

# *Town of North Hills*

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Council meeting minutes  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dale Baumgartner in the conference room of Ohio Valley University. Present Dale Baumgartner. Also present via teleconference and Webex were Don Stemple, Chris Nahley, Cheney English, Regina Smith, Angela Cole, Fred Newberry. Also present was the North Hills Pool board members:

## **Minutes**

A motion to approve the March 26<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Fred Newberry, approved by council.

## **Safety**

Council continues to practice sanitizing, social distancing, and using WebEx and teleconference for our meetings. Experiencing strong winds causing trash cans to be blown into street.

## **Council vacancy**

Angela Cole was sworn in as the new council member. Congratulations!

## **Recorders report**

Shared account balances  
6 liens (amended) filed on delinquent residents  
Reminded council of the laying of the levy on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the pond at 7PM  
Continue to work with Ferrari and associates on audits.

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## **Building permits**

None

## **New business**

Pool board gave a presentation on state of the pool with various ideas on how to address.

## **NHRSC Proposal-Town of North Hills**

Background  
Membership Information  
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### **Background:**

North Hills Swim and Racquet Club

Private not-for-profit entity

501 (C) (7) IRS Code

All monies received are spent on the pool, grounds, staff and programs

No money is distributed to the membership

### **NHSRC Board**

An elected board manages the operation and maintenance of the pool.

Board members serve two year terms

Officers are elected each year

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**Typical membership**  
100 to 120 families

## Membership Information

	2017	2018	2019
Active Memberships	127	115	135
Nonlife Memberships	107	98	115
New Memberships	19	16	12
North Hills Members	65	62	76

## Financial Information

	2018	2019
Total Income	\$64K	\$66K
Total Expenses	\$68K	\$77K

- Other Liabilities – Community Bank Line of Credit -\$40K
- Increasing dues rates and winterization fees
- Not building funds to make needed repairs
- Not keeping up with overall costs
- Not paying down debt taken on by the club years ago

### 2020 Challenges

- The pool has no cash reserves
- Incoming dues in the Spring enable
  1. Painting and maintenance of the facility
  2. Refund bonds and pay any outstanding bills

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- The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic is on the opening of the pool is unknown. If we open later, will the adjusted dues provide sufficient income to run the pool?
- Will the financial impact of job loss/changes reduce membership?
- Condition of the pool is an additional unknown
  1. Coping/concrete on one side of pool is in need of repair
  2. Roof of building needs replaced
  3. Heater maintenance may be required

## Proposals Under Consideration

### **1) Change filing status to 501 (c) (3)**

1. Change focus to more community outreach
2. Eligible for grants that support pools and swim activities
3. With a normal opening, grants would be used to improve facilities

### **2) Dissolve Club and distribute property to the Town**

1. Town established a new Swim and Racquet Club
2. Membership required
  - i. Reduced cost for North Hills Members
  - ii. Void Lifetime Memberships
3. Maintain a Pool Board to oversee operations
4. Facility available for town activities

### **3 Town subsidies for resident membership**

1. Town “buys” a certain number of memberships
2. Sells them to town members at discounted rate

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## **Consideration for Town**

Would the Town consider helping NHSRC

- Taking ownership of the Facility?
- Pre-buying memberships for city residents?

What questions/concerns do you have?

## **Committee updates**

Town cleanup – 28 bags of trash collected

Picnic shelter – may have some extra wood. Any ideas what to do with it?

Fishing in Hills – Need to inform residents of plans on Fishing in the Hills. Tentative plan is to stock the pond on September 28 and fish on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Yard Sale – will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> (tentative)

Large trash pickup – May 30<sup>th</sup>

## **Town business**

Swore in Angela Cole as new council member

Cost for further cleanup of dog park and surrounding area is \$3,500. Motion made by Cheney English to approve, seconded by Fred Newberry, approved by council.

Reminded council of the laying of the levy on April 21 at the pond

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Sanitation called to haul away the lazy boy chair and couch that was dumped in creek. They would only take trash. Cheney English said he would haul away sometime next week.

Dale has someone wanting to bring some rock in (under supervision) to shore up creek bed. More to come

A motion was made by Fred Newberry to adjourn at 9:10, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council. The next council meeting will be on April 21 7:00PM at the pond for laying of the levy, to be followed by our regular meeting on April 23 at the Ohio Valley University conference room at 7PM