

Town of North Hills

Council Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Recorder Fred Newberry in the conference room of Ohio Valley University. Present were Recorder Fred Newberry, council members Don Stemple, Debra Seeley, Cheney English, and Chris Nahley. Absent was Mayor Dale Baumgartner and council member Regina Smith.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Chris Nahley to approve the August 8th minutes, as amended, seconded by Don Stemple; approved by council.

### **Safety Report**

Don Stemple presented a topic on school bus safety.

### **Recorder's Report**

The town received a check in the amount of \$7,300 for delinquent street user fees when a town residence was sold and the lien that the town had on this property needed to be cleared to allow the sale to transpire. Plans are for the town's attorney to attend a future council meeting to address options for collecting past-due street user fees. Discussion took place concerning this topic but no other methods appear to be improvements to the current method. Current bi-annual street user fees continue to be received by the recorder.

A letter has been sent to the resident at 107 Brentwood Drive concerning the ordinance violation of having a boat parked in their yard. It was noted that following contact with the resident, a kayak trailer has been removed from a yard on North Hills Drive.

There was discussion concerning the possibility of lowering water/sewer rates since the sewer fund account has been growing. There was also discussion about looking further into the water/sewer disconnect/reconnects fees assessed to the town and possible changes to the process.

### **Building Permits**

No requests.

### **Committee Updates**

**Playground Ideas** – Continue to look into possibilities. Don mentioned providing equipment for both older and younger children.

**Town Yard Sale September 7<sup>th</sup>: Update** - Chris and Cheney reported that their new and improved traffic flow plan is ready and that they would install the associated traffic flow signs late on 9/6.

**Urban Deer Hunt September 16 – 20 & 23 – 27** - **Preparations are continuing.** Fields have been mowed for a cost of \$450.

### **Town Business**

**Road Paving and Striping** - Scheduled for late August.

**Contract for Snow Removal** – Contract has been signed by winning bidder Lawns Unlimited.

**Town Newsletter** - Topics to be addressed: Urban Deer Hunt, Unpaid SUF, October Fall Fest. No other specific ideas were offered.

**Public Forum** – No discussion

**New Business**

Town Council normally meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. Mayor Dale Baumgartner has informed council that he would not be able to attend a meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, so discussion took place concerning changing the date of that meeting. It was decided to not change this meeting date.

Cheney brought forth the topic of the declining Monarch butterfly population in the world. He suggested that the town property beyond the lift station be maintained in such a manner as to provide a sanctuary for migrating Monarch butterflies. Ideas included not mowing a portion of this area and planting milkweed, butterfly bushes, and other pollinator-habitat plants. These butterflies migrate through our area during the latter part of September.

Debra Seeley made a motion to adjourn around 8:00 pm, seconded by Cheney; approved by council. The next Council meeting will be held on September 12th, 2019 at 7:00pm at Ohio Valley University.