

**COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24

For the May 14, 2025
Council Meeting

Introduced by: Mayor Michael L. Booker
Supported by: Council President Pride and
Councilpersons Greene, McManus, Mills and
Wright

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM
THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF REAL ESTATE
MANAGEMENT (ODNR-REALM) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$35,000.00 FOR
NECESSARY WORK TO COMPLETE THE GATHERING SPACE PROJECT AT THE
HIGHLAND HILLS FIRE STATION, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT AND ENTER AND
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ODNR-REALM FOR ACCEPTING AND
PROCESSING THE GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Office of Real Estate Management (ODNR-REALM) is managing a grant program called the Capital Improvement Project for Community Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Project for fiscal years 2025 and 2026, which upon approval of an application, may make available a grant award of up to \$35,000.00 for approved projects; and

WHEREAS, The Village Gathering Space Project (Gazebo and related infrastructure) located at the Village Fire Station will qualify to apply for this grant; and

WHEREAS, The Gathering Space Project is not complete and there are aspects of the project that will qualify for this additional grant funding; and

WHEREAS, The Administration has recommended that the Village apply for this grant and based on initial discussions with ODNR-REALM, may qualify for this additional funding, and

WHEREAS, Council desires to authorize the application for the grant and authorize execution of the grant agreement to secure this necessary funding to complete the Gathering Space project

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO:**

Section 1: Council hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor or his designee to apply for the Capital Improvement Project for Community Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Project Grant with ODNR-REALM for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. Council further authorizes the Mayor and President of Council to enter and execute an agreement with ODNR-REALM to accept the grant and apply the proceeds to expenditures incurred by the Village in the completion of the Gathering Space Project.

Section 2: The Finance Director shall appropriately deposit the funds in such account(s) as necessary to account for the receipt and expenditure of said funds which shall be dedicated to paying for expenses of the Gathering Space Project.

Section 3: The Law Director shall review and approve all such documents or agreements presented for signature under this grant.

Section 4: Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an orderly meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Highland Hills, and to move forward with this grant application without delay due to time constraints, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 14th day of May, 2025.

First Reading ☒ Second Reading _____ Third Reading _____

Vote: Pride ☒ yea ___ nay Greene ☒ yea ___ nay Mills ☒ yea ___ nay
McManus ☒ yea ___ nay Wright ☒ yea ___ nay

Cassandra Pride
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President of Council

5-14-25
Date


Attest: Margaret Sikon
Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council

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Filed with the Mayor: ☒

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Approved By: 
Michael L. Booker, Mayor

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