

# **COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES**

**Monday, August 7, 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, August 7, 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,  
Mr. Marquart, Ms. Wolgamuth and Ms. Garbo

Absent: Asst. Chief Libens

## **MAYOR**

Thank you, Council President. There's a few things I would like to talk about tonight. First of all, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to Dan Russell, our Building Commissioner. Dan lost his father on Friday. Dan, please let us know if there's anything we can do.

Another bit of news, our Finance Director Ron Wynne is going to be retiring at the end of this year. Ron came to us in July 2009. Ron, since that time, you have brought us to a level of fiscal integrity, not to mention to a high level in our bank accounts. You have gotten us through the hard times during COVID. There's not going to be another you, ever, but we will have to replace you. Beginning within a month we are going to advertise for a new Finance Director so that Ron can help us choose his replacement and hopefully we will be able to overlap the two a little bit. Thank you Ron. It's a big loss.

Just a reminder to vote tomorrow.

Finally, a big thanks to everyone for a wonderful Village Appreciation Day on Saturday. From having perfect weather to having everyone pitch in. The Rec Dept. did a great job. The barbecue was great. The activities were wonderful. Tons of people enjoyed the pool. The concert was great. We had a really good band. Thank you very much to you, to Service, to our first responders, our Police and Fire Department and everybody for just pitching in. I was sitting in an aisle at the top of the last step and a little girl was running down the stairs. She twisted her ankle. Her parents were right there. I went to them and said, do you need help?, but as soon as I blinked, there were two members of the pool staff who were off duty that night. They provided assistance to the family and were ready to help. We had a plan and put it into action. It went very well. Thank you for that.

Those are all my comments. Thank you Steve.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor Bodnar.

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Schutt stated, I'd like to echo all of Mayor Bodnar's comments. It was an excellent celebration. Mr. Russell, sorry for your loss. Mr. Wynne, you are going to be hard to replace. Thank you for guiding us, especially through the hard times during COVID as Mayor Bodnar mentioned.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Finally, remember to vote tomorrow.

### **PENDING LEGISLATION**

- **Third 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). (First Reading – June 19, 2023; Second Reading- July 24, 2023)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2023-42 will be on Third Read at our Regular Meeting of Council on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1) **Services Agreement with Brandstetter Carrol, Inc. for design services and construction documents relating to the Mayfield Village Civic Center ADA and energy efficiency improvements (not to exceed \$48,890) (Resolution 2023-48) (Administration)**

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Wolgamuth?

Ms. Wolgamuth replied, thank you Council President. This is the same item that we discussed during Caucus in July. We pulled it from the regular agenda because the Agreement did not arrive in time. We still do not have the Agreement but I am told I will have it this week. There have really been no changes except to report that the grant money has been received from the County. We will have the Agreement and we will put it in packets in two weeks. Thank you.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you. Any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Wolgamuth. Resolution 2023-48 will be up for consideration at the Regular Meeting of Council on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2) Emergency Services Agreement with the Village of Gates Mills (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2028) (Resolution 2023-49) (Administration)**

Council President Schutt asked, Mayor Bodnar?

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you Council President. You have in your packets this week the new Agreement with Gates Mills. They have already voted on it. It will be up for vote by our Council at the August meeting. It's a little bit different but not that different from our last one. Our old Agreement with them was a three-year agreement which ends at the end of this year. We had two separate one-year extensions, but each extension was going to have to be separately negotiated. We decided to do what's best for us and what's best for Gates Mills and that is to renegotiate that with a five-year Agreement.

I can tell you the prices have gone up a little bit. As in the last one, it is going to go up 3% per year. For example, in 2023, ambulance runs were \$2,100. Starting next year it will be \$2,185. Part (c) details what it will be in 2025, 2026 and so on. Most of the prices have gone up a little bit by about \$50 on the smaller costs. You will note a provision in the Agreement which is on page 2(e) it talks about Gates Mills' contributing to pay for some of our capital expenditures. A few years back, we bought a new ambulance. They are paying their percentage share of that. The total is \$49,750 amortized over 18 years which I am guessing is the useful life of the ambulance. That's \$2,764 per year, so they are kicking in for that. Ron crunched a lot of numbers. He looked at the fixed costs. He looked at our on-call runs compared to their on-call runs. We determined it is to our advantage to keep our department at its current amount of firefighters and EMS. We feel this is a good Agreement and it will help us and Gates Mills into the future. I am here to answer questions. Ron can answer some questions too. It will be up for consideration of passage at the Regular Meeting.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated Resolution 2023-49 will be up for consideration at the Regular Meeting of Council on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**3) Supporting the *Kindland Initiative (Resolution 2023-50) (Administration)***

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Calta?

Ms. Calta stated, yes, we had talked about putting this together. We drafted something for Council's input. George took a look at it. If there are any questions, anything you want to add to or take out of, let me know.

Mr. Williams stated, I have nothing else to add. It's pretty straightforward as it should be. I would also like to ask Council to consider not going through the three read process. We have looked at this since February.

Council President Schutt stated, yes, we plan on doing that with this. Are there any other comments or questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated Resolution 2023-50 will be up for consideration by Council at the regular meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ANY OTHER MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL**

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

Mr. McAviney stated, I do want to thank the staff who helped out and all of the departments on Saturday. Mayor Bodnar, Paul, Council President Schutt, Denny and Mary Murphy. You don't realize how hot and tired they are until I looked over and saw Council President Schutt half asleep at the pavilion. As Paul said, he went home and took a nap himself after taking a shower. Three hours of grilling is rough, but the residents really appreciate it. Thank you guys for helping out in making the day successful.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mr. McAviney. Mr. Wynne did you have something?

Mr. Wynne replied, yes. Real quick. We had the annual meeting last week with the County to review all of our five TIF Agreements. All five TIF Agreements were deemed to be in compliance and approved for continuation for another year.

On the agenda for the Council meeting, there will be a request for approval. We applied for and received a \$20,000 grant through the State of Ohio. They were offering some of their ARPA money up for municipalities and businesses that engaged in Medicare/Medicaid contracts for ambulance services. We got \$20,000 which is to be used for premium pay for the individuals who worked ambulance services during the COVID period in 2020. We have already gotten through a calculation of how that \$20,000 is going to be allocated amongst our full-time and part-time staff who worked from July 1 through December 31, 2020. We will be requesting approval for that so it can be paid out to those folks.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mr. Wynne. Any questions for Mr. Wynne?

There were none.

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

There being no further matters, the meeting concluded at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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