

VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD

COUNCIL FINANCE (BUDGETARY HEARING) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2019

PRESENT:

Johnnie Warren – Council President

Elaine Gaither- Council at Large

Chris Callender – Ward 1

Eloise Hardin – Ward 2

Anthony Akins- Ward 3

Patricia Rogers – Ward 4

Candace Williams – Ward 5

Brian Thompson- Finance Director

Gary Gottschalk-Mayor

ABSENT:

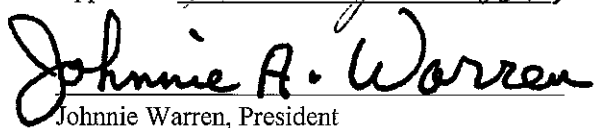
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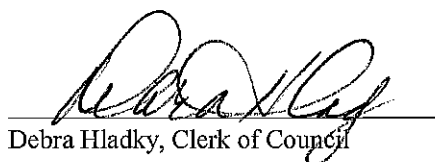
Thompson opened meeting at 6:14pm

Thompson explained his optimism about his meeting with the Law Director and Assistant Law Director. He shared the revised Law Dept. 2019 budget along with a summary from 2008 to our current structure into 2019. Jim revised his letter for the 2019 projections. Mr. Cirincione is our Prosecutor and attends Boards and Commissions as well as working with the Law Director and Mayor. For litigation, including prosecutions of criminal jury trials, attendance at motion to suppress hearings and appeals from prosecutions, his total is \$63,200. **Climer**: In the past two years, we may have spent \$1,000 on the last item on the historical report. **Warren** asked if there was any last year. **Climer**: Yes, about \$1,000. **Hardin** asked how much is outstanding. **Thompson**: I paid Mr. Climer. Ross advised me it would be about \$1,000. **Hardin** asked the amount of the check for Mr. Climer. **Thompson**: It was \$25,000 we owed him. In 2019 we are starting fresh. **Hardin**: How did you realign the budget? **Thompson**: I had an exhibit at the last meeting, but I can bring that back to Council. **Hardin** asked how much we paid the Law Director in 2018. **Warren**: We paid Mr. Climer \$98,677.32. We paid Mr. Cirincione \$58,200 plus about another \$1,000. **Hardin** asked what was originally appropriated. **Thompson**: I don't have that original number currently. **Climer**: \$72,500 for regular work, \$30,000 for litigation and \$15,00 for plans and review. **Thompson**: That does not include Ross. **Climer**: Correct. **Hardin**: That is \$117,000 and we actually paid him \$98,000? **Climer**: Yes. We didn't have substantial litigation, which was budgeted for \$30,000 and the plans and reviews didn't reach \$15,000. **Hardin**: If we would have hit those two, we would have gone over. Can we expect this scenario to continue as much as the Mayor uses you? **Climer**: I hope not. We had challenging issues and a breaking in period on the job. We are more in-line with handling the Mayor's routine work. Agmet had issues as well as the Vacarina property. **Hardin** asked the Mayor if he feels we are in-line with the budget? **Mayor**: There has been enough assimilation along with the work on the CRA and the farmland, we should be good. **Hardin**: Going forward, if we get nothing else, we want to know where we are with the Law Dept. budget monthly. **Mayor**: I don't see any new lawsuits. There was a lot for him to assimilate in 2018. It is impressive with the 2008 figure of \$150,000. Less is being expended if we are in budget than what was spent in 2008. He will keep Council updated on development. **Hardin**: We want to see if anything is pending as well. **Thompson** will bring in monthly detailed reports. As we met with the Law Director dissecting his budget, the \$72,500 is capped with litigation capped at \$10,000 at a total of \$82,500. When that is added to the \$63,200 for the Assistant Law Director, it equates to \$145,700. **Hardin**: These figures are capped. **Thompson**: Yes, cap language is in the budget. **Hardin**: It doesn't read that way. **Climer**: That is from the previous budget. If you look at the proposed 2019 budget, those line items are capped. **Thompson**: We will communicate with Council monthly. **Warren**: He is keeping us up-to-date on a rolling total. **Hardin**: We can decide whether he keeps going or stops. **Thompson**: Yes.

