

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Highland Hills, Ohio was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Cassandra Pride in Room No. 14 of Village Hall. It was also broadcast via Zoom Video Communications.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council President Cassandra Pride and Councilpersons Geavona Greene, David Mills, James McManus and Robert Wright. Also present: Law Director Thomas P. O'Donnell. Mayor Michael Booker joined the meeting later.

DISCUSSION BY PUBLIC: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine. Each item will be read individually into the record and the Consent Agenda will then be enacted as a whole by one motion and one roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion by Council is desired on any item on the Consent Agenda, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council motion and considered in its normal sequence under the Regular Order of Business.

- a. *Approval of minutes: March 13, 2024

***Resolution No. 2024-25:** A Resolution Confirming the Mayor's Revised Appointments to the Senior Advisory Board, and Declaring an Emergency.

President Pride read the names of the 14 appointees to the Senior Advisory Board and thanked them for their service.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve Resolution No. 2024-25 and minutes of March 13, 2024. All voted aye and the Consent Agenda was **adopted 5 – 0.**

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: None.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Council President Cassandra Pride announced that the County Planning Commission has extended the Community Survey #1 time for responses to April 15th. She reminded the survey may be taken online by going to the link on the Village website. Please call Village Hall for additional information.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance	Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
Properties/Buildings	James McManus – met and a report is on file
Public Works	Robert Wright – met and a report is on file
Rules	David Mills – met and a report is on file
Safety	Geavona Greene – see report below
Committee of Whole	Cassandra Pride – did not meet

Councilwoman Geavona Greene, Chair of the Safety Committee, reported that she met with both Chiefs and was advised that they will now be using the Code Red system to get information out to the community. The Fire Department is continuing with follow-up CPR classes at 3600. Home Depot is doing modification work to an area in the Police Department and they are applying for grant money. A *Coffee with a Cop* event is coming up in the Metro Building. Councilwoman Greene asked the Chiefs what they do when they seem “down.” Chief Namy reported that the firefighters solicit the help of a peer group. Chief Golston advised the department has a Chaplain that officers can go to. The Chaplain has extended his services to Fire Department personnel, as well.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO REGULATORY OR OTHER BOARDS:

Audit	David Mills – did not meet
Board of Control	Cassandra Pride – did not meet
Board of Zoning Appeals	James McManus – did not meet
Fair Housing Commission	Robert Wright – did not meet
Human Resources Committee	Geavona Greene – did not meet
Planning Commission	David Mills – did not meet
Senior Advisory Board	Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
Tax Incentive Review Council	Geavona Greene – did not meet

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

a. **THIRD READING CONSIDERATION: None.**

b. **SECOND READING CONSIDERATION: None.**

c. **FIRST READING CONSIDERATION:**

Ordinance No. 2024-26: An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Shred Smart to Provide a Shred Day for Village Residents.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Mills to approve Ordinance No. 2024-26. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

President Pride thanked Council for passing the legislation and reminded that they will need another four to five volunteers to assist on the day of the event. It will be held in the south parking lot of Village Hall. She urged everyone to ask family, friends and residents to help out on May 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They would like to order t-shirts for the volunteers, so please contact her with names and size information.

Ordinance No. 2024-27: An Ordinance Amending the Rules of Council.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilwoman Greene to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilwoman Greene to approve Ordinance No. 2024-27.

Discussion: President Pride advised those in the audience that the Council meeting time is being changed to 6:00 p.m., so that committee and Council meeting times will be uniform.

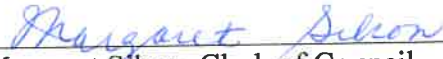
There being no further discussion, all voted aye and Ordinance No. 2024-27 was **adopted 5 – 0.**

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Michael Booker reported that he just heard from the County regarding the Village's CDBG funding applications. Unfortunately, the \$100,000 grant was not approved, but the supplemental grant in the amount of \$50,000 has been approved. That grant has been allocated for ADA accessible doors in the municipal building.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McManus to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and the meeting concluded at 7:13 p.m.



Cassandra Pride, President of Council



Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council