
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2020

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

James Schade-Fire Chief

Tom Haba – Service Director

Mark Garratt-Police Chief

ABSENT:

Ed Hren-Engineer

Dan Marinucci-Chief Building Official

Carlean Perez – Recreation Director

Crystal A Williams-Housing Inspector

* Late Arrival

Warren opened the meeting at 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call were completed.

Motion to adopt minutes of December 17, 2019 Finance meeting made by Hardin seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Williams *Abstentions*: Sanders, Rogers

Motion to adopt minutes of December 17, 2019 Council meeting made by Rogers seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Williams *Abstentions*: Sanders, Rogers

Departmental Reports

Finance-Thompson: I am working on the final 2019 numbers. We have the 25% budget in place. **Warren** asked about the 2020 budget. **Thompson**: Closing out will be next Friday. **Clerk**: Our next regular Council is the 28th. **Thompson** suggested holding the next Finance meeting the first meeting in February. **Warren** suggested taking a day to finalize and review the budgetary figures. We have two budgets to review. **Thompson**: The Mayor's budget, SCMR, Capital and Bonds, Recreation and Senior funds, which the Mayor oversees. **Hardin** asked to see those budgets in advance of the meeting. **Williams**: In previous years, we asked for the realignment where they went over or under. Did you maintain that? **Thompson**: Yes. I had a list. **Williams**: There is a family on Northlane, the Wilsons, who called me about their bond not being returned. Where are you in that process? **Thompson**: I had an in-depth conversation with Ed Hren. Ed confirmed he has completed the invoicing. He had about \$340 left. By next Friday that should be reimbursed.

Fire-Schade: Smoke detectors and CPR classes are going well. **Gaither** asked about the youth doing the CPR class.

Hardin: Not yet.

Service-Haba: The County was able to fix the valve at Forbes Pump Station. The total bill I sent them was \$25,000.

Mayor: Thank goodness for our relationship with the County which will be paying for this. **Warren**: I sent Ed an email asking the total costs. Regardless, I want to know more about the Grove Pump Station. This one failed early. **Haba**: It was only 20 years old. We can do other things with the County money. I want to know his assessment in total replacement. There was talk of bypassing it instead of repairing it. You said they repaired one of the pumps. **Haba**: One seal was bad, that was repaired. The County is repairing it in-house. We are hoping to redo it in 2021 with grants.

Mailbox Damage

Haba: On Richmond Road in the Meadows, mailboxes were being damaged. There may be a defect. If we hit one, we will fix it or replace it. We didn't hit them twice in a row. It could have been a Solon truck or a car. You can tell by looking at it. We can't keep fixing or replacing them. They are on Richmond Rod. All agreed, we will put up mailbox buddies which deflect the snow. If mailboxes break, we will not fix them. The residents agreed with us. **Rogers** thanked him for cleaning

out the ditches on Stephen Road. **Haba:** We will go back over it in the spring. **Warren** asked about Garden Road flooding. **Haba:** A lot of infiltration in the lines was found by the County. They want to put a liner in the sanitary sewer laterals. It has been obvious to me that it is rainwater getting in. **Warren:** Liners were used in Cleveland and it works well.

Law-Climer: We have charter issues on land use changes to Alexander/Macedonia and North Lane confirmed by the Board of Elections. Debbie just put the ads out today. We also have draft legislation ready soon.

Police-Garratt: A new voluntary program is being enacted by the first responders and Police departments. Anyone with disabilities; those who are autistic, have PTSD, communication issues, blindness, etc. If a child or adult has issues, they can participate and let us know ahead of an emergency, so we know when we come on scene. Ohio House Bill #115 was passed and signed by Governor Kasich. It is available on our website as are the sign-up forms and in the lobby. Anyone can contact us by phone as well if they wish to participate. It is all confidential. Only the Police and Fire Dept. will have the information. **Warren** asked about the renewal. **Garratt:** This ensures the information is still current or if there are changes in behavior; if someone has Alzheimer's and if the disease progresses. **Warren:** It may be hard for someone to remember to renew. **Garratt:** We can do a follow-up call.

Mayoral Report-Mayor: Anytime I hear about one larger company trying to buy a company here in the Village, I am concerned. IBM Molecular is being purchased by Sofi. It is in medical molecular imaging. What is being done in Oakwood was originally adopted at John Hopkins School of Medicine. They are working on FDA. This will more precisely target cancer in the prostate. We also have Oakwood Laboratories, View Ray and others. There is more cancer research in Oakwood than any other community in northeast Ohio other than Cleveland itself. We are talking about discovery and research. **Warren** asked if they are moving. **Mayor:** No, they are here to stay. We have come a long way from smokestack industries and truck depots to medical research and technology. We have more income tax revenue coming in from our businesses than the city of Maple Heights. I met with Premier yesterday and today with University Hospital. I need to get back with them tomorrow, so I must leave early. **Hardin:** Make sure addresses are displayed on mailboxes. The Building Dept. has issues locating addresses. Also, I'd like to have a community exhibition of the companies we have in Oakwood. **Mayor:** I will be inviting our bigger businesses for breakfast with UH presenting what is available to their employees. We will discuss this at a meeting in early March extending it to residents.

Hardin: Can we move forward with the Charter Review Commission? **Warren:** We will move forward.

Open Floor

Hardin: I referred a situation to Ms. Williams, who acted upon it in helping a resident. I didn't know to the extent you helped her. It is notable. If you had not done what you did, the lady could have been found without help. The person in my ward who was involved is excited about what you did with this lady's housing.

