledge to be leaders in kindness in our actions and wear *Just Be Kind* bracelets.

Mr. Arndt stated, in all honesty there's no traction to it. Is there a contract we need to sign for them?

Ms. Calta replied, with the app they do keep track of symmetries but it is an honor system. There are probably a lot of people who do kind things that don't feel comfortable saying, hey, I did this today. Other people will. They probably do help with their metrics and they can say that they are getting traction. I think we are all starting to see billboards.

Mr. Williams stated, billboards are all over the place. Every highway. TV commercials.

Mrs. Jurgisek stated, Lyndhurst has it on their sign.

Ms. Calta stated, so I think it depends on what you consider traction, but I think it gets the message out there that is a way of saying they are getting some traction. People are using it.

Mayor Bodnar stated, it's hard to measure. You would help someone take their groceries in if you saw they needed help anyways, so it's hard to measure.

Mr. Murphy stated, unless you log it.

Mayor Bodnar stated, right. Maybe some people really don't want to log that.

Mr. Williams stated, you hit the anonymous button.

Council President Schutt stated, I can look into it some more as well. Councilman Williams mentioned that as well and Mayor Bodnar said that she would do some more research as well. We have more to come on our findings.

## **2) BCI Quote for Civic Center Improvements (Administration)**

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, thank you Council President. Dan Russell and I provided Council with a Memorandum and a copy of a proposal from Brandstetter Carroll to do the next phase of improvements on this building. This would be ADA compliant improvements and I think you can see in the proposal they broke it out by each piece of the project and what they are proposing is as we do the design and we come up with pricing we will be able to decide which of the elements we want to go forward with and which we don't. The construction documents then wouldn't happen if we chose not to go forward with that. I think the prices are changing a lot. We already know the HVAC unit when we were going for the grant it was \$57,000 and I think Lenny just found out that's gone up to \$82,000. Prices are changing a lot. I think the window prices are going to change a lot. The grant is for \$250,000 so at some point we will have to decide how much in addition the Village wants to put into the building. We will keep you updated as we go along but if this proposal is acceptable we will get the AIA agreement put together for Council's approval at the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Meyers asked, is this the same company that did all of the drawings years ago?

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, yes.

Mr. Meyers stated, we never went forward.

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, we never went forward. They are also the company that did the kitchen and the restrooms.

Mr. Meyers asked, same company?

Ms. Wolgamuth replied, yes. So at this point, they worked on this building quite a bit so I think they're very familiar with it. It seems like the easiest way to go.

Council President Schutt asked, any other discussion or questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Ms. Wolgamuth.

**3) Second Amendment Agreement between Chagrin River Watershed Partners and Mayfield Village for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Planting Trees to Reduce Runoff Project. (Resolution 2023-43)**

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, I am not sure that I know exactly the detail on this. There was a grant and grant agreement for planting trees. That grant agreement got extended once just because they keep pushing the deadline so that reporting requirements if you wanted to apply for any kind of refunds we would still be able to but we are not because we are not really doing anything. It's kind of just a technicality, but they asked us to sign the second amendment so that will be on Council's agenda in two weeks.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or comments?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Ms. Wolgamuth.

**4) 2023 Street Striping (Resolution 2023-41)**

Mr. Cappello stated, we requested some proposals. We only received one back from Pat Flowers. That's on tonight's Special Council meeting.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or comments?

Mrs. Jurcisek stated, I saw in the proposal that there are crosswalks on the last part of the list. Councilman Schutt and myself have received an e-mail from a resident who had questioned the intersection over here.

Mr. Cappello replied, that's an item on this proposal, to correct it.

Mrs. Jurcisek asked, it is to correct it?

Mr. Cappello stated, yes.



Mrs. Jurcisek stated, I wasn't sure. I saw crosswalks. I just wanted to double check if that was it. Okay. Thank you.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions or comments?

There were one.

**5) 2024 Alternative Tax Budget Legislation (Resolution 2023-40) (Finance)**

Mr. Wynne stated, this is also on the Special Meeting agenda this evening. This is an annual requirement with Cuyahoga County. Municipal Councils are required to pass it by July 15<sup>th</sup> and then file it with the County by July 20<sup>th</sup>. This a real rough draft of what we think next year's budget looks like so they know when the tax dollars come in for property tax revenues how the municipalities want them allocated amongst the funds that are on their books.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or comments?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mr. Wynne.

**6) Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program (Finance)**

Mr. Wynne stated, as you know, through the Service Department's efforts, we received a \$200,000 EPA grant to put towards the new leaf machines. Looking for those machines, they were not on the State bid pricing list. In doing some research, Mike Schaeffer came across Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program which is very similar to what the State does and very similar to what ODOT does with their salt purchases, but it's on a much broader scale, almost on a national level. The vendors that we are looking at to purchase the leaf machines are members of the Sourcewell program. I have already signed us up for the program. There's no cost to be a member. We will have two pieces of legislation hopefully at the Council meeting, one is for Council to authorize us to utilize the Sourcewell program in going out and purchasing items and then the second would be to authorize the purchase of the leaf machines through the program.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or comments?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Wynne.

### **7) Firing Range Agreement with University Circle Police (Police)**

Chief Matias stated, we already have range agreements for the SPAN SWAT team with Mayfield Heights Police and Richmond Heights Police. University Circle approached me a few weeks ago and they would like to enter into a firing range agreement so they can come and use our range. It doesn't really cost us anything to allow them to do that, but we do charge \$500 a year to each agency and that helps offset the cost of the cleanup we have to do. Usually about every 6 years we have to have someone come in and do the cleanup. That's what the Agreement is for.

Mr. Meyers asked, they are not part of SPAN, right?

Chief Matias replied, right.

Mr. Meyers asked, why would we bring someone in from outside the Hillcrest area to shoot in our range?

Chief Matias replied, I have no reason not to. We only have the three agencies using this, so it doesn't impact us at all.

Mr. Meyers asked, what's our maintenance every couple months with filters and stuff?

Chief Matias replied, all of that is part of the \$500.

Mr. Meyers stated, I don't agree with going outside the SPAN area. If you are going to bring them in, you can bring anyone in from the State of Ohio. I don't believe that's a good idea.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions or comments?

Mr. Williams asked, where is the firing range?

Chief Matias replied, it's in the police station. It's on the back side.

Mr. Meyers stated, where the roll-up doors are in the back. It's tucked in back over there.

Mr. Williams stated, okay.

Council President Schutt asked any other questions or comments?

There were none.

**8) Replacement Water Sprinkler Purchase (George F. Ackerman Co. - \$12,750.00)  
(Service)**

Mr. Tierney stated, thank you Council President. We are looking to replace our sprinkler system for our soccer fields. The one we have is up in age. It's from 2001. It's getting harder and harder to find parts for it. We are not able to actually use it.

Mr. Meyers asked, is this the apparatus that moves and waters?

Mr. Tierney replied, it acts like a watering can and just shoots the water out.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions or comments?

There were none.

**ANY OTHER MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL**

Council President Schutt asked, are there any other matters to come before Council this evening?

There were none.

There being no further matters, the meeting concluded at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC  
Clerk of Council