Meeting adjourned 6:35pm

Approved: February 12, 2019


Johnnie Warren, President


Debra Hladky, Clerk of Council

Village of Oakwood Legal Cost History 2008-2019

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Salaries												
Salary Paul Grau	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 67,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Salary Steve Klonowski				Paul Grau/ Steve Klonowski	Steve Klonowski	Steve Klonowski	Steve Klonowski	Steve Klonowski	Steve Klonowski/ Ross Cirincione	Steve Klonowski/ Ross Cirincione	Steve Klonowski/ Ross Cirincione	Ross Cirincione
Salary Ross Cirincione					\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 59,167.00	\$ -	\$ -
OPERS, Medicare	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Litigation Ross Cirincione					\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 13,380.00	\$ 13,380.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,200.00
												\$ 5,000.00
Billed by Firm												
Reddy, Grau, Meek	\$ 75,864.10	\$ 55,072.40	\$ 54,542.00	\$ 17,828.50								
Steve Klonowski				\$ 7,667.00	\$ 12,045.00	\$ 10,692.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,448.36	\$ 792.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mazanec, Raskin, & Ryder, Co LPA										\$ 24,332.71	\$ 96,677.32	\$ 82,500.00
Total Legal	\$ 150,964.10	\$ 130,172.40	\$ 133,042.00	\$ 103,995.50	\$ 87,145.00	\$ 85,792.00	\$ 82,250.00	\$ 82,548.36	\$ 106,672.00	\$ 131,879.71	\$ 156,877.32	\$ 145,700.00

		2019
		PROPOSED
		APPROPRIATIONS
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD ASST. LAW DIRECTOR 2019 BUDGET PROJECTION		
ASST. LAW DIRECTOR		
7705.51110	SALARY -Ross S. Cirincione (Prosecutions, Attendance Boards & Commissions, Assignments from Law Director/Mayor	50,000.00
7705.51120	PERS	7,000.00
7705.51140	MED/FICA	1,200.00
7705.52150	Litigation(prosecutions of criminal jury trials, attendance at motion to suppress hearings, handling appeals from criminal prosecutions)	5,000.00
	TOTAL ASST. LAW DIRECTOR	63,200.00
2019		
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VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD LAW DIRECTOR 2019 BUDGET PROJECTION		
LAW DIRECTOR (JAMES A. CLIMER) MAZANEC, RASKIN & RYDER Co., L.P.A		
7705.52151	ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS & OTHER REGULAR LEGAL DUTIES (CAPPED AT \$72,500.00 A YEAR)	72,500.00
7705.52153	LITIGATION (CAPPED AT \$10,000.00 PER YEAR)	10,000.00
	TOTAL LAW DIRECTOR	82,500.00
	TOTAL OAKWOOD VILLAGE LEGAL DEPARTMENT	\$ 145,700.00



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January 14, 2019

Via Email: bthompson@oakwoodvillageoh.com

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Re: Law Department Budget

Dear Brian:

Please let this serve as an updated proposed budget for Law Department activities for 2019. As you are aware, Ordinance 2017-30 under which I was appointed authorizes the following compensation:

- 1) \$185 per hour capped at \$72,500 per year absent prior authorization of Council for attendance at meetings and other routine duties of the office;
- 2) \$185 per hour for plan reviews, re-zonings, variances, etc. with no stated cap;
- 3) \$185 per hour capped at \$60,000 per year without prior authorization of Council for litigation.

The foregoing items are not subject to PERS or other employer contributions.

Ordinance No. 2017-35 appointing Ross Cirincione provides him with a salary of \$50,000 per year for his normal duties as Prosecutor and to attend all board and commission meeting plus \$110 per hour for trial and appellate work capped at \$24,000 without prior authorization of Council.

As discussed at your office on January 11, I would estimate the following as the actual budget for the Law Department in 2019:

- 1) \$72,500 Charged at \$185 per hour for meeting attendance and other regular legal duties (no PERS or employer contributions);

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- 2) \$10,000 Litigation (no PERS or employer contributions);
- 3) \$50,000 Asst. Law Dir./Pros. (salary)
- 4) \$ 7,000 Asst. Law Dir./Pros PERS
- 5) \$ 1,200 Asst. Law Dir/Pros Med and FICA; and
- 6) \$ 5,000 Asst. Law Dir./Pros. criminal jury trials, motion to suppress hearings and appeals (no PERS or employer contributions).

Total: \$145,700

There is a substantial possibility that the Law Director's compensation for routine matters will come in at less than \$72,500. Furthermore, given our experience to date, the additional compensation for the Law Director and Assistant Law Director for litigated matters, should be substantially less than the \$15,000 budgeted for those items.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard and should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Very truly yours,

MAZANEC, RASKIN & RYDER CO., L.P.A.

s/James A. Climer

James A. Climer

JAC/kc

cc: Ross Cirincione (via email)
Mayor Gary Gottschalk (via email)

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