

**Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills**  
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**Date:** April 18, 2023

**Present:** Robert Stonum                      Dennis Metcalf                      Linda Beville                      Susan Maupin  
                    Crystal Adams                      Steve Schwager                      Bev Lush

**Citizens Present:** 3

**Derby City Protection:** 0

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with motion by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Beville. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**Minutes:** The March 2023 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

**Financial Report:** The April 2023 Financials had been distributed to the Commission for review and posted on COWH website prior to the City Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Maupin. Vote was unanimous

**Expense Review:** The cover sheet of April invoices along with invoice copies were passed around for Commissioners to review and initial. No approval motion was needed since Commissioners had already initialed and approved.

**Closed Session:** Mayor Stonum initiated a motion for a closed session in regards to Anytime Waste. It was seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was unanimous. Everyone left the room except for the Mayor, Commissioners and the Attorney. When the Closed Session ended, there was a motion by Commissioner Maupin to reopen the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was unanimous. Motion was made by Mayor Stonum to carry on with the case against Anytime Waste and it was seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Voting was unanimous.

**City Attorney:**

- Delinquent Taxes – we still have 7 delinquent taxes from 2021 and 8 delinquent taxes from 2022. Motion was made by Mayor Stonum to file the liens and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous. Bev Lush will be creating the tax liens for Attorney Schwager and he will file them. Copy of the liens will be mailed to each property owner after the liens are filed.
- Concern over out of state license plates in COWH. Jefferson County Clerk can't enforce this issue, but Jefferson County Sheriff Deputies and LMPD officers can. Mayor Stonum contacted Free Riders and requested a copy of their letter. Waiting to receive it. Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf met with Detective Tate Mason to discuss this issue. Attorney Schwager will mail letter to vehicle owners as soon as he receives sample letter.
  - o Mayor Stonum wants everyone to know that the "garaging" issue affects insurance premium tax income plus insurance premiums may not be paid.
- Commissioner Adams sent email to Attorney Schwager. Open Records request was answered.

**Old Business:**

- Commissioner Adams advised that the Micklenburg fence has been fixed.
- City Clerk Bev Lush asked about the new speed limit signs and if they have shown any advantages and provided any reports.
- PVA 2023 Assessment Report due out by April 24, 2023.

- Radio Check on Channel 13 tonight.
- A question came up about the budget. Mayor Stonum made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Beville that the question would be tabled for now, but discussed later in this meeting.

## **No Citizen Comments**

### **New Business:**

- Commissioner Beville realized she had speed hump bid for Baygarden instead of Bristol Bay in error. She will get that corrected. Still need speed hump on Pacelli Place. Discussion over price of bids. Commissioner Beville has been waiting since March 30, but still no response from Hall Paving. She will contact All Terrain for bids on the 2 speed humps.
- Discussed the Boydton Court island. The paving in that area needs to be fixed, not patched, but the island needs to be adjusted to prevent the same type of damage in the future. Commissioner Beville asked Evergreen Irrigation for cost to reconfigure the irrigation in the same area. Streetlight may not need to be moved, though possibly be moved to put it further from the edge. Commissioner Adams wanted to know what budget funds would cover this island change. Road fund money was the answer from both Mayor Stonum and Attorney Schwager.
- Possibly decide to not turn on irrigation this season and this will be discussed at the May meeting.
- Concern over the picnic table in the green space. Per Harold Hall of Maximus Lawn Care, a lot of trash in the area. Discussion. The 2 individuals who hang out in that area bring their own chairs and table. There are no "Dumping Prohibited" signs in the area. Garbage cans? Commissioner Metcalf suggested having a talk with the 2 guys.
- Commissioner Adams stated that the contract with Maximus Lawn Care does not state that they are in charge of removing trash. Possibly get extra bin from Rumpke, but who would be in charge of emptying that can and putting in new trash bag? Maximus picks up sticks, etc before mowing so Mayor Stonum feels they can also pick up the trash. Buy trash bags? Signs? Garbage bin? Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf will purchase the garbage bags. Table the rest of this discussion until May meeting.
- The subject of COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) raise for Commissioners was brought up. Current ordinance doesn't mention COLA. If a new ordinance would be passed now, it wouldn't take effect until January 2025 when new commissioners are sworn into office. City Clerk Bev Lush asked if the new ordinance could be approved now for the January 2025 increase, but also contain a COLA clause that could take effect July 1, 2023. Not asking for it to be retroactive.
- Some premium insurance tax reports show over-payment. How can we get them to do an audit to show us that extra payment? Mayor Stonum was told by the insurance department that we can request audit. If Mayor Stonum will provide a list of affected insurance reports to Attorney Schwager, he will contact those insurance companies and request audit.
- City Wide Yard Sales – May 20 and September 16. Motion to continue with these dates was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Voting was unanimous.
- Issue in COWH with trash bins not being put away after pickup. Suggested no large items put at the curb until Thursday evenings. Asking for suggestions.
- Budget 2023 revisions – Mayor Stonum explained possible adjustments. He is concerned over possibly adjusting Rumpke recycle pickup to bi-weekly. Also stop yard waste pickups around November 15 and start back up around March 15 each year. Mayor Stonum will research number of each type of can that are put at the curb.

