
VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2019

PRESENT:

Johnnie Warren-Council President
Chris C. Callender – Ward 1
Eloise Hardin – Ward 2
Anthony A. Akins – Ward 3
Patricia Rogers – Ward 4
Candace Williams – Ward 5

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

ABSENT:

Elaine Gaither – Council-at-Large
***Arrived after roll call**

Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Crystal Williams-Housing Inspector
Ed Hren – Engineer

Warren opened the meeting at 7:00p
Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

No correspondence

Departmental Reports

Building-Marinucci: I am presently working on the application for the Ward 4 Exterior Maintenance Program. It will be in the Mayor's office first thing in the morning.

Police-Garratt gave an update on the Kokosing project on I-271 This year should be easier for motorists compared to 2017-2018. The majority of the work will be south of Tinkers Creek/Solon Road, separate from the traveling public. This reduces the nightly lane closures and contraflow lane. This lane configuration will last until the middle of next summer. I will brief you with details as they become available. **Hardin** asked if the contraflow lane was at Forbes entrance?

Garratt: The contraflow lane was a single lane with concrete barriers on either side. That was a detriment to us in an emergency. **Hardin** asked how long Forbes will be configured this way. **Garratt:** At least until July. **Hardin:** That is a short entrance. **Garratt:** We don't have an influence on that, it is all ODOT. **Hardin:** Can they put a warning there?

Garratt: I can talk to Kokosing. If it isn't on the plan, they don't put it up. **Warren:** That is the merge going north.

Garratt: Yes. It is really tight. ODOT is great to work with. The construction for the new Dunkin is underway at Lincolnville and Broadway. They will break ground for sanitary. Lincolnville will be closed during the day and possibly Tuesday. I asked the contractor to post closure signs. Check out the attached sheet about the Carylwood program in which Police Officers from the community have lunch with students to ask questions. I included pictures. Detective Thyret and Sergeant Grant were there.

Service-Haba: ATT is putting in fiber-optics in Cape Cod area which affected the forced main yesterday. Under our orders, the County repaired it overnight. **Akins** asked about distribution of the rubbish cans. **Haba:** You passed the legislation last week. They picked it up, but I don't have a rollout date. **Hardin** asked if information about where cans are to be kept be part of the flyer going to residents. **Climer:** We do have something on the books. **Mayor:** We will include that in the pamphlet going out. **Hardin:** Houses have backyards facing someone else's front. Those are unique but as long as they comply, is that the objective? **Climer:** I have to look at it.

Fire-Schade: The Fire Dept also participates in the lunches at Carylwood. Hopefully it will work out well. It is nice the school system does this.

Finance-Thompson: Recapping, Council received an exhibit for the 2019 full budget. We project approximately \$9.9 million in general fund and \$16.7 million on all funds for your approval tonight.

Law-Climer: We are moving forward with the CRA. We are waiting to hear back from Premier on TIF and CRA. I will have legislation for you. We have many additional legislations for rezoning changes. You also have the final version of the credit card legislation. It is in a much more workable form. **Warren** asked if Premier worked with CRA's before.

Climer: I assume they have.

Mayoral-Mayor: The pamphlet on the new rubbish containers will be worked on next week. Included will be the earliest cans can be put out and the latest they can be brought back to the house with screening. The Exterior Maintenance Program will be reviewed by the Law Dept. and will be in your hands by Friday for a special meeting next week to pass this legislation. **Hardin:** Why do we have to have a special meeting? **Mayor:** Otherwise it would be three weeks. I want to get the applications out to the residents in the next few days. **Warren:** We have prototypes on the structure of the program from other communities. **Mayor:** We had this before. **Warren:** We will review it and we will have a meeting to decide how it will be structured. We want to know the program, the structure, etc. **Mayor:** There are a couple points which are not for discussion. One of which is, it will not be first come, first serve. There will be a deadline for applications. **Warren:** It has to be approved by us. It is up for discussion and if it comes to that, it will be. Let's move past this. **Mayor:** Let's presume a date for deadline and first get reviewed. The contractors are checked to be bonded and ensured, the site will be inspected to ensure it makes sense, then it will come to you within seven days of the deadline, at which time the Building Dept. will be in attendance to assist you in approving applications.

