



VILLAGE OF EVENDALE, OHIO
10500 Reading Road
Finance, Recreation, Service and GHF Minutes
May 2, 2023
4:30 pm, Municipal Building

Attendance: Jeff Albrinck, Tom Sextro, Beth McDaniel, Mayor Finan, Nicole Gunderson, Chris Patterson, James Jeffers, David Elmer and Steve Berke. Cynthia Caracci excused absent

1. **Finance**- Revenue exceeded expenditures in April by \$1,527,683 and year to date results show revenue exceeding expenditures by \$1,353,125. The overall tax receipts for April were \$2,443,856 exceeding receipts this time last year by \$194,065. Year to date tax receipts are \$6,183,615 which exceeds year to date receipts of 2022 by \$313,923. This puts the Village in a fairly stable position currently.

2. **GHF**

- **Staff Update:** After 7 years with the Farm our Director of Education, Krystal Gallagher, is leaving to take a position with Green Umbrella. Our programs and participants have benefited from her dedication to high-quality, intentional, standards-based program development and delivery, her thoughtful training and guidance of education staff and volunteers, and her fun, can-do attitude. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best in her next venture. We are actively recruiting to rehire for the Director of Education.

- **Preschool Story Hour:** We are offering a summer session of Preschool Story Hour for the first

time. It is fully enrolled and we are excited to offer this opportunity to our youngest farm program participants.

- **Row by Row Tickets** go on sale June 1st! The Village of Evendale will have a table. Thank you for all your support! Please spread the word among your contacts and Village residents.

- **Trosset Wildflower Sanctuary Tea** was a success in spite of cold, stormy weather. It raised

\$2,000, brought new people to the farm, and cultivated existing donors and volunteers. ● **Spring Fundraising Appeal** has been mailed. We appreciate your contributions!

- **319 Lower Watershed Restoration Grant** has been recommended for funding by the Ohio EPA!

We are one of 16 projects (out of 25 applications) that have gone on to the US EPA for their final decision. We have requested \$280,000 for this project. It is expected that we will hear from US EPA in June.

- **Farm Equipment Replacement.**

Big thanks to James Jeffers for his support in the truck purchase process. It is ongoing as GHF seek to find a make/model that meets the Farm's needs and fits within the budget. Farm staff continue to seek appropriate used tractors.

- **Farm Production:** We have pigs! Thanks to a generous donation from Dull Homestead Farms., a contact developed through Ohio Farm Bureau. Meat sales are open on the GHF website. Pre-order your local, pasture-raised, fresh and healthy pork, beef, and chicken!

- ODNR is attempting to schedule Governor DeWine for a "Grand Opening" in September of 2023. More info to come. This site will have interpretive signage for visitors, be used for GHF education programs, and planning is underway with Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Mill Creek Alliance for community outreach programs.

The NatureWorks Playscape project bid has opened! When the bidding window closes we will review proposals and select a contractor.

New Animal Barn project initial excavation is expected in the next couple weeks.

3. Recreation

- The Fitness Center weightlifting half rack has been delivered and is getting good use already.
- Service is in the process of converting our pool lighting over to LED. The new poles and fixtures look great.
- We are on schedule to have the pool pergolas stained and some new pool deck chairs to be delivered in time for opening day.
- Eggstravaganza was Saturday April 1st. 79 kids participated in the Wee Hunt and 154 kids signed up in the Family Egg Hunt. This is the highest participation that we have ever had.
 - P H I - Open House activities have included an egg hunt, sand volleyball, capture the flag and a trip to the Root Beer Stand. 15 teens volunteered for Eggstravaganza.
 - We have begun taking registrations for our Conquer the Hill 10k Run & 4.5-mile walk. Registration available at the front desk or online.
 - Youth soccer, baseball and softball practices have all started.
 - The tennis courts have been power washed and the cracks have been filled. The courts are being resurfaced in the opposite color scheme with blue courts and green exterior.
 - The bulk of the swim team sign ups have come in. We currently have 193 swimmers ready to go.
 - All 4 golf leagues are getting started and we have 88 golfers participating.
 - Pickleball continues to have good turnouts for open play. There is a GroupMe app for residents who are interested in find out who is available to play on certain days. Residents are even asking about additional open gym times to play.
 - Fun in the Sun registration is off to a good start. We currently have 50 Sunbeams and 70 Funshines.
 - Spring session of our preschool programs are underway with 5 classes and 57 kids signed up.