### **Utilities Commissioner Maupin**

April 3 - Call and email from Mayor Stonum in regards to a leaning light pole at 4509 Pulaski Court. I called and reported it to LG&E and work order was submitted.

April 3 – Streetlight check

April 17 – Streetlight check. Lights out at 11921, 11917 and 11909 Tazwell Drive

April 18 – Reported all streetlights repairs to LG&E.

Read all April emails.

**Road Commissioner Beville:**

- 3/21/2023 – Radio Check with Safety Commissioner Metcalf failed.
- 3/23/2023 - Contacted Commissioners Maupin and Adams via email and requested a meeting to discuss the road repairs on Boydton Court.
- 3/30/2023 – Contacted Caden with Hall Paving via email and phone requesting a meeting to discuss the installation of additional speed bumps and road repairs in the COWH. To date I have not received a reply.
- 4/07/2023 – Met with Commissioner Adams at Boydton Ct to discuss ongoing issues with road/property damage in this location.
- 4/7/2023 – Contacted Mayor Stonum about the damaged street sign at Lunenburg Dr. and Heathsville Court and the damaged “Dumping Prohibited” sign on Northumberland. At his suggestion I contacted Harold hall about the repairs and he declined to do the work. Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf repaired both signs on 4/10/2023 at no cost to the City.
- 4/08/2023 – Contacted All Terrain Paving and set up an appointment with Evan Meyer to discuss the needed road repairs and additional speed bump.
- 4/11/2023 – Met with Evan Myers from All Terrain Paving to discuss installing a speed bump on Baygarden Court and road repairs on Boydton Ct. Estimates have been received and will be shared with the Commission at the April meeting. We also discussed the area on Bath Drive, waiting on suggestions for repairs.

**Property Maintenance Commissioner Adams:**

- *Will participate in the radio checks with Commissioner Metcalf and everyone tonight – April 18th.*
- *Met with Commissioner Beville to survey and discuss her ideas for the road project on Boydton Court.*
- *Provided Commissioner Beville the contact information for Evergreen Irrigation, who maintain our sprinkler systems.*
- *Walked to the picnic table area on 4-17 to observe and document the trash situation.*
- *Maximus Lawncare did the following work:*
  - o *Mow - Primary City Property*
  - o *4/2/2023 - Mowed Lunenburg Holding Pond. Mowed Greenspace between Lunenburg Court and Jonel Court. Mowed where I could due to the water and stick situation.*
  - o *4/8/2023, 4/14/2023*
- *Mow & Weed-eat - Secondary City Property*
  - o *4/2/2023, 4/8/2023, 4/15/2023*
- *General Clean Up*
  - o *3/31/2023 - Tree removal - Removed 5 trees that were blown over in the March windstorm.*
  - o *3/31/2023 - Started Cleaning up stick debris on the green space.*
  - o *4/2/2023 - Trimmed back ornamental grass, cleaned out beds, mulched leaves and sprayed weeds at the Flagpole and Boydton Court islands. Picked up and removed sticks from the green space.*
  - o *4/2/2023 - Picked up and removed sticks from the greenspace.*
  - o *4/3/2023 - Started moving two truckloads of wood chips left by the tree company onto the greenspace wooded area behind 12001 Luray Court.*
  - o *4/5/2023 - Finished picking up tree debris and sticks and removed them from the greenspace.*
  - o *4/6/2023 - Spring Broadleaf weed control - Weedman applied broadleaf weed control to Boydton Court and the Flagpole Island.*
  - o *4/8/2023 - Cleaned up and sprayed Front entrance Island. Finished moving the remainder of the wood chips behind 12001 Luray Court wooded area.*

**Safety Commissioner Metcalf:**

- *Drove the city on Multiple occasions.*
- *Went to P.O. with Mayor Stonum each Friday.*
- *Helped Mayor Stonum move the Street signs at Lunenburg Dr. and Heathville Ct. to another pole.*

- On 4/10/23 I received a call about two individuals walking past his house on Dickerson Ct. and entering the Green Space. They appeared to be rolling a joint and smoking crack. The caller stated he called 311. I informed him he should call LMPD. I told him I would verify that the subjects were still at the location and call the police. They informed me all officers were busy. The police didn't respond.
- Conducted radio checks last month using channel 12.
- Mayor Stonum and I responded to two incidents concerning solicitors. On one of those LMPD was called.
- Will conduct radio checks tonight after City meeting using channel 13.

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**Mayor's Comments**

- FYI – LMPD no longer has a narcotics unit. Department of Justice busted it up over the Breanna Taylor event. Mayor Stonum and Commissioner Metcalf drive through COWH quite often watching the neighborhood. Properties are being left unsecured. Be Aware!! at all times!! Commissioner Metcalf added "If you see something, say something."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM with a motion by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Maupin.

Signatures:

**City Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_