Open Floor Comments

Pat Malone 22796 Drake Road: How much longer will I-271 construction be going on? **Garratt:** It is scheduled to be complete in 2020. **Mayor:** The bulk will be done in Spring with some last-minute items later in the year. **Malone:** For two+ years, we have put up with a lot of noise, dust and dirt. I can't even open my windows in the spring or summer. I understand it has to be done. Is there any talk about putting up a sound barrier for the people from Alexander to the back end of Drake Road? **Warren:** This is all controlled by the State of Ohio, but during construction that can be asked, but I don't know if they will do it. **Malone:** When this is completed, I see walls and trees going up, but there is nothing from Alexander to the beginning of the plaza. **Mayor:** I polled the people on that subject when walls first started going up; no one wanted a wall; 5% of the people wanted a wall. As this project gets done, we could install mounding. **Malone:** I am looking for something to absorb the sound. **Warren:** I was doing a housing project in Youngstown off I-680. We found the State does plantings, at a minimal, for noise reduction and for the absorption of exhaust emissions. **Malone:** Can this be brought into whatever agreement was made or is it too late to ask for that? **Warren:** We are not part of that agreement. The Mayor has a good relationship with the developer. **Mayor:** The clear majority don't want concrete walls. We have flexibility to within three months putting in mounds. I would think other people may feel the same way you do particularly from Alexander to the shopping center putting mounds there. **Malone:** When they put in pylons, my house shakes. I would appreciate some type of sound barrier. **Mayor:** The chances are better than 85% this will take place; mounding with evergreens. **Malone:** Can I get that in writing? **Rogers:** It will be in the minutes. **Malone:** I worked on Council, I remember this. **Warren:** When you ask them to do things, they have to pay to export soil. They would love to use the soil for mounding. **Malone:** I should have recorded what you said. **Warren:** It is recorded. **Mayor:** I understand what you are saying. **Malone:** I would like to open up my windows in the spring. I don't want to hear all the traffic. Also, I don't know how you like Spectrum. I have had it with them. Surrounding communities are looking at different cable companies. Do we have a contract with Spectrum? I know a long time ago we did. **Rogers:** They have changed names so many times. **Malone:** My bill comes Time Warner, but I have to call Spectrum. Can we get another cable company in the community? **Mayor** asked the Finance Director to look into it. **Hardin:** ATT is coming through so we should be able to get something else. **Malone:** I am hopeful on this I-271 mounding. You were talking about the new trash bins. Do they have two sizes? The one I saw is as big as me. **Haba:** That is most likely what you will be getting. They said they are made to roll easy. They are big, but not heavy, once they start rolling. **Warren:** The cans themselves are light in weight. Your disposal is also most likely light, so it should be fairly easy. **Haba:** Some cities have recyclable containers which are

smaller. You will get the can per the contract, but if you want a smaller one, that is between you and the company.

Mayor: These are questions we want to ask. I am confused on the recycling aspect too. **Malone:** For the older folks.

Resident: There is usually a clause, if you are physically unable to move the bigger one, they are fine with it. **Malone** thanked Council. I look forward to a sound barrier and the contract with Time Warner.

Hardin: Did you say, you don't have to stay with them? **Malone:** I am saying, I thought when I was on Council, we as a Village contracted with Time Warner. **Hardin:** That was then. **Malone:** They are one of the same companies. **Hardin:**

We aren't contracted with them as a Village, are we? **Haba:** I don't believe. **Malone:** If I want to bring in another cable

company, if their cables aren't installed in the Village, they won't come in. **Haba:** I have U-Verse at home. **Warren:**

They are using satellites, sharing the towers. **Climer:** I am not an expert in the area, but I don't believe we grant exclusive privileges for the hard-wired cables. At this point, it has opened up. I will look at the contract, which Brian will give me access to, and go from there. **Malone:** That may be what I am confused about.

Marion Harper 25235 Suwanee: I have an issue with a neighbor and racoons. They are in my attic. I bought traps. This isn't good. My insurance company is going to kick me off the policy if I file another claim. What can be done? **Warren:**

You have racoons infiltrating your house? **Harper:** Yes. **Haba:** I talked to Ms. Harper quite a few times. She also called Councilwoman Williams. The Building Dept got a call too and they thought it was coming from an empty house.