- April Meet & Greet was on April 3rd with an Opening Day theme. 53 people attended the dinner.
- We had a trivia night on April 19th with 38 participants.
- Lunch & Learn for this month was Cincinnati & The Presidents with 21 people attending.
- Bi-monthly card making, Monday night card playing, Book Club, ROMEOS, Coffee & Conversation and weekly chair volleyball also took place this month.

4. Service/Engineering

- Traffic Island Landscape Maintenance – Contractor has been prepping the islands in anticipation of spring planting which should begin this month.
- Equipment Maintenance
 - Vehicle Maintenance – All of the mowers have been serviced and prepared for the season. We have switched out vehicles from the temporary storage at the former Boyd Brothers.
 - Backhoe – We have ordered the new backhoe, unfortunately this may not be delivered until September/October.
- Miscellaneous projects – The crews have been addressing several miscellaneous projects throughout the Village. This will include catch basin repairs, dead tree trimming, Greenbelt maintenance, etc.
- Chipping/Special Pickups – This work continues weekly.
- Administration Building Paver Replacement – This project is complete.
- Misc. Curbs, Sidewalks and Catch basins – The crews are in the process of repairing the various concrete curbs and catch basins of the streets scheduled for resurfacing.
- Swimming Pool Lights – The department is replacing the upright lights at the Swimming Pool. We haven't received all of the lights yet, but we hope to have them delivered and installed before Memorial Day.
- Summer Seasonals – The Service Department is currently advertising for summer seasonals. As of today, we have had three applications. The seasonal hiring ordinance for these applicants will be on the May agenda.
- Recycling/Shred Day – The Village had another successful recycling day. We haven't received all of the final numbers yet, but we had more slightly more visitors than last year and expect the numbers to be comparable. We have already set next years event for April 20, 2024.
- Campus Safety – The Department has ordered the temporary vehicle barriers and water filled barriers for the July 4th event on the municipal grounds. In addition, we have rented two message boards that will be installed a week before the event, announcing the temporary closure of Reading Road for the 10k race.
- Traffic Cabinet at Cooper – This cabinet has been replaced. The Police - Department is working with the insurance company on getting reimbursement for this work.

- Alta Fiber (Cincinnati Bell) will be continuing the installation of the Fiopics Network through the remaining residential areas of the Village (see attached). This work has begun and will be performed on the remainder of Carpenters Creek, all of Park Hills, Kingsport and all adjoining streets, Glendale Milford side streets and Wyscarver and Margate.
- Griffin Family Nature Preserve – Stantec/Cardno has been working on clearing of the understory along the walking path. The Service Department will be re- establishing the path once this work is completed.
- St. Joseph's 5K – St Joe's has scheduled their 5k race for May 20. The Service and Police Department will coordinate with Sharonville on the temporary lane closures for this event.
- Pickleball Courts – The contractor anticipates paving next week and then the fence and net posts can be installed. Once those are in the courts will be surfaced and lined in the color scheme to match the tennis courts. We expect the lights to be delivered and installed in early June.
- ODOT Excess Land Purchase – ODOT has the sign offs from Central Office and Federal Highway Administration and we should have the final documents sometime next week.
- BTAP Doors and Windows – Due to the weather and coordination between trades, we are working to firm up the replacement schedule. The materials for the windows have been delivered, but we need to be able to keep the building secured after the windows are removed and the new ones are installed.
- Service Department Building – The architect is preparing some working drawings for the department to review and space plan. The surveyors were able to complete the topographic survey due to the wooded area hillside being cleared.
- 2023 Resurfacing Program – We will holding on the project until Alta Fiber has completed all of the underground borings. We anticipate this being done within the next few weeks.
- CAC Roof – The agreement has been signed and the contractor is scheduling the work..
- AeroHub Phase 2 – We reached an agreement with MSD that the sanitary sewer was accepted and that only an easement plat would be required. This allows for the subdivision plat to remain as recorded and doesn't require a new Council ordinance for a re-plat. This plat was submitted to MSD on Friday and this should resolve this issue.
- Fire Department Improvements – The department is working with the Fire Department on their building capital items. Some items (i.e. Overhead Doors, etc.) may require the bidding process.
- Gorman Heritage Farm Nature Scape Project – This project is out for bids and bids are due on Thursday, May 4, 2023. I will send out the final ordinance and bid results once we have received them.

5. Other business

- Mayor Finan has appointed a members of the Charter Review Committee
- VOE is working with The Acres on a lease for the approximately 2 acres directly north the The Acres, to expand operations

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:45 by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mrs. McDaniel and approved.