Legislation

2020-01 A resolution of condolences to the family of Jessie Mae Bush

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Hardin seconded by Callender

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Hardin: Jessie Bush was part of the original Cape Cod Development Club. There is only one other person left. This is the old Glenshire and Milburn; a dying breed. She was 91 years old. Daisy Davis was the President of that club. **Warren:** I am so proud of that subdivision. **Hardin:** To Oakwood's credit, so many of those homes are occupied by our children. **Warren:** We have second and third generations in a village with less than 3800 people. These are people who grew up here, moved out and came back. **Hardin:** This young lady here tonight, one of the reasons I voted for her is because her husband grew up here. You have a vested interest.

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Gaither seconded by Callender

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-02 A resolution of condolences to the family of Stephen M. Klonowski

Climer: When I succeeded Mr. Klonowski, he called me. I thought he was upset, but he could not have been nicer and more gracious in offering his assistance to me. I really appreciated that.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Rogers seconded by Gaither

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Hardin seconded by Callender

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-03 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Bedford regarding the custody, supervision, confinement and boarding of prisoners and declaring an emergency

Williams asked if there are any major changes. **Garratt:** There are no changes. It is just an upgrade. **Rogers:** I thought we were with Bedford Heights. **Garratt:** Originally, we were, but they shut down their jail several years ago. The County took over their jail and gave Bedford Heights just so many cells. Unfortunately, it is about \$100/day per prisoner for the County jail. Solon is \$85 with no guarantee of a bed. This contract works out well. **Rogers:** Is that your backup? **Garratt:** Our backup is Solon. I could do the County if I had to. **Sanders** asked how many it holds per month. **Garratt:** About 300 a year. It varies different times of the year. We try not to house people. We have a certain number of bedding; they work with us. **Hardin** asked when we went with Bedford. **Garratt:** Three years ago.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Hardin seconded by Rogers

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

2020-04 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Chagrin Valley Engineering Ltd. And setting forth the compensation and functions of the Village Engineer and his firm

First Reading

Rogers asked how this compares to his previous contract. **Warren:** It includes a 2% increase. There is an associate with Ed Hren. The total amount is divided between Ed performing 2/3 the salary and the other person, the remaining 1/3.

Williams: The only change is 2%? **Clerk:** There should be a spreadsheet comparing the changes. **Hardin:** We need to have time to look at this. She asked about it. **Warren** reviewed the spreadsheet. The difference is \$34,000. **Williams:** There are increases to the other rates. **Warren:** The additional is for services over and above his retainer.

2020-05 An ordinance authorizing the acquisition of two Ford SUV Police cars for use in the Police Department, from the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, State Purchasing and declaring an emergency

Williams: We already discussed these in the budget. **Warren:** We will retire the last of the cars? **Garratt:** One of our guys is requesting to keep the last one since it runs well. One will be an unmarked detective car. We will sell three of the old vehicles. We saved a few old ones for the road jobs.

MOTION TO SUSPEND made by Hardin seconded by Callender

YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

MOTION TO ADOPT made by Gaither seconded by Rogers
YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

I-271 Construction

Garratt: Northbound should be finished by the end of March. **Hardin:** When they changed the lanes, I missed the exit. **Garratt:** The signage wasn't up. It was very confusing. ODOT had a lot of complaints. **Warren** explained the confusion. **Hardin** asked about the northbound lanes which has an overpass by Macedonia. **Garratt:** That is I-480 East. It will not merge with I-271 in Oakwood. It will not merge until you are in Bedford Heights where the five lanes are. Three will be I-271 and two I-480 lanes. When you want to get off on Broadway, you will commit to the exit ramp in Macedonia which goes under the bridge. It is difficult right now. It will be beautiful because we won't have the I-271/I-480 merge. It was difficult. I could tell you about countless accidents there; we have had two and three each day. **Hardin** asked to have Oakwood on one of the overhead signs. **Warren:** It just states, ramp ahead. It doesn't state Oakwood. **Haba** will contact ODOT. **Garratt:** It will most likely be on the fencing. The Mayor brought that up. Once the signage is in place it will be obvious, but you must commit to it much earlier. There will be signage. Bernice Butler mentioned she avoids it; it is a death trap. **Garratt:** The I-271 traffic is much lighter now. It will be better.

Motion to adjourn by Rogers seconded by Callender
6 YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Adjourned at 8:05pm

Approved: _____

Johnnie Warren, Council President

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

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Warren opened the meeting at 8:05pm

Williams asked about the 2020 Council Committee Assignments. She asked how they were established. **Warren:** We ask who wants to be on the committees. **Callender:** Mrs. Rogers should be on the Recreation Committee. **Warren** asked if everyone is satisfied with their committees. **Williams** asked who designated the committees. **Warren:** I appoint the Chairs to the committees. **Williams:** Ms. Tabor was over two. One was Tax Abatement and a second one. **Warren** asked the Clerk to pull the previous committee assignments to 2015. We have so many committees and so few people we find ourselves on several committees. **Williams:** Our Finance and Grants Committee only review budgets, correct? **Warren:** Yes. Is this proposed? **Hardin:** We can review this at the next meeting. **Clerk** passed out committee assignments from 2016. *Council* will review at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Gaither seconded by Rogers
YES: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Hardin, Sanders, Rogers, Williams

Adjourned 8:17pm

Approved: _____

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