
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2019

PRESENT:

Johnnie Warren-Council President
Elaine Gaither – Council-at-Large
Chris C. Callender – Ward 1
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4
Candace S Williams – Ward 5

Gary Gottschalk-Mayor
James Climer-Law Dept.
Brian Thompson-Finance
Mark Garratt-Police Chief
Tom Haba – Service Director
James Schade-Fire Chief

ABSENT:

Ed Hren-Engineer
Dan Marinucci-Chief Building Official

Carlean Perez – Recreation Director

* Late Arrival

Warren opened the meeting at 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call was completed.

Mayor mentioned Mr. Marinucci will be off a few weeks but can run the department from his home.

Motion to approve minutes of November 26, 2019 regular Council meeting made by Gaither seconded by Rogers

YES: Callender, Hardin, Rogers *Abstained* by Warren and Williams

Clerk requested moving this item to the next Council meeting since we do not have a majority of Council.

Motion to approve minutes of November 26, 2019 Finance meeting made by Rogers seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers *Abstained* by Williams

Motion to approve Finance meeting minutes of December 3, 2019 made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers. *Abstained* by Williams

Motion to approve minutes of the Special Council meeting on December 3 made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers. *Abstained* by Williams

Correspondence

Clerk passed out the 2019 Codified Ordinance update CD's to Councilmembers. **Warren** asked if we still have Walter Drane. **Clerk**: Walter Drane was bought out by American Legal. The personnel at Walter Drane are still intact. There aren't too many codifiers out there. **Climer**: We did research others, but there aren't many to work with. **Rogers** asked why. **Climer**: It is a matter of how many companies are in the field. **Hardin**: Our Rules of Council state, codified books must be returned when someone leaves office. Those books no longer exist. Can we make sure that is removed from the rules? **Gaither**: We discussed that last year. **Warren**: It will be verified.

Departmental Reports

Fire-Schade: This is a busy time of year with Glenwillow and Oakwood Santa deliveries. **Warren** asked about the runs. **Schade**: Oakwood had six fires between businesses and houses this year. **Hardin** mentioned the house on Somerville was destroyed. A new home will be built, but they lost their pet. I want to say thank you to you, your department and the Police. **Schade** thanked Council and the Mayor for their support in the Fire Dept. having the necessary updated equipment. **Hardin**: Four or five Police were there prior to the Fire Dept. **Schade**: We are all Firefighter certified and Paramedic Certified. I have been certified with the State for six decades. We have paramedics, not EMS. We are number one in the area. **Mayor**: With the Walton Hills and Glenwillow contracts, we are able to recruit the best in the field.

Police-Garratt gave Council photos of Shop with a Cop. We had 10 kids, unfortunately only seven attended. One of the parents forgot about it and another didn't make it. It went well with a lot of volunteers. The kids were great. Debbie was our Elf. The kids had \$200. We don't tell them who to buy for but 90% purchase for their family, not for themselves. We encourage them to purchase something for themselves. We plan on doing it again next year along with the Citizens Academy and a few other events.

Law-Climer: Bedford City Schools transaction was signed. Vaccarina property has cleared and signing will take place soon. We have some legislation after the first of the year regarding the state laws.

Finance-Thompson: No additional reporting.

Service-Haba: A trash collection facility was obtained through the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District grant and is located at Village Hall. It is the same as the ballpark. Special thanks to the Clerk of Council for assisting us in this. **Mayor** asked if there are any calls for smaller garbage bins. **Haba:** Not recently; I had a few when they were first delivered. One lady is handicapped on Grove. The truck must back up anyway due to the narrowness of the street, so he has to get out of his truck anyway. I called WM supervisors and asked if the resident could put one bag out each week and he agreed to that. **Hardin:** Initially there was an onslaught of residents asking about smaller cans. **Haba:** We had two-three. We didn't keep a record. **Hardin:** Are they available? **Mayor:** No, we would have to obtain them. **Haba:** Waste Management didn't rule it out. Leaf collection is over for the year as of yesterday. The information is on the website. As usual, we saw a few leaf piles out. We will get them as soon as we can. We took down the Vaccarina building. We got flat tires on our loader and big truck. We picked up a few trucks-full of debris. The brickwork was taken to Carr Brothers, who took it for us. We turned in all the recyclables. We came out a little ahead. **Warren:** It looks great, even the grading. **Gaither:** Does anyone clean the small room floor in the Community Center? **Haba:** She does it periodically. We were there putting in curtains. **Gaither:** The shelf looks nice, but the floor hasn't been done. **Haba:** I will tell the custodian. It should be swept and mopped. **Hardin:** Can you have someone go down Forbes tomorrow? The trash needs picked up. **Haba** will investigate it. **Hardin** asked about instructions being reissued about waste. **Haba:** I talked to the resident about it. She told me it would be gone by Friday. **Warren:** Every time we have a serious snow, other communities aren't as clean as ours. **Haba:** A few Service employees start at 4:00am but we don't waste salt. We attend Service Directors' meetings each year. When salt prices went high, we were all asked how we deal with it. I told them what we do. Now other communities follow our procedures. The County follows our plan as well now. We just use common sense. **Gaither** commended all the Directors; Police Chief, Fire Chief, Service; you are on top of your game. Other communities aren't anywhere near this village. **Warren:** I attended Roy Richardson's funeral service. He was one of the last Tuskegee Airmen left. He moved from Wickliffe after 30 years and built a house in Oakwood Village. You have to have pride in your community. We were his choice as with others who moved here from other communities. That is a reflection on the services they see and the programs we have. **Hardin** mentioned about the Mayor's message at the funeral and how well done it was.

Mayoral-Mayor: Colonel Roy Richardson built the Spanish-style house at Richmond and Forbes. He was one of the Tuskegee Airmen recruited in WWII which was the first all-black unit. He was the only African American assigned to the 91st Strategic Air Command. His homecoming was befitting for someone with such moral courage and work ethic, retiring at 88 years of age. His precious skills were in masonry, which he used to build his house. His last seven years he worked at Highland Hills. We have his commemorative plaque etched in our history. When I first met with him, he had a very tastefully decorated living room. After his wife passed, he has model airplanes hanging in the living room from the second story. His daughter is very talented. **Warren:** The family sang; they are very talented. **Hardin** mentioned the dash in which you leave a legacy after your passing. **Mayor:** Mayor Jackson was there along with other dignitaries. Council continued to discuss the Colonel and his funeral service. Mayor mentioned the McDonalds renovation. Ohio is being used for testing of the red and black design. They will redo Oakwood's in a sandstone too.

Floor was Opened for Public Comments hearing none, the floor was closed

Legislation

2019-76 An emergency ordinance to submit to the electors of the Village of Oakwood the question of amending and supplementing the Village Charter to authorize Village Council to permit light industrial uses described in Oakwood C.O. 1173.02 on certain properties in the vicinity of Alexander and Macedonia Roads in the Village which are presently zoned R1F residential

Second reading

Climer: This can be passed on an emergency measure. **Warren** suggested holding it for a third reading. It can then be passed by a simple majority.

2019-76 An emergency ordinance to submit to the electors of the Village of Oakwood the questions of amending and supplementing the Village Charter to authorize Village Council to permit production-distribution uses described in Oakwood C.O. 173.03 on certain properties in the vicinity of North Lane in the Village which are presently zoned R1F residential

Second reading

2019-77 A resolution authoring the Mayor and Engineer to make application to the Cuyahoga County Department of Development Community Development Supplemental Grant program for 2020, authorizing the signing of contracts and other documents relevant thereto, and declaring an emergency

Hardin asked what the grant will be used for. **Climer:** That is for the Oakwood Commons All-Purpose Trail. **Warren** asked about brighter lighting. **Mayor:** We will discuss that later.

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams

2019-78 A resolution of condolences to the family of Roy Richardson

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Williams

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams

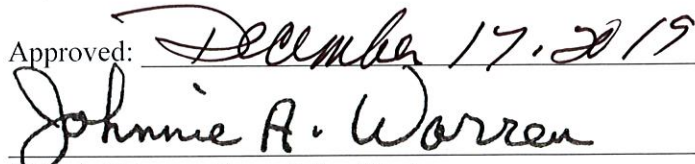
Warren mentioned Roy Richardson was in one of the highest levels in the Mason both state-wide and Nationally. Along with the other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, he received the Congressional medal of Honor from President George Bush in 2007.

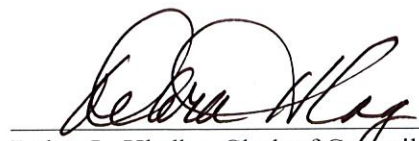
Motion to adjourn by Hardin seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Hardin, Rogers, Williams

Adjourned at 7:29pm

Approved: _____


Johnnie Warren, Council President


Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
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Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Crystal Williams-Housing Inspector
Ed Hren-Engineer
James Schade-Fire Chief

No Work Session Held

Approved: December 18, 2019

Johnnie A. Warren
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