Someone called back with a different address. I visited the house, and someone lives there. They have opening in the back of the house on Kentucky. **Harper:** They live in the basement. **Haba:** That is possible. I told the gentleman, if they can't

do anything about it, to call the department. Crystal Williams, the Housing Inspector, is looking into that. **Mayor** asked how many have been taken out? **Harper:** Six. **Haba:** She is getting them in her house, but she thinks they are living in the house on Kentucky. **Mayor:** You are still getting racoons. Rather than worry about where they are coming from. **Harper;**

I have seen them going in at night when I come home from work. **Mayor:** Lets trap for Ms. Harper. **Harper:** I have trapped some. **Haba:** Crystal was going to the house to board up the windows and the door. **Warren:** We need to start

with a citation on the house. **Marinucci:** I'm not sure the address. **Haba:** It might be 7273 Kentucky or Arbutus. **Haba:** I notified Crystal about it. **Warren:** Let's call Pepperidge Kennel. There are supposed to be certain chemicals which are a deterrent to certain animals. When I was on Forbes, we had possums coming up under our deck. We put moth balls in a sock, and they pulled the sock from under the deck. I ended up sprinkling them. **Mayor:** They are a problem. We can't

relocate them, but we have to do something. **Williams:** Can we have Pepperidge address this? **Harper:** They are ripping up my gutters now. They can't trap them anymore. **Hardin:** You will have to give them a special order, because they will

just put out a trap and that is it. **Mayor:** We have to do it internally. Within the next week. **Warren:** Let's address the house with open windows. **Hardin:** Mr. President and Mayor, you will have to tell Pepperidge what they have to do.

Marinucci: The owner was in foreclosure and the only owner we can find was Wells Fargo in 2005. **Warren:** Contact Wells Fargo. **Marinucci:** We will try that. **Harper:** There are relatives living in that house. **Warren:** We need to address the house with open windows. Racoons will come in an opening. We will see if the owners will allow us to board up the windows, then the infiltration of racoons in your house. We need to have Pepperidge Kennels tell us the deterrent.

Harper: They did eight of them. **Warren:** We pay them to do that. **Harper:** What can we do after we trap it? **Garratt:**

By law, you have to kill it if you trap it. They have to be destroyed in the state of Ohio. Most of them have distemper or parvo if they are out during the day. That can be transferred to a pet. He asked when was the last time you caught one? **Harper:** A couple days ago, now they are tearing up my gutters. **Garratt:** Call me next time you suspect them around. I will call Pepperidge Kennel to come out. **Malone:** This can also become a health issue. **Resident:** I have seen them

coming out of the sewer drain and running into Glenwillow on my way to work. **Harper:** When I had a dog, I didn't have this problem.

Close Floor

Legislation

2019-16 An emergency ordinance enacting new chapter 150 "Village of Oakwood Credit Card Policy" and amending section 140.09 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Oakwood relating to use of the

Tabled 2-26-2019 Recreation Department credit card

Climer: I have the amended edition. We have taken the things drawn up in the codified and attached them as exhibit A.

Hardin: You have actual names listed here. Who will change these names as they change? **Climer:** The Finance Director

will make an amendment to the policy. **Hardin:** Does it have to come to Council each time? **Climer:** It could be that we can amend the policy. **Warren** requested the names be omitted and just have the Directors' names. **Climer:** I believe the State Legislature stated you have to list the names of those who hold the cards.

2019-22 An ordinance authorizing the establishment of an exterior home repair assistance program for single
Second Reading family properties located in Ward 4 and declaring an emergency

Warren: I would like to table this legislation until we have the program details.

Motion to table made by Rogers seconded by Williams
6 YES: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Mayor asked for a special meeting next week. **Warren:** We want to put it together to make sure it is right and read by other community's law director. We need it in advance to review the different types and the process.

2019-23 An emergency ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the
Village of Oakwood, Ohio for the year 2019

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Rogers
6 YES: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Callender
6 YES: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

2019-24 An ordinance authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2019 and declaring an
Emergency

Motion to suspend made by Hardin seconded by Williams
6 YES: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Motion to adopt made by Hardin seconded by Williams
6 YES: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

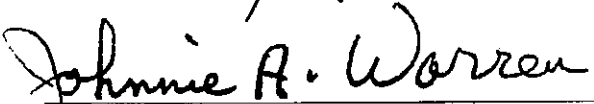
Haba: They insist we keep it verbatim the way they send it to us. The Law Director indicated 1,000 tons, but I believe we will order less than that. Whatever tonnage we order, we have to take 90% of it. We have to take 900 tons April from last year's contract.


Williams: Do we have a deadline for the credit card policy? **Climer:** Yes, it was February but in my view, it is better to do it right. **Williams:** There are no infractions? **Climer:** No.

Motion to adjourn made by Williams seconded by Hardin
6 YES: Warren, Callender, Hardin, Akins, Rogers, Williams

Adjourned at 8:04pm

Adopted April 9, 2019


Johnnie Warren, Council President


Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

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ABSENT:

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Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
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No meeting held

Approved: _____

April 9, 